

December 14, 2025 | Third Sunday of Advent

“Behold, I am sending
my messenger
ahead of you...”

Matthew 11:10



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 13

8:00am †James & Dolores McGuire
5:00pm Peter Pham Cong Pham

Sunday, December 14

6:45am †Patricia Hansen
8:30am †Genevieve Jedd
10:30am Special Intention
12:30pm People of SSPP
4:30pm †Stephanie Anne Sheehan
7:00pm †Anne Pietranton

Monday, December 15

6:45am †Mathai Thomas
8:00am †Stephanie Anne Sheehan
5:15pm †John Vest

Tuesday, December 16

6:45am †Harry Ivans
8:00am †Cathrine Vucinic
5:15pm Fr. Jerry Rogers

Wednesday, December 17

6:45am †Yolanda & Charlie Colletti
8:00am †Ken Rimkus
5:15pm †Deborah Verdico

Thursday, December 18

6:45am †Carol Kells
8:00am †Carol Benway
5:15pm †Stanley Malnar

Friday, December 19

6:45am †Gerald Nelson
8:00am †Richard Kluzak

Saturday, December 20

8:00am †Nery Malanyaon
5:00pm People of SSPP & Beloved Dead



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday–Thursday

6:45am, 8:00am and 5:15pm

Friday

6:45am and 8:00am

Saturday

8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday

6:45am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 7:00pm

Tridentine (Latin) Mass

4:30pm

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Held in Holy Family Chapel located in the Ministry Center

Monday

4:15pm - 5:15pm

Thursday

11:00am - 12 noon

Saturday

3:00pm - 5:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Held in the St. Francis Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located in the St. Paul Center (Access code needed after hours)

Adoration Hours-

Perpetual Adoration (24/7)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday

8:30am - 4:00pm

Friday

8:30am - Noon





A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,
 Today we celebrate **Gaudete Sunday**, *The Third Sunday of Advent*. Over the centuries, Advent took on an increasingly penitential character. In earlier times, the penances and sacrifices offered were severe, and so, people needed a break from them. In the midst of preparations for the coming of Christmas and the penances and fasts being observed, the Church chose the Third Sunday of Advent to be the day that people could take a break from their intense penances, and remember the point of all their preparations: *Christmas is coming, our salvation is near, and our preparations are not without notice to God.*

In the Liturgy, the only thing that remains of these more "severe" days of Advent is the change in the color of vestment the priest wears. The Advent purple is changed for the lighter shade — rose — and, pink roses are added to adorn the altars. Whatever the customs, this Third Sunday of Advent serves as a "liturgical mid-way point," a wake-up call: *If you have done nothing to spiritually prepare for Christmas, there's still time, get busy.* If you have been faithful to the discipline of the season... *keep up the good work! An end is in sight... Christmas is coming!* And so, hopefully, you'll do something today to make the day special, to remember the purpose of our preparations, and to focus on Christ... HE is the *point and reason* for this beautiful season!

As Roman Catholics, we celebrate a Latin Liturgy [from Rome]. In fact, it is a Latin liturgy we celebrate, translated by permission into English for our use. The first word of the liturgy in the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass for today (which, in this Country we replace with an Entrance Hymn), in Latin, is "**Gaudete**"... "**Re-joice in the Lord, always!**" Hence, the name for today...



Gaudete Sunday. We are invited to remember that our preparations, our penances, our sacrifices should all be done with great hope and joy in the Lord's coming.

Today's liturgy is yet another reminder that "Christmas is coming!" Decorations abound. But, Saint John Paul II reminded us that for us Catholics, *THE decoration of Christmas* is the Nativity Scene, which reminds us of the moment of Christ's birth in Bethlehem— how salvation entered the world. Hopefully, your home has a beautiful Creche [Nativity Scene] to celebrate and "focus" the season. NEXT weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, at all of our masses I invite you to bring the blessings of the Church, the blessings of our priests into your home for the season. At Mass NEXT weekend we bless the "Christmas Bambinos." I'm hoping that the blessing will help remind all of us of the reason for the season. Let's all do what we can to make Christ the center of Christmas... it's His birthday we're celebrating. Let's make sure He's invited to the party!

