



The Epiphany of the Lord

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Fr. Mark Cote, Pastor

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Mass Intentions This Week

Monday, January 9th

7:30 AM The People of St. Paul

Tuesday, January 10th

7:30 AM Robert Militello
Judy Hadala

Wednesday, January 11th

7:30 AM John Roach
Matthew Connor

Thursday, January 12th

7:30 AM Gail & Richard Casey
Donald Ardaugh

Friday, January 13th

7:30 AM Gerald Pubentz

Saturday, January 14th

4:30 PM Florian Knick

Sunday, January 15th

8:00AM Joseph Broderick
10:00AM James & Josephine
Allegretti
Marilyn & Jack Oldani

Please Remember Our Family and Friends in Your Prayers

Troy Allocco

Kim Bach

Leonard Baudino

Anna Marie Borio

Jerry Briick

Dorothy A. Brown

Robert Corcoran

Isiah Cwik

John Finnegan

Ken Graham

Doris Growden

Rich Kelch

Daniel Kero

Beverly Kero

Constance Kozikowski

Millie Laux

Helen Malinowski

Mary Meyer

Thomas Murray

Joan McClintock

Christine McDonnell

Annette Nigro

Rebecca Ruggiero

Jacob Schroeder

Todd Smith

Terry Shephard

Bridget Spencer

Marilyn Thompson

Christy Widlak

Prayer intentions will remain on the list for 6 weeks . Please call the Parish Office 815/725-1527 or email parishoffice@stpauljoliet.com if the intentions need to be extended or if there is someone you would like to add. God Bless



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord ~

Pope Benedict
Deacon William Bevan

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For Week ending Dec. 27, 2022

Sunday Offertory.....\$14,289
Budgeted.....\$11,346
YTD Sunday Offertory.....\$311,991
YTD Budgeted Need\$294,996
YTD Ave Weekly\$12,000
Christmas.....\$25,037

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Liturgical Minister Schedule

Date	Lector	Hospitality	EMHC
Jan. 14th Saturday 4:30 PM	Dave Lager	Edward Pultorak* Nancy Lager Julia Pultorak	Cathy Wilda Peter Wilda
Jan. 15th Sunday 8:00 AM	Ed Dollinger	Anne Theobald* Leon Briick Gail Crobie Christine Englehart Marian Heinzel Ginna Jones Ron Jones Frank Theobald	Anne Prock Pat Stroud
Jan. 15 Sunday 10:00 AM	Jeanie Pavnica	Sue Swarthout* Carol Allen Annette DeLaurenti Patricia Gimbel Robert Hobbs Jacquelyn Klika John Klika Jay Ormins Matthew Ormins	Joseph Glenn Nancy Glenn



Bishop Hicks' Column



January 2023: Peace be with you

Recently, while visiting a parish, I noticed a "peace pole" on the property, surrounded by beautiful landscaping and benches. The pole had four sides, with each side displaying an inscription about peace. The expressions of peace moved from the general to the specific:

Peace on Earth
Peace for our Nation
Peace within our Church
Peace in our Hearts

As I contemplated that simple yet beautiful peace pole, I realized that peace is something we all long for, and yet can seem so unattainable. St. Augustine captured the unreachable nature of peace when he said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." Even though peace may be elusive, we know the source of true peace. It is therefore with great faith and hope that we as a Church never stop seeking it through Mary, the Queen of Peace, and her son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

As we begin 2023, we remember that St. Paul VI in 1967 established the World Day of Peace to be celebrated on January 1, which is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In 1972, Pope Paul VI coined his famous phrase, "If you want peace, work for justice."

Popes since then have carried on this tradition of issuing messages of peace on this day, with their communications usually associated with the social doctrine of the Church. Hence, popes have made declarations on January 1 regarding the United Nations, human rights, the right to life, economic development, international diplomacy, wars, peace in the Holy Land, globalization, terrorism, etc.

For 2023, Pope Francis writes about our current global condition, as we cope with the long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic and the impact of the war in Ukraine. He stresses the need for an all-inclusive approach to peace: "We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater

community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common."

Peace is not just something that we should all work for; it is also something we should constantly be praying for. The next time you are at Mass, I invite you to listen to just how many times the word "peace" is used. Specifically in the Communion rite, immediately after the "Our Father," the priest prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world as we extend a sign of peace to those around us. These prayers explicitly follow Jesus' message throughout the Gospels, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14: 27)

As we begin this new year, I urge you to pray for peace every Sunday when you attend Mass, and to also try to do so daily. If we get into the habit of praying for peace each day, it becomes even more important to disconnect from the noise and busyness of our world and intentionally to find a "peaceful" place to reflect and contemplate.

During this initial year of the National Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you to take some time before the eucharistic Lord in adoration. It is a beautiful and powerful way to connect our minds, hearts and souls to the peace of Christ. Another possibility is to find a consistent, quiet spot in your home or a sacred space to sit, be still and pray. It is in these serene moments that the Holy Spirit may gently whisper into our ears the way that God may want us to be an instrument of peace.

