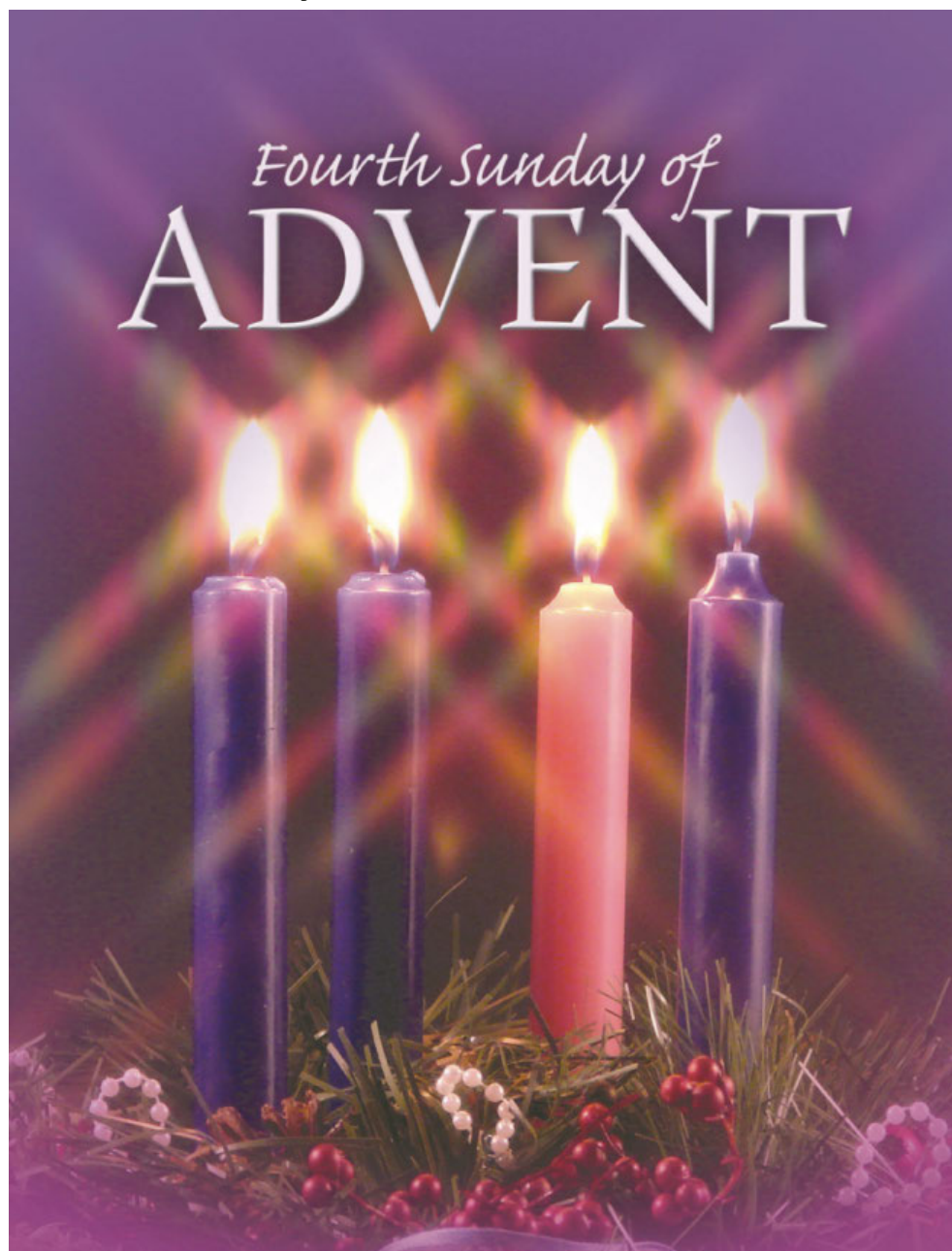




**St. Joan of Arc**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL



**Sunday, December 24, 2023**



**"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus." —Lk 1:31**

**820 Division Street  
Lisle, IL 60532  
Main: 630-963-4500 [www.sjalisle.org](http://www.sjalisle.org)**

## A Letter From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



We are only hours away from the official (liturgical) beginning of the Christmas season, even though the culture has been celebrating Christmas since October. No doubt most of us are tending to last minute holiday details such as, buying last minute gifts, wrapping presents, preparing food, cleaning homes, adding one more decoration to the tree or writing one last Christmas card. The excitement is almost tangible and so is