Just a reminder, there are special times scheduled for Christmas Confessions toward the end of the week through next Monday, December 22nd. That day is the last opportunity to receive the Sacrament before Christmas. The schedule for the special Christmas Confessions is included in today's bulletin. Come home to Jesus for Christmas... He's waiting with great love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness.

Prepare your heart and your home for the coming of Christmas..



Father De Salvo

Christmas Altar Flowers

Christmas is coming! A "Flower Offering for Christmas" envelope is included in your usual envelope packet to help decorate our church and chapel for the upcoming season.

If you would like your "memorial" listed, please fill out the line provided on the envelope, and return your Flower Offering envelope by Friday, December 19th. All memorials received will be acknowledged in the December 28th bulletin.

The Flower Offering Memorial helps to fund not only the live flowers for the altars in church and chapel, but also all of the Christmas Holiday decorations of the season throughout our parish campus. Thank you for your generosity to this memorial.



Confessions During Advent



Although in a different way from the Lenten Season, Advent is nonetheless considered to be a penitential season in the Church. It is a time of joyful expectation for the coming of Jesus. But, in

order for us to be properly prepared for His coming - at Christmas and at the end of our own lives - we need to be found worthy of His presence. Frequent confessions helps us to grow in holiness and recognize the comings of the Lord Jesus in our own lives. As we prepare for the coming feast of Christmas, we prepare our hearts as well as our homes. The Sacrament of Penance is readily available to all.

Advent and Christmas Confessions

All Confessions are in the Chapel of the Ministry Center

- Mondays: 4:15 - 5:15pm

- Thursdays: 11am - Noon
- Saturdays: 3-5pm and
- Sunday mornings (6:45am, 8:30am, 10:30am, & 12:30pm): Approximately 30 minutes before each Mass on November 30th, December 7th & 14th

Advent and Christmas Confessions

Held in the Chapel of the Ministry Center

- Saturday, December 20th / 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm
- Sunday, December 21st / 5:00-7:00pm (no Sunday morning Confessions)
- Monday, December 22nd/ 3:00-5:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm

*These are the last scheduled Confessions before Christmas

**Scheduled Confessions will resume on Saturday, December 27th at 3:00pm

***There are NO scheduled Confessions Monday, December 29th

The Sick

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are seriously ill, and others who are suffering with long-term or terminal illnesses:

Ema Blahova	Mike Marra
Patricia Branham	Sam Marra
Chris Bruni	Samuel Mulay
Joan Buckingham	Jillian Navarro
Wally Buckingham	Carter Polizzi
Michael Condon	Carolyn Preston
Deacon Michael Crowell	Joy Quinn
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Finley Edgar	Betty Ryan
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Grace Humphrey	Akiko Toyahara
Chris Johnson	Marino Verdico
Sarah Kukulski	Theodore Weber
Edmund Kurzawa	Matthew Weidner
Myla Lavigne	Jim Weidner
James Lohse	Katie Tyrrell Weimann
Michael Luft	Pam Willis
Joseph Marchese	Janis Wozniak

Prayers for the sick and for our beloved dead are included in every Mass celebrated in our church, and are in the daily prayers of our priests. If you would like the name of a family member or friend included in the list published in our Sunday Bulletin, please call Kayla Knisley at 630-718-2131. When adding someone to the list of the sick, please make sure you have permission from the person you want listed, before you call us to add their name. The list of the deceased will ordinarily carry the names of those who were buried from our church that past week, or will be buried from our church the coming week. Ordinarily, names of the sick will be kept on for three months. The publishing of the names in the Sunday Bulletin will be the ordinary way to request prayers for specific loved ones.