As a people of peace, let's begin this new year by praying for and working for peace on Earth, peace for our nation, peace within our Church, peace in our hearts and wherever it is needed most. For ultimately, at the very end of every Catholic Mass throughout the world, we are mandated to "go in peace." And to that, we boldly affirm by responding, "Thanks be to God!" ✝

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TRADITION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH



Welcome Aboard!

Hello! My name is Lindsay Gamino and I'll be taking over part of the administrative position in St. Paul's. My husband, Hugo and I have been married for 17 wonderful years. We recently had our vows renewed at St. Paul's last November. It was such a beautiful service and celebration! We have 3 amazing daughters - Carson & Ava are 8th and 4th graders at St. Paul's and our oldest daughter, Mia, is a junior in college and a St. Paul and JCA alum.

My family and I have been so proud to be a part of the school and parish-ioners of St. Paul's for over 10 years now. In my free time, I like to read, garden, hit antique and estate sales, and volunteer at the school as much as possible. I'm very excited to start in this new role and look forward to meeting and serving all of you! God bless.



VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Vocations
by Pope Francis

For an increase of vocations to the priesthood,
diaconate and religious life, especially in the Diocese
of Joliet, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.



VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR JANUARY 2023

Remember these men and women in your daily prayers—priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Women & Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet

- 1 Abbot Dismas Kalcic O.S.B.
- 2 Brs. Kenneth Arnold, John Blease, Thomas Dupre', Chris Englert FSC
- 3 Dcns. Eric Alvarez, Fred Ban, James Batis, Stephen Boffa
- 4 Sr. Rosanny P. Contreras Pozo, Sr. Maria Alejandra Pardo Rodriguez HMD
- 5 Fr. Ryan Adorjan, Fr. James Antiporek
- 6 Dcns. Rodger Accardi, Daniel Aderholdt, Ciro Afeltra, Albert Agurkis, Mark Armamentos
- 7 Vocations Office
- 8 Fr. Tomy Chellakandathil C.M.I. Fr. Jose Kadukunnel C.M.I. Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal Mathai C.M.I. Fr. Thomas Theneth C.M.I.
- 9 **Seminarian Dcn. Jared Rutnicki**
- 10 Sr. Camino Fernandez, Sr. Mary Grace Kuppe, Sr. Carmen Miravalles, Sr. Mary Villar OSA
- 11 Fr. Vernon Arseneau, Fr. Lee Bacchi
- 12 Fr. Daniel Bachner, Fr. Raed Bader
- 13 Sr. Mary Bratsofsky, Sr. Johanna Choi, Sr. JoAnne Form OSB
- 14 **Seminarian Andrew Bogusz**
- 15 Sr. Judith Ann Heble, Sr. Irene Jasien, Sr. Lois Jean Jensik OSB
- 16 Dcns. Michael Barrett, Gary Bednar, William Bevan, III, and Ralph Bias
- 17 Sr. Helen Jilek, Sr. Christine Kouba OSB
- 18 Fr. John Balluff, Fr. Brad Baker
- 19 Fr. Thomas Cargo
- 20 Sr. Alberta Kywela, Sr. Norbertha Mlowe, Sr. Margaret Mary Schima OSB
- 21 Dcns. Patrick Blaney, John Blumenstein, William Boucek, John Boyle, James Breen, David Brockman
- 22 **Seminarian Dcn. Juan Carlos Pirir**
- 23 Fr. Mark J. Bernhard, Fr. Max Behna, Fr. Peter Infanger
- 24 Sr. Hyacintha Nepala, Sr. Karen Nykiel, Sr. Victorine Shongwe, Sr. Celestine Shakungu OSB
- 25 Fr. Thomas Borkowski, Fr. Thomas Botheroyd
- 26 Fr. Larry Brunette, Fr. Dong V. Bui
- 27 Sr. Mary DePaul Stava, Sr. Sharon Marie Stola, Sr. Susanne Thome, Sr. Regina Ann Weissmann OSB
- 28 Sr. M. Kathleen McLinden, Sr. Mary Raphael Schmitz, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Sheffer O CARM
- 29 Monsignor James E. Burnett
- 30 Abbot Hugh Anderson OSB
- 31 Sr. M. Anthony de Lourdes Veilleux, Sr. Libby Dahlstrom, Sr. Mary Martin O CARM

'Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.'

Pope Francis

Prepared by Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office, Joliet Area Vocation Association (JAVA) Serra Club of DuPage County

Day of Recollection for Women

Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 9:30-11:30am

Join Holy Cross Church, 830 Elizabeth St., Joliet, for recollection led by Fr. Jerome Kish. This includes several short talks, Eucharistic Adoration & reconciliation. This is available on the second Tuesday of the month throughout the year. Maybe make this a New Year's resolution to bring you closer to Christ! All women in the parish are invited.

That I too may go & do him homage

MATTHEW 2:8

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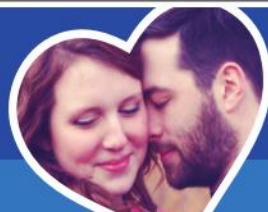
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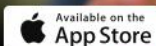
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