



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY

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December 18th, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

**Fr. Steven J. Bondi, Pastor**  
**Deacon Rev. Mr. Joseph Dalpiaz**

### Masses

Tuesday - Friday	8:00 am
Saturday	8:00 am (Only on first Saturday)
	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am - English
	10:30 am - Polish

### Baptisms

Baptisms are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month.  
Attendance at Pre Baptism Class is Required.  
Call to Make Arrangements.

### Confessions

Prior to Saturday Mass at 4:00pm in English  
Every First Friday, Confessions at 6:00pm and  
Mass at 7:00pm in Polish  
Every First Saturday, Confessions at 8:30am and  
Mass at 9:00am in Polish

### Weddings

Call for appointment

**FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF**

# Advent

**DECEMBER 18, 2022**

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*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."*

**MATTHEW 1:23**

### LECTORS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 p.m. - Gwen

9:00 a.m. - Henry

### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

Saturday, December 17 at 4 p.m.

May, Maurisak & Gubista Families by Family

†Stanislawa & Jozef Bielonski

†Malgorzata & Andrzej Gogola

For All Living & Deceased St. John Vianney Parishioners

Sunday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m.

†Maria & Wincenty Brvja

10:30 a.m.

†Jozef Wojcikiewicz

†Edward Wodziak by Janina Wodziak

Tuesday, December 20 at 8:00 a.m. (St. Monica Prayer Group)

Richard Pierzchala (birthday) by Kilian Family

Wednesday, December 21 at 8:00 a.m.

Intention of the Presider

Thursday, December 22 at 8:00 a.m.

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Thursday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation Service/Spowiedz Swieta Polish/English

Friday, December 23 at 8:00 a.m.

†Geri Dillon by Richard Dillon

Saturday, December 24 at 4 p.m.

†Jerry Rice by Family

For All Living & Deceased St. John Vianney Parishioners

Saturday, December 24 at 12 a.m.

Pasterka/ Midnight Mass –Polish

Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Intention of the Presider

10:30 a.m.

Intention of the Presider

### **GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US**

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalm** — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

### **CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

#### **Prayer for Generosity**

Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve;

to give and not to count the cost,

to fight and not to heed the wounds,

to toil and not to seek for rest,

to labor and not to ask for reward,

save that of knowing that I do your will.

— Saint Ignatius of Loyola

### **GETTING EVEN**

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

—Anonymous

### **CHRISTMAS CHILDREN**

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

—Charles Dickens



### **Announcements:**

**December 24-25 second collection will be for Repair & Maintenance.**

**December 24-25 third collection will be for Christmas. Thank you & God bless!**

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### **UPDATED WEBSITE**

Make sure to check out our newly revised website. Same address-sjvianneylockport.org, but recently updated and user friendly! Any comments or suggestions on the site, just drop us a note in the suggestion/question box in the church entry!

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent;  
Hanukkah begins  
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins  
Friday: St. John of Kanty  
Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

## THE ETERNAL FLAME FOR THIS WEEK

*Will burn in memory of  
Bronislaw Ciesla  
By Family*

## † WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

**Long Term Needs:** Ann Marie Nawrocki, Naia Peña, Rachel Colabello, John Sims, Keith Schranz, Lucas Milo, Heather Pajak, The Eaton Family, Dixie Wiles, Romana Davila, Marilyn Zlogar, Cathy McManamey, Lucille Catherine Russler (baby), Henryka Sztoncel, Tom Swierkowski, Matthew Pajak (baby), Carlene Miller, Matlage Family, Kathy Grant

**Immediate Needs:** Ashley Schultz, Joan Fajkucy, Lynn Marie, Roberto Davila, Nicole Neubauer, Joann Baan, Marcella Tumang, Salvadore Garcia, Ralph Drong, Frank Pagano, Dorothy Carrescia, Krzysztof Komar, Easton Bleuer, Gloria Castillo, Romana Davila, Rosa Maria Santos, Adam Sztoncel, Lynn Swierkowski, Owen Neubauer, Cora Zgrabik, Rosemary Burian, Christopher Hozjan, Brian Villanova, Dustin Burnett, Matthew Weck, Megan Weck, Dominick Strom, Marybeth Egan, Cindy Dempsey, Terrill Family, Allyson Serdiuk, Josephine Haltner, Wieslaw Koscielniak, Baby Ezra James Schultz, Jackie Frederick