Prayers for our Beloved Deceased

We offer sympathy and the promise of our prayers to the family and friends of-

James Dunnigan, Jr.

Please Remember in Prayer Those Serving in the Military

U.S. Air Force	U.S. Navy
Sgt. Cory Bassett	LCDR Thomas Bock
Staff Sgt. Joseph Burns	LTJG Brian Conlisk
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Lt. Col. Frank Girdwain	Captain Anthony Giglio
Lt. Theodore M. Jackson	Ensign Nicholas Jacobs
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SPC Jarred Hampton	Corporal Joseph Taylor
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1st Lt. David Rickert	P.D. John McNellis
Sgt. 1st Class Pamela Schmecht	
SPC John August Sopuch IV	U.S. Space Force
1st Lt. Winnie Springer	Major Nick DuPre
Sgt. Craig Vladika	
1st Lt. Samuel Wehrli	To arrange a welcome home for your soldier,
2nd Lt. Joseph Zolper	contact Donna Morsovillo of Operation Wel-
	come You Home at www.welcomemyhome.org

Daily Readings

Sunday

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Mary in Advent

Matthew Bunson — editor, *The Catholic Answer* (osv.com)
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The Blessed Mother bears many titles: *Theotokos* (“God-bearer”), *Mother of God*, *Star of the Sea*, *Immaculate Conception*, *Queen of Heaven*, *Seat of Wisdom*, and many more. All of them honor her in different ways and help us to appreciate more fully her role in the life of her Son, her rightful place in the Church and the reasons for loving and venerating her.

Catholics, of course, do not worship Mary and never have, despite the erroneous claims of many Protestants and evangelicals to the contrary. Surprisingly, Martin Luther had a strong Marian devotion and called her the “highest woman and the noblest gem in Christianity after Christ... She is nobility, wisdom, and holiness personified. We can never honor her enough” (Sermon, Christmas 1531). Sadly, the church which he founded and bears his name has, over the centuries, lost that affection and devotion for the Mother of our Savior.

It is in the Scriptures that we can so appreciate especially the place of the Blessed Mother in salvation history, which means that we see her not just in the New Testament, but in the Old Testament as well. As the Second Vatican Council taught, *These earliest documents, as they are read in the Church and are understood in the light of a further and full revelation, bring the figure of the woman, Mother of the Redeemer, into a gradually clearer light* (Lumen Gentium, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #55).

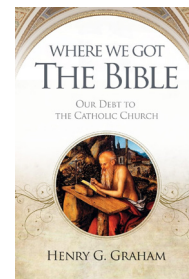
As we journey through Advent and prepare ourselves for the Christmas season, the Virgin Mary in the Old Testament is revealed especially. Take just one example in Isaiah: *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel* (7:14; see also Mi 5:2-3; Mt 1:22-23).

Vatican II memorably wrote: “The Blessed Virgin was on this earth the virgin Mother of the Redeemer, and above all others and in a singular way the generous associate and humble handmaid of the Lord” (Lumen Gentium, #61).

Fr. Bader's Book of the Week

Where We Got the Bible: Our Debt to the Catholic Church
by Henry G Graham

In this compelling book by Henry G. Graham, you learn the origins of the Bible and trace the role of the Catholic Church in compiling, preserving, and revering the Bible throughout history. If you love the written word of God, you owe it to yourself to read this book. This edition also includes Graham's conversion story - a compelling account of how this Calvinist minister was drawn to the Catholic faith and eventually became a bishop.