the energy required to welcome in this “most wonderful time of the year.” While we are justified to immerse ourselves in the unique joy that Christmas awakens within us, I cannot help but think of those for whom this Christmas will be anything but joyful. If this is indeed the birthday of Prince of Peace, one might rightfully as, “Where is the peace?”



Our world is painfully aware that peace, at least as the absence of war, is in short supply. The war in Ukraine rages on. The October 7 terrorist attack on Israel by Hamas resulted in an avalanche of murderous retribution that has affected countless innocent civilians. This “Holy Land” where two thousand years ago was the privileged place where the Word became Flesh, has become a war zone that could be called anything but “holy.”

In our own country reprehensible scandals abound in governments and in churches. In our cities cars are high jacked, stores are looted, synagogues are desecrated, schools victimized and neighborhoods threatened by gangs and ruled by drug lords. Even if we wish to understand peace as more than simply the absence of violence and war, we may be hard pressed to describe what that “more” is.

May I suggest that the peace which the Risen Christ bequeathed to the world was not only a divine gift, but also a divine challenge from God to help make a certain kind of peace a reality? This peace grows out of the conviction that God dwells among us as Emmanuel. Steeped in this conviction we are better able to experience a peace that is more than a feeling and more than an absence of violence and war. It is the realization that we are in a partnership with God who has irrevocably claimed our world as his home – our planet as the tabernacle of the universe. Only with this recognition does peace have a chance to permeate our lives.



A familiar hymn text titled *Christmas Bells*, composed by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807 – 1882), captures that spiritual movement of the human soul that initially (and literally) hears the bells of Christmas but then plunges into the darkness of despair because the bells seem to announce a lie.

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

But then the soul awakens from its despair and realizes that God is not dead, despite the apparent hate and darkness in the world. Nor is God absent from the human experience. What is called for is not a resignation to the lack of peace among people, but an ever louder and deeper pealing of those bells (metaphorically as well as literally) that summon humanity, as only bells can, to the noble task of peace making.

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men."*

We know that lasting peace must always begin with us individually. May this Christmas, only moments away, therefore, be a time when each of us discovers that peace which comes from knowing God abides with us and is closer to us even than we are to ourselves. If we can come to this awareness individually, then we are one step closer to reaching our goal universally, that is, peace on earth with good will to all.

Merry Christmas,

*Fr. Halim, O.S.B.*



## Laying the Cornerstone—Celebrating 100 Years



On August 29, 1926 in the presence of several hundred people, numerous clergy from St. Procopius Abbey, and from neighboring churches, Msgr. Thomas Bona of Chicago laid and blessed the cornerstone of the new church building. By June 1927, under the leadership of Father Aloysius Kecklik, OSB, the new structure was completed.

Francis Kecklik was born in Moravia in 1878, and while still an infant, the Kecklik family immigrated to Weimar, Texas. Kecklik completed his academic studies at St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchinson, Kansas, where he made his monastic

novitiate. He was ordained in Chicago and went on to teach at St. Procopius College, now Benedictine University, in Lisle. Father Kecklik had already demonstrated a skill for organizing large building projects when he was tapped as St. Joan's founding pastor.

Check out the new Centennial Webpage for upcoming news and events at [www.sjalisle.org/centennial](http://www.sjalisle.org/centennial) or scan the QR Code with your phone.