*† We hope that you will pray for them each day, privately or with your family. Prayer for those in need is an important responsibility of the Christian Community.*

## Divine Mercy Chaplet: Saturday, December 17...Day 1

## PILGRIM VIRGIN

Invite the blessed Mother, Our Lady of Fatima Statue, into your home and help her evangelize her message of peace through the Rosary. The intent of the devotion is that the statue



travel from house to house. It will be in your home for one week or as long as you want to keep her. You can invite family and friends to say the rosary, or just enjoy her presence in your home and have your own private devotion. Please call Gwen at 708-259-6303.

## St. John Vianney Prayer

"O my God, come to me, so that You may dwell in me and I may dwell in you."

## OUR WARMEST WELCOME

To all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at St. John Vianney or need to make changes, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket.

## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

ADULT 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Language spoken at home \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Married by Priest Y N

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments received? Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Comm., Confirm.

ADULT 2

Husband

Wife

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Language spoken at home \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Married by Priest Y N

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments received? Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Comm., Confirm.

Are you transferring from another parish? \_\_\_\_\_

Former Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names and dates of birth of those in your household, excluding the names above:

Name	Birthdate	Relationship
1		
2		
3		
4		

Weekly Offering

Weekly Goal: \$4,500.00

December 4, 2022.....\$2,788

Give Central November 2022.....\$1,260

**Thank You for your continuing support.  
Please remember St. John Vianney in your  
Will and Estate Planning.**

## ST. MONICA PRAYER GROUP FOLLOWING THE 8:00 AM TUESDAY MASS

We, the members of St. Monica Prayer Group, invite you to join us in praying for the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of our children and grandchildren. Please join us as we come together weekly to cover our children with prayer.



## Word of Life

For all parents awaiting the birth of their child:  
May they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph  
and follow their example  
of cherishing and protecting human life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

### **WHY NOT A MASS INTENTION!**

If you are thinking of sending someone a get-well card, or a special occasion is coming up, a birthday or an anniversary, why not have a Mass said for them? Mass intentions are for the living as well as the deceased. There's no nicer way to offer tribute, or better prayer you can offer for those you love.

### **REQUESTS FOR † MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like to have a Mass offered, please fill out this form and drop in the collection basket. There is no better way to offer tribute and no better prayer you can offer for those you love. Please include an offering of \$10 for each intention in the envelope with your Mass request form. Please schedule 2 weeks in advance.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Intention Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time Wanted \_\_\_\_\_

## **Religious Education Program Schedule**

There will be no Religious Education classes  
Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Classes will resume on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.  
We wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!



## **Tax Donation Letter**

This year tax donation letters will be given only by request. You can call the office at 815-723-3291 or email [sjvlockport@gmail.com](mailto:sjvlockport@gmail.com).

## **OUR FASCINATING FAITH** ***Las Posadas (December 16–24)***

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of *Las Posadas* seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous *Misas de Aguinaldo* were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (*posada*) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the “O Antiphons” of the official liturgy, these *posadas* were celebrated on nine consecutive nights.

The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants in this country. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many citizens of the United States behave like the people of Bethlehem, preferring to close their door in the face of the immigrants rather than welcoming them. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of *Las Posadas* has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord?



If it is too difficult for you to walk to the front of the church to receive Communion, please know that at each Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion comes to the back of the church to distribute Communion. If you would like to have the Extraordinary Minister give you communion in the back of church, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand so that they can see you and give you Holy Communion.

## Around the Diocese

### Part-time Custodian – St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield, IL

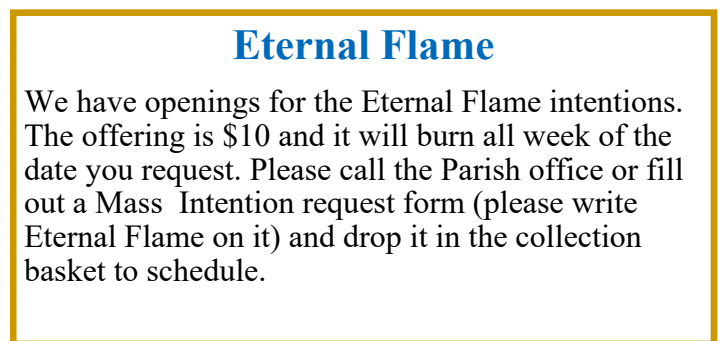
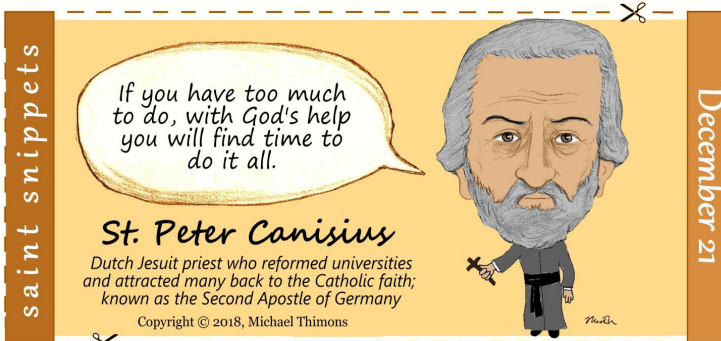
St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield is seeking to hire a part-time custodian to work Saturday & Sunday 6:00 am – 2:30 pm with hours on Friday a plus and be available on Easter and Christmas. This individual will maintain the cleanliness and function of the parish campus, including the parish school. This team member will clean bathrooms, floors/carpets and dispose of garbage and recycling. Also responsible for setting up tables, chairs and other needed items for events, meetings, alternate location Masses, etc. and for clean up afterwards. Must be able to lift 50 lbs., climb ladders and work outside in various types of weather. High school diploma or equivalent required. To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://TheRomanCatholicDioceseofJolietinIllinois.com). To apply for this amazing opportunity, please send resume and cover letter to Laura Van Ham at [lvham@smip.org](mailto:lvham@smip.org).

### Custodian/Maintenance - Ascension of our Lord Parish, Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Ascension of our Lord Parish is seeking to hire a part-time custodian/maintenance person to work afternoons and evenings, approximately 15 hours per week. This person will provide general custodial and sanitation services inside and outside the campus buildings. Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs., climb ladders, and stand for extended periods of time. To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://TheRomanCatholicDioceseofJolietinIllinois.com). If interested in this opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to Deacon Mick Ruddle at [mruddle@ascensionofourlord.net](mailto:mruddle@ascensionofourlord.net) or call 630-953-4416.

### Part-time Youth Minister – St. Anthony Catholic Parish, Frankfort, IL

St. Anthony Catholic Parish in Frankfort is seeking to hire a part-time Youth Minister. This is an hourly position not to exceed 29 hours per week. In this role, you will coordinate youth program, projects, and events, manage registrations for youth ministry offerings, and create digital and print marketing communications for intended audiences (teens, parents) using email, website, and design tools/templates. Must have strong communication skills (verbal and written) to professionally communicate, minister to, and represent St. Anthony Parish. Strong computer/social media skills required. To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://TheRomanCatholicDioceseofJolietinIllinois.com). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a resume to the Pastor, Fr. Dennis Paul at [frdennis@stanthonyfrankfort.com](mailto:frdennis@stanthonyfrankfort.com).







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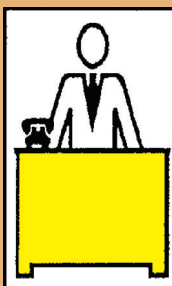
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