The Essential Nature of Saint John The Baptist

Pope Benedict XVI

Saint John the Baptist, as the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, both of priestly families, is not only the last of the prophets, but also represents the whole priesthood of the Old Covenant and therefore prepares mankind for the spiritual worship of the New Covenant inaugurated by Jesus. John the Baptist is defined as the “voice of one crying in the desert” *Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths*. The voice proclaims the word, but in this case the Word of God precedes, as it comes to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

Thus he plays an important role, but always in relation to Christ. In this, we recall the words of St. Augustine: *John is the voice that passes away, Christ is the eternal Word*. Our task today is to listen to that voice, to give space to Jesus and to welcome Him, the Word that saves us, into our hearts. In this time of Advent, let us prepare to see, through the eyes of faith, God's salvation in the humble stable in Bethlehem. In our consumer society, where we seek joy in material things, the Baptist teaches us to live in an essential way, so that Christmas is not only experienced externally as a superficial holiday, but rather as the feast of the Son of God who came to bring peace, life and true joy to mankind.



Second Collection This Weekend

They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care and dignity they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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201 East Franklin

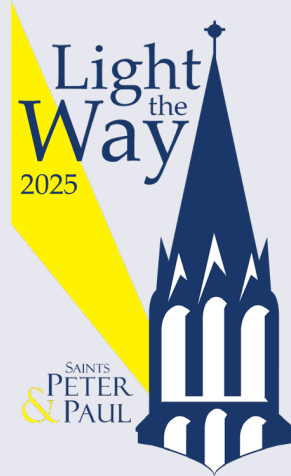


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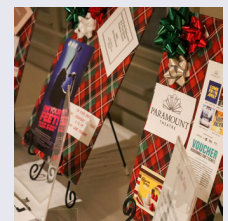
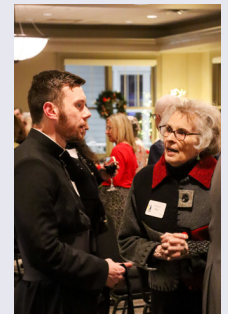
Light the Way 2025 was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, auction donors, volunteers, and attendees!

This year marked the 28th anniversary of the Light The Way event, which has raised more than \$2 million over its history. Your generosity has allowed us to address many needs within our parish and community.

Proceeds from the December 4 event will support the parish's effort to repair and resurface the Parish parking lots.

A special thanks to the Light the Way Committee for all their hard work preparing for this event.

From left to right-
 Jill Whitledge, Melissa Hageman, Kyle Rimkus, Meg Salzman, Kayla Knisley, Teresa Hemsworth, Jeannette Gehrs, Ray Jones



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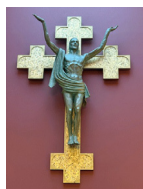
Available Memorials

With all of the work done on our buildings this past year, it provided the opportunity to offer some “special” Memorial Opportunities for those who would like to make a more personal, lasting gift to honor your family, or event in your life. Personalized, individual “memorial plaques” will be placed near the items to name the memorial gift. Strictly speaking, Memorial Gifts to the Parish do not “buy” a specific item. Rather, your offering to the parish entitles the donor to “claim”/name the “memorial” attached to a specific item. The following memorials are available for parishioners to make memorial offerings. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in one of the memorials listed below, at the memorial donation given for each specific item. Once paid, arrangements will be made for the memorial named on the plaque to be mounted near/on the memorialized item. Memorials can be made for yourself, your family (living and deceased), or a special occasion...

Resurrected Christ in the

Lobby of Ministry Center

\$20,000



Monstrance: Perpetual Adoration Chapel

\$10,000



Memorials Available in our Church...

Sacred Heart Statue ~ \$8,000

[north east entrance of church by Priest Sacristy]

Saint Anthony Statue ~ \$6,000

[south east entrance of church by Servers Sacristy]

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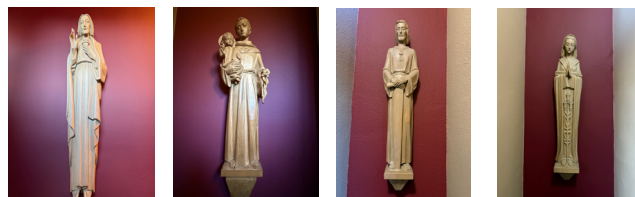
[north east entrance of church by Blessed Virgin Altar]

Blessed Virgin Statue ~ \$6,000

[south east entrance by Saint Joseph Altar]

Church Organ ~ Holy Family Chapel of the Ministry Center

\$15,000

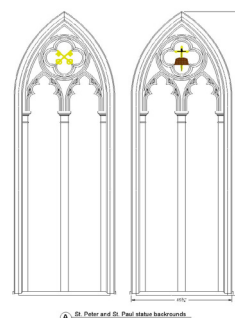


***Added wooden enhancement of High Altar Screen and Shrine Enhancement behind statue of St. Peter in church \$25,000**

***Added wooden enhancement of High Altar Screen and Shrine Enhancement behind statue of St. Paul in church \$25,000**

Christmas Nativity Stable & Figures in Holy Family Chapel

\$12,000 (10 feet tall Stable – 2 feet tall figures)



Holy Water storage stand tank for the church

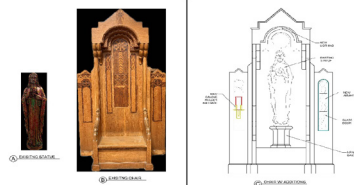
\$8,000



Electronic Digital System to control the Tower Bells. Clock, and Carillon in church \$50,000



Wood Sacred Heart Statue Ambry Shrine in Baptistry of church for Holy Oils and Baptismal Candle \$30,000



Christmas Music at Saints Peter and Paul

*Come celebrate the birth of Our Lord!
Traditional Congregational Christmas Carols at all Masses!*

Christmas Eve:

3:00pm Church- Cantor, Brass, Timpani, Organ/Piano
3:00pm Ministry Center Chapel- Cantor, Piano, Organ
5:00pm Church- Cantor, Brass, Timpani, Organ/Piano
11:30pm Before Midnight Mass: Christmas Carols and Concert by the Choir, Chamber Ensemble, Brass, Timpani and Organ and Piano
 Midnight Mass Church- Choir, Chamber Ensemble, Brass, Timpani, Organ/Piano

Christmas Day:

8:30am Church- Cantor, Brass, Timpani, Organ/Piano
10:30am Church- Choir, Chamber Ensemble, Brass, Timpani, Organ/Piano
11:00am Ministry Center Chapel- Cantor, organ, piano
12:30pm Church- Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Brass, Timpani, Organ/Piano

Music by Joseph Martin, Adolphe Adam, Elaine Hagenberg, Felix Mendelssohn, Joel Raney, Michael W. Smith, Cindy Berry and others!

Nicholas Thomas, *Music Director/Organist*
 Joseph Harmon, *Organist*
 Kiyona Ohshika, *Choir Accompanist-Piano*
 Julie Kornak, *Parish Center Chapel Director/Cantor*



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Thank you for your continued support of our parish and for helping us share the Good News each week!



MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People of the **Diocese of Joliet**

Learn How to MAKE Disciples!

What: Join us for a conversation with Bishop Ron Hicks as he unpacks the details of his pastoral letter, MAKE, and discusses how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet.

Where: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL (630) 355-1081

When: Tues., January 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm
 Scan the QR Code to RSVP

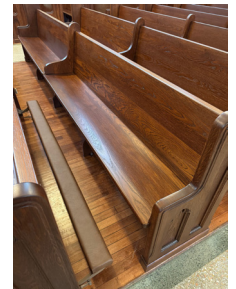


Respect For Our New Kneelers

We are grateful that our church has recently installed new kneelers to enhance our worship experience. To help keep them in good condition for many years to come, we kindly ask all parishioners to refrain from placing feet on the kneelers.

Please use them only for kneeling during prayer, and help us maintain a reverent and welcoming space for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and for treating our parish home with care and respect.



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Next Weekend... December 20 ~ 21st

Blessing of the Christmas Bambino

Bring the Blessings of Christmas into your home

The nativity scene, a beloved part of Christmas decorations the world over, can be traced to the love for, and devotion to Christ felt by Saint Francis of Assisi. Francis read the Gospels with great care, wanting to know everything he could about Jesus. Moved by the simplicity of Jesus' humble birth in a stable, Francis decided to celebrate Christmas in the year 1223 in a special way, "to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes" the way Jesus was born.

So he set up a real manger scene in the town of Greccio (from which the word "creche" comes), and the townspeople gathered with Francis and his friars to praise God in prayer and song. The people's imaginations were fired with love for the Savior, and so a popular tradition was born.

The figures of the nativity scene stand still, like a picture, to remind us of that one particular moment in history... that moment in time when all creation stood still out of wonder and awe, because God as a baby was born!

NEXT weekend, December 20th and 21st [The Fourth Sunday of Advent], we are holding the Blessing of the Christmas Bambinos at ALL Masses. Bring the "Baby Jesus" from your home Nativity Set and CLEARLY LABEL the figure with a secure tag. When you come to Mass, put the figure in the Christmas Stable set up in the front of the Church. Father will bless the "Bambinos" during the Mass. That way, you'll have the blessings of Christmas, from the hands of our Priests, in your home throughout the Christmas Season. This beautiful custom is a great way to keep Christ at the center of this holy season.

Blessing of a Christmas Nativity Scene for use at home

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to Saint Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas Creche, or Manger for Christmas Eve 1223. The Blessing of the Christmas Nativity Scene in your home may take place on Christmas Eve, when you set the scene up for the season, or perhaps before a special family meal during this beautiful season.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

+Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

Someone reads the Scripture

Luke 2: 1-14

The leader prays with hands joined. Following, the Nativity Scene can be sprinkled with holy water, if some is available in your home.

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



Advent by Candlelight

On Monday, December 1, over 60 ladies gathered for a special evening of friendship, inspiration, and laughter.

The ladies shared some food and desserts and Sr. Maryann gave a beautiful presentation on Advent.



St. Francis of Assisi: Bringing Jesus to the Light
Advent by Candlelight
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish
December 1, 2025



DIOCESE OF JOLIET



Discerning? We can help you foster your vocation to the priesthood...

Because God still calls!

February 12-14, 2026

If you know of a young man 17+ that you'd like to nominate, please refer him to the link on the QR code.



For questions:

vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

Phone - 815-221-6170

Saint John Vianney College Seminary (St. Paul, MN) is the largest collaborative college seminary in the United States, representing 18 dioceses throughout the nation with more than 100 undergraduate men in formation this year. The event is free of charge.

Communio

Adoration | Confession | Praise and Worship | Prayer | Community

Please join us for our next Communio on January 2, 2026 from 7-8:30pm with Fr. Max Behna on "Behold, I Make All Things New: A Practical Guide for Starting Fresh in Your Spiritual Life in the New Year"



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Naperville, IL

HISTORIC CHURCHES

Ethnic Pilgrimage Enclaves



Saturday
JANUARY 24, 2026
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Notre Dame de Chicago:
an original Adoration initiative

Holy Family:
survived the Chicago Fire of 1871

St Mary of Perpetual Help:
magnificent multi-domed beauty

\$40 Adult
\$20 Catholic Cardinals

CatholicChurchTours.com



Coach from
St Peter and Paul
36 N. Ellsworth St.
Naperville,






Parish Sacrificial Giving

We sincerely thank everyone for their generosity & support

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 the weekly Sunday collection budget is \$47,277 (based on 52 Sundays)

Actual Fiscal Year to Date Average Sunday Collections (17 Weeks)
\$43,053

Budget Fiscal Year to Date Average Sunday Collections
\$47,277

Weekly Average Compared to Budget - (Deficit) \$4,224



Sunday Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship. Your offerings support our parish ministries, outreach efforts, and the mission of Christ in our community. Make a gift online at speterandpaul.net/online-giving.



YOUNG ADULTS

CHRISTMAS GATHERING FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-30

MONDAY | DEC 15 | 8-9:30PM

Saints Peter and Paul Social Hall
36 N. Ellsworth Street, Naperville, IL

Come celebrate the holiday season with friends and the Saints Peter & Paul Priests. Food and Refreshments Provided. Bring a snack or dessert to share. All home from college welcome too!

RSVP Here:



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Holding Together What Is

An idea within Catholic theology is we are a Church of BOTH/AND, not EITHER/OR. This idea can be difficult to hold and even harder to live out.

Saturday, December 20, 2025
Sts Peter and Paul Ministry Center

Come and hear accounts of how using the past to avoid or escape the future becomes a roadblock and limitation to living life in full communion with God.

The Zoom invitation will be sent out on Tuesday. Join us for all or part of these prayers on Saturday morning.

AGENDA

- 6:15am: Welcome, Fraternity and Prayer Need Requests
 - 6:30am: Rosary in Holy Family Chapel
 - 7:00am: Talk Theme: **Holding Together What Is**
 - 7:15am: Small-group discussions
 - 7:40am: Wrap up
 - 7:50am: Closing prayer
 - 8:00am: Daily Mass at Saints Peter and Paul
- Bring your own coffee and reflection guide (see email).
Fellowship of Authentic Catholic Men Following Christ, Leading Families to Heaven!
 New men welcomed every week!
Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!
fishersofmenspp@gmail.com





Saint Vincent de Paul

John the Baptist makes it very clear that we will live genuinely for Christ only if we are willing to die for him. Only the person who is practiced in the art of daily dying will be able to hand themselves over to God in an act of final resignation, as John the Baptist did. Daily dying consists in pouring out one's energies in the service of the poor, in listening attentively, in praying faithfully, in living harmoniously with others, in seeking reconciliation, in doing penance, in renouncing anything that is an obstacle to following Christ. John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way of the Lord by eliminating from our lives whatever impedes his coming. (Maloney, Seasons in Spirituality, p.48)



Society of Saint Vincent dePaul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, Saint Vincent de Paul. Call 630-718-2127 to learn more or to request assistance.

Little Sisters of the Poor Palatine Amazon Wishlist

The Little Sisters of the Poor continue their beautiful mission of caring for the elderly poor with love and dignity. To help meet their daily needs, they have an Amazon Wishlist where you can easily purchase items that go directly to their home.

How You Can Help:

Simply visit the Amazon Wishlist using the QR Code below, select the items you'd like to donate, and they'll be shipped straight to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Every gift—large or small—makes a difference!



See progress happen

Yes, you can be the difference in helping a family get their lives back on track. All it takes is a weekly one-hour meeting to go over basic budgeting and life-building skills. Your everyday knowledge is all that is required to guide single mothers toward the goal of independence and financial freedom. With your help, you'll witness generational change!



GET INVOLVED TODAY!
Tom Dorn (630) 270-7303
tdorn@sbcglobal.net

Respect Life at Planned Parenthood

Join us every Monday from 2pm-3pm to pray the rosary at Planned Parenthood in Aurora (3051 E. New York St.).



YOUTH MINISTRY

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE RESCUE PROJECT SERIES
FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-30

A 9 week course with each week covering one of the 9 chapters of this project!

When: Every Thursday night starting January 29th through March 26th from 6:30-8pm
Where: The Ministry Center, Room 217/218.

Join us for The Rescue Project with Fr. John Riccardo, a clear and compelling look at the real story of the Gospel—who God is, what's gone wrong in the world, how Christ actually rescues us, and what that means for our lives today.

the **RESCUE** project

Scan the QR Code to sign up. Walk-ins are also welcome! Contact Natalia Cassata at ncassata@sspeterandpaul.net for questions or more information.

COME AS YOU ARE, LEAVE WITH PURPOSE

ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH
1215 MODAFF RD, NAPERVILLE, IL 60540
JANUARY 10, 2025 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
(VIGIL MASS INCLUDED)

RECHARGE

FEATURED SPEAKERS
KATIE CHOUPHARY FR. ALEX LORANG

THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET INVITES YOU TO A 1-DAY RETREAT TO HELP YOU FIND AND GAIN FOCUS ON THE VOICE OF THE LORD SO THAT YOU CAN LEARN WHERE HE IS CALLING YOU

FR. JEREMY LEGANSKI

Attend with Saints Peter and Paul Youth Group
Open to all High School Students
\$30 per person
Scan the QR Code to Sign Up



ADORATION CHAPEL

St. Francis Perpetual Adoration Chapel

SIGN UP FOR ADVENT AND WAIT FOR CHRIST'S BIRTH IN PRAYER AT THE CHAPEL

Among the many distractions, Advent calls us to a deeper understanding of the incarnation of Christ, emphasizing **hope** and **anticipation**. It prepares our heart to celebrate the birth of Jesus but also reminds us of His promised return.

Through Advent, we are called to reflect on our own life, to consider how we can prepare our heart, and to engage in spiritual practices that draw us closer to God. In joyful expectation, SIGNUP or VISIT the St. Francis Adoration Chapel. Simply use the QR code here or go online to the parish website.

OPEN EVERY DAY AROUND THE CLOCK

Security access code from 9:00p.m. until 6:00a.m.

Contact Kathy with questions or to sign up- 630-818-7897

The chapel is located off the alley on Benton Street.



St. Francis Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Flame of Faith Candle Intentions

Six candles burn perpetually around the Blessed Sacrament in our St. Francis Chapel. The burning candles serve as a constant prayer before the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

1. Thanksgiving for family blessings and conversion of Felix
2. For Dori Dutton
3. For physical healing of Chris F.
4. For my husbands upcoming surgery
5. For complete healing of Thomas S.
6. For the recovery of Vijay

SSPP SCHOOL



2026-2027

SSPP School

Enrollment Dates

November 3: Current SSPP families

November 24: Parishioners

December 15: Non-Parishioners



Please reach out to our Enrollment Specialist, Bridget Evers at bevers@sspeterandpaulschool.com, with any questions.



Parish Info

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon
 Saturday and Sunday Closed

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Baptisms Held each Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Prep classes are held every other month on the first Monday in the Parish Ministry Center at 7 p.m. If this is your first child, you must attend a class before receiving a date for your baby's baptism. To register for a class, contact Lynne Passarella, 630-718-2101, lpassarella@sspeterandpaul.net.

First Communion There is a two-year preparation period prior to receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Contact Theresa Pratt, 630-718-2133, tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net.

Confirmation There is a two-year preparation period prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Theresa Pratt, 630-718-2133, tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net.

OCIA To inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults contact Mike Lewandowski, 630-718-2156, mlewandowski@sspeterandpaul.net.

Marriage Diocese requirements include a formal engagement preparation period of at least six months before the date of the wedding. Wedding dates fill up quickly and you must confirm a date as your first step in the process. Visit sspeterandpaul.net/marriage if you are interested in being married here.

Holy Orders Contact any priest to be connected to others exploring a vocation. For more information on formation events, visit dioceseofjolieta.org/vocations.

Reconciliation Confessions are held in the Ministry Center on Mondays (4:15 to 5:15 p.m.), Thursdays (11 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and Saturdays (3 to 5 p.m.).

Anointing of the Sick If you or a loved one are in need of anointing, call the parish office at 630-355-1081.

Eucharistic Adoration The St. Francis Adoration Chapel is open for Perpetual Adoration. Code needed from 9pm-6am.

Funerals Most funerals are scheduled through area funeral homes. To inquire about a liturgy, call the parish office at 630-355-1081.

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