## Parish News & Events

### St. Joan of Arc 2023 Advent Christmas Schedule

#### Fourth Sunday in Advent — December 23 & 24, 2023

Mass time: 4:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. **NO 11:30 a.m. Mass**

#### Christmas Eve/Christmas Day: The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 24th Mass times: 3:00 p.m. (Church), 3:15 p.m. (Gym) & 10:00 p.m. (Church)

Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 25th Mass times: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

#### Feast of the Holy Family — December 30 & December 31

Mass times: 4:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God — Monday January 1 (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass time: 9:30 a.m.



#### Epiphany — Saturday January 6 & 7

Saturday Mass times: 4:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. —Hospitality after all masses — Link

Epiphany Eucharistic Encounter Evening — 4:00 p.m.

Epiphany Spaghetti Dinner — 5:30 p.m. — Gym — Tickets on Sale now at [www.sjalisle.org/donate](http://www.sjalisle.org/donate)



### Laudate Deum – Care for the Environment Workshop

Sunday,  
January 14,  
2 – 3:30pm

Hosted by:  
St. Joan of Arc Parish  
w/ Dr. Christopher White  
St. Joan of Arc Parish Center, Rm #22  
820 Division St. Lisle, IL 60532

“Listen to the cry of the earth and the  
cry of the poor, who suffer most.”

“If we destroy creation,  
it will destroy us”

Please join us for an afternoon  
of dialogue surrounding the  
topic of the Environmental  
Stewardship from a Catholic,  
scientific perspective. What  
environmental threats should  
we be concerned about? Why  
is Pope Francis sounding the  
alarm? What is our role as a  
Church? What is your role, as  
an individual, in caring for our  
common home?

The poster features a large, stylized image of a hand holding the Earth. In the foreground, a man in white clerical attire (Dr. Christopher White) is speaking into a microphone. The background is a mix of natural and celestial imagery, including a sunset, a globe, and a landscape with a small pond.

The Exodus logo, featuring a red square with a white cross and the word "Exodus" in white text.

## Men, Break free from your Pharaohs.

Exodus 90 – 90 days of prayer, fasting, & fraternity, proven to liberate  
men from all keeping them from greatness.

For more info:  
Konnor Damery – [kdamery@sjalisle.org](mailto:kdamery@sjalisle.org), 217-795-4572  
Nick Landiak – [nlandiak@murena.io](mailto:nlandiak@murena.io), 630-885-1741

We start Jan. 1, 2024:

[MenOfExodus.com](http://MenOfExodus.com)

The poster has a solid orange background. It features a silhouette of a man in a long robe with his arms raised in a gesture of triumph or prayer. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

*We thank all those who donated Altar Flowers to our  
Parish this Christmas in memory of their loved ones.*

**Given By:**

Ansier, George & Kathleen  
Bies, Eugene & Mary Ann  
Borlick, J.  
Bowers, Marianne  
Brophy, William  
Bucher, Irene  
Cassa, Susan  
Conklin, Betty  
Cunningham, Maureen  
Dank, Norman & Linda  
Decesari, Carolyn  
Dobkowski, Pasqualina  
Dolansky, John  
Dougherty, William & Loretta  
Dunaway, Catherine  
Farolan, Miguel & Leslie  
Filip, Carol  
Frere, John & Nancy  
Gerten, Timothy & Sandra  
Gonzales, Guillermo  
Gorski, Catherine  
Greco, Felix  
Harbauer, Kenneth & Melissa  
Hennessy, Michael  
Hobel, Ann  
Hollowed, Barbara  
Houda, David  
Jaegle, Charles & Brenda  
Jagielski, Anne  
James, Imelda  
Jecmen, Shirlee  
Kawka, Michael & Maureen  
Kmieciak, Thomas & Lora  
Knigge, Gail  
Krol, Irene  
  
Lauten, Judy  
Lemrise, Nancy & Ernie  
Malina, Norman  
McKechnie, Pam  
Mical, Sally  
Miller, Robert & Mary Beth  
Moran, Joseph & Patricia  
Moskal, Richard & Carol  
Munch, William  
Murray, William & Susanne  
Nelson, Robert & Sharon

**In Memory Of:**

Brendan Ansier  
The Bies & Seneca Families  
Shirley & Joseph Massa, Mary & Walter Borlick  
William Bowers  
Ed Brophy, Alyce Brophy  
Anthony & Irene Bucher  
Anthony P. Cassa, Raymond & Frances Sojka, Mark Mahoney, Joanna and Rosalyn Lagedrost  
James Conklin  
Hugh & Patricia Cunningham  
The Deceased Members of the Dank, Bartkowicz, and Bochner Families & Friends  
Emily Cwiok, Cwiok Family, Mazur Family  
Cuono & Nancy Panico  
Deceased members of the Dolansky Family  
The Dougherty & Rose Families  
Catherine & Leonard Trankina  
Ramon Farolan, Fely & Ising Rallcca  
Mary C. Zanoni, Sandra Zanoni  
Bernie & Mimi Collins, John & Mary Jane Frere  
Howard & Joan Gerten, James & Betty Riedy  
James Madon, Guillermo P. Gonzales, Jr.  
Deceased members of the Gorski & Gau Families  
Felice & Rose Greco, Dominick & Mary Tufo  
Miriam Krause  
The Deceased Members of the Friel & Hennessy Families  
Estelle & Joseph Hobel, Florence & Anthony Balon  
Madeleine, Myles, Thomas and Jaxson Hollowed, Ben & Gloria DiGiacomo  
Richard Houda Sr., Joel Houda, Frank & Emily Houda  
Paul & Myrtle Jaegle, Ron & Domenica McLarty, Daniel McLarty, Randy Proffitt  
Mike Jagielski, Jim Garvey, Joe Metzger, Peg Andreon, Patrick Gassman  
Angelita deLeon, Enrique deLeon  
The Jecmen, Brennan & Zitek Families  
The Deceased Members of the Kawka & Emmons Families  
Thomas & Dorothy Kmiecik  
Willa & Joseph Walker, Paul Knigge, Sr.  
Edward J. Krol, Carol & William Rodel, Shirley & Henry Ferraro, Ruth and  
Edward Gorenz, Thomas Silingo, Casilda & Andrew Silingo  
Thomas & Rita Krebs, Brett P. Lauten  
Josie & Dan Kaminskis, Bernice & Ernie Lemrise  
Kazimiera Malina  
Adam McKechnie, Dennis McKechnie  
Chester Mical  
The Miller Family & The Willkomm Family  
All the Faithful Departed  
Edward Moskal, Stella Moskal, Frank Sokolowski, Ann Sokolowski  
Lawrence & Helen Munch, James Munch, Raymond P. Daly, William & Catherine Foreman,  
The Deceased Members of the Potvin & Murray Families  
The Sawa & Nelson Families



# *We thank all those who donated Altar Flowers to our Parish this Christmas in memory of their loved ones.*

## **Given By:**

Nepereny, Elaine  
Owens, Randy & Pamela  
Pecak, Chris & Robin  
Plackett, John & Casey  
Pommier, Joseph and Yvette  
Pressley, Kenneth & Jacqueline  
Ruttendjie, Rita  
Schaefer, Gary & Karen  
Scott, Sharon  
Siefert, Michael & Margie  
Sinkovits, Joe & Theresia  
Soukup, John & Cynthia  
Spangler, Sharon  
Srail, Laddie & Janet  
Stephan, Gregory  
Stevenson, Debbie

Stutte, John & Diane  
Susic, Jim  
Szachnit, Shirley  
Urban, Anthony & Anne  
Vesely, Garry & Julie  
Waldron, Kristina  
Walker, Chris & Dorothy  
Weber, John & Kathleen  
Yankielun, Dolores  
Zellner, Frank & Marie  
Zurek, Matt & Patricia

## **In Memory Of:**

Robert Nepereny, Diane Gaffney  
Marshall Serbick, Paul Serbick, Frances Serbick  
Roman Pecak, Joseph & Frances VandenHouten  
John & Eileen Condran  
The Pommier & Luptake Families  
Johlene Peters, Charles Pressley  
Gerard Ruttendjie, The Parents & Deceased Members of the Ruttendjie Family  
Rita & Jack Vargo, Eileen & Ray Schafer, Mary Dorn, Gail Hallman, Tom & JoAnn Bender  
Gerald A. Scott, Martin & Blanche Batch, Joseph & Alice Scott  
Deceased members of the Siefert & Quinn Families, Tony Olejnik, Rudy Sanchez, Jeff Jobgen  
Deceased members of the Sinkovits and Philipp Families  
Robert & Mary Gibson, Fred Soukup  
Earl and Jean Spangler, Michael and Helen Tomaselli, Michael Tomaselli, Jr., Tom Rogan  
Laddie & Josephine Srail  
The Stephan Family  
Richard Stevenson, Josephine Santo, Dora Boccio, Babe DePhillips, Paula Sedlacek, Alma Dominques  
The Stutte & Dvorak Families  
James & Adrienne Susic  
Edward & Julia Szachnit  
Mr. & Mrs. Brennan, Mr. & Mrs. Urban  
Marie Chmelik  
John J. Waldron, Jr.  
Deceased Priests of St. Procopius Abbey  
Don & Louise Collins, Patrick Collins, Elizabeth Ann Weber, Bernard & Dorothy Weber  
Frances Bancak, Joseph Bancak, Frances Janda, Edward Yankielun, Stevie Janda  
Joseph, Marie & Emil Kricka, Frank Sr., Violet & Ronald Zellner  
James & Ruth Murphy, Thomas & Patrick Zurek

## **Given by:**

Corbine, Elaine  
Soukup, John & Cynthia  
Moran, Joseph & Patricia  
Bowers, Marianne  
Kmet, Thomas & Lori  
Madon, Joann  
Milczarek, RJ & RS  
Zellner, Frank & Marie

## **In Honor of:**

Barbara A. Corbine  
Marcy Soukup  
The Armed Forces  
The Bowers Family  
The Kmet & Vorreyer Families  
The Madon Family  
The Razka & Milczarek Families  
The Zellner Family



## **Additional Donors:**

Augustus, Steven  
Beaumont, Rita  
Becker, Douglas  
Blasier, David & Barbara  
DeLara, Raulando & Erlinda  
Demski, Ronald & Susan  
Dubinski, Wanda  
Duray, Eric & Deanna  
Edwards, James & Loretta  
Flannery, Carol

Forassiepi, Lido & Rosalie  
Gastolek, Adam & Aneta  
Gonzales, Ofelia  
Hayes, Thomas & Lynn  
Herter, Margaret  
Hlavac, Carol  
Jankoski, Geralynn  
Krzycka, Beata  
Krzysztopek, Jan  
Matheu, Jim & Ann  
McGuffey, Robert & Jane

McShea, William M.  
Meade, Mary Anne  
Meehan, Thomas & Kathy  
Napora, Kelly  
Nappi, Paul & Madhu  
Ossler, William & Annemarie  
Piazza, Phyllis  
Rivera, Rudy & Cindy  
Shuman, Jeffrey & Tianna  
Simon, Judith  
Waterstraat, Virginia

## ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



BLESSED IS THE SEASON OF

*Hope and Love*

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM ALL OF US AT  
ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL



## Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Next Weekend

	Lector	Communion Minister	Altar Server	Usher	Greeter
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Lisa Koon (1) Felix Greco (2)	Jeff Koon - Plate Judy Lauten - Plate Gerry Maguire - Plate Bill Munch - Plate Dan Rubel - Plate Shirley Glaser - Cup Heather Madsen - Cup Dan Noonan - Cup Kathryn Soto - Cup	<b>NOT FILLED</b> Jude Duggal Carter Madsen	Lee Catalano JJ Hantsch Michael Klecka Thomas Kmet	Bev Calvert Theresa Taylor <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 7:30 AM</b>	Debbie McFarlin (1) Cindy Rivera (2)	Jane McGuffey - Plate Barb Neu - Plate Lynne Passarella - Plate Mary Sauriol - Plate Doug Becker - Cup Paul Nappi - Cup	<b>NOT FILLED</b> Gigi Roake <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Paul Schriener John Wagner <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Pat Dobkowski Colleen Hackley Andrew Hackley Gerry McNellis
<b>Sunday, 9:30 AM</b>	Jayne Tabata (1) Brad Simek (2)	Amy DiSanto - Plate Ken Ekins - Plate Joe Sinkovits - Plate Kristina Waldron - Plate Mike Walsh - Plate Phil Gorski - Cup (sub req.) Brian Kelly - Cup Eileen Knockemus - Cup Joanne Kuttner - Cup	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> Lucy Yenter Charlie Yenter	Steve Christ Luke Johnson Mark Johnson Maddy Johnson	Heather Kroupa Adam Kroupa Ruth Mack Elizabeth Simek
<b>Sunday, 11:30 AM</b>	Irene Bucher (1) Alex Gervacio (2)	Peggy Esposito - Plate Pam McKechnie - Plate Julie Vesely - Plate Jack Hayes - Cup Kathy Meehan - Cup	<b>NOT FILLED</b> Brianna Konopacz Angela Villegas	Leo Gustas Jeremy Jackson Loukis Loucaides Deb O'Connor	John-Marc Berthoud Larry Hepler Sarah Jackson <b>NOT FILLED</b>



## Prayer, Worship & We Share our Gifts

### Celebrant Schedule for Next Weekend Mass Celebrants for Saturday, December 30

#### Mass

8:15 am Fr. Radek

#### Reconciliation

9:00 am Fr. Radek

#### Mass

4:00 pm Fr. Radek

### Mass Celebrants for Sunday, December 31

7:30 am Fr. Radek & Deacon Paul

9:30 am Fr. Gabriel

11:30am Fr. Gabriel & Deacon Jack

On behalf of Fr. Gabriel Baltes, Fr. Radek,  
Deacon Paul Nappi Deacon Jack Hayes  
& all SJA Staff Members



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. *We wish to offer our sympathy and a promise of prayers to the family and friends of:*

**James Kim Frericks**

**Terri Ann Abruzzo**

**Ann Hines**



### Offertory Report

All Masses 12/09—12/10	\$6,501.00
Checks in the Mail	\$5850.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,351.00</b>
Religious Retirement	\$3519.83
Immaculate Conception	\$2720.00

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*Thank You!*

### The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.



The St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus on New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31 will volunteer as bingo callers, raffle tab and bingo card sellers at Elmhurst Elks Hall, 711 Saint Charles Road, Elmhurst.

We would be happy to see some of our parishioners playing bingo at this fun event. The bingo runs from 11 AM - 3 PM but it is a good idea to arrive a little earlier to set up. The profit generated will help support our Parish and our Lisle Community.





## Prayer & Worship

*We pray for our sick and shut-ins and their courageous families who care for them.*

Jose Almaguer	Allison Maxwell
Harry Berryman	James Pelletiere
Patti Brooks	Rejane Proence
Maria Cervantes	Donald J. Provenzale, Sr.
Robert Fleischer	George Reiber
Craig Davies	Dolores Reiber
Bob Dore	Virginia Russo
Barbara Green	Larry Ryan
Esmeralda Guerrero	Martin Sickinger
James C. Hagearty II	Marty Szczech
Margaret Hagearty	Nora Spencer
Carly Jacobs	Fr. Gerald Tivy
Becky Jirka	Maureen Tumidalsky
Christine Jimenez	Pat Tumidalsky
Fr. Donald Kocher	Helen Velichko
Maria Lopez	Marie Zellner

Please call the Parish Nurse at (630) 353-4526 to place yourself or a loved one on our prayer list. **PLEASE NOTE:** [New] names of the sick that are to be announced at weekend Masses *must be received by the Parish Nurse on or before Wednesday of that week.* Names received after Wednesday will be announced at the following weekend Masses.

**Please remember in Prayer our Men and Women serving in the Military**

**U.S. Air Force**  
Staff Sergeant Truitt LoDolce  
Major Mark Schriner  
A 1 C Reilly Mulligan

James Feehery  
Anthony Giglio  
E-5 Seaman Daniel Jaimes  
Ens. Jason P. Meyers  
Kevin Pero, (MA3)  
Joshua Quilici  
E-3 Seaman Mason Schindler

**U.S. Army**  
1st Lt. David Angelus  
Sgt. Brian Bardsley, Jr.  
WO Nicholas Boehm  
Capt. Eric Boenitz  
Sgt. Andres Bravo  
Jacob Gallo  
Robert Gates  
Col Monica Gorzelnik  
Ryan M. Hickey, SPC  
Matthew Hnatiuk  
Pvt. Kyle Hoozko  
Capt. George Hughbanks  
Capt. John Hupp  
Ken Jacobs  
Michael Miceli  
Pvt. Aaron E. Miera  
1st Lt. Sean Morrow  
S. SG Erika Olson  
Lt. Col. Tim Plackett  
Sgt. Bart Ross  
John Stankowiak  
Sgt. Kenneth Van Houten  
Capt. Scott Van Zee -300thQM  
1st Lt. Allen Von Plinsky  
1st Lt. Anthony Von Plinsky  
Sgt. Craig M. Watkins

**U.S. Marine Corps**  
Capt. David Adamiec  
Sgt. Robert M. Brown  
Anthony Donahoe  
Corporal Jon Forsner  
Capt. Daniel Hajek  
Cpl. Mark Hartman  
Ethan Kloppman  
Col. Berne Krueger  
2nd Lt. Andrew Lewaniak  
Adam Luecke  
Lance Cpl. Jacob McDonald  
1st Lt. Aidan J. O'Dea  
LCPL David Rodriguez  
Col. Tim Shindelar  
Cpl. Bruce Wachowski  
Cpl. Daniel Wiczorek  
**National Guard**  
Lt. Col. Michael Bracki  
Air Nat'l. Guard  
Cmd. Sgt. Major  
Steven Krause,  
Army Nat'l. Guard  
LCPL Kevin Lewis,  
Army Nat'l. Guard  
Major Patrick Meek,  
Army Nat'l. Guard  
**Also Serving**  
Anthony PignatoRaki Taylor

**U.S. Navy**  
Lt. Brian Callan  
Ens. Jason Czarnik  
Lt. JG Christopher

We invite parishioners who have family members currently serving in the military to add their names to our prayer list. Please call the Parish Office at 630-963-4500 with the following information: Name, Rank, and Branch of Service. (If your serviceman or woman has completed his/her tour of duty, please contact the Parish Office.)

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 24 — Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30 a.m. + Deacon Tom Richardt Req. by the Richardt Family  
9:30 a.m. + Janina & Stanislaw Bryja Req. by Barb & Chris Banach

**Sunday, December 24 — The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Eve**

3:00 p.m. + Intentions of the Celebrant  
3:15 p.m. + Intentions of the Celebrant (Gym)  
10:00 p.m. + Intentions of the Celebrant

**Monday, December 25 — The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas**

7:30 a.m. + For the Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. + Intentions of the Celebrant  
11:30 a.m. + Intentions of the Celebrant

**Tuesday, December 26 — St. Stephen**

8:15 a.m. + Miriam Krause Req. by Kathleen Holliday

**Wednesday, December 27 — St. John**

8:15 a.m. + John Collins Req. by the Suchy Family

**Thursday, December 28 — The Holy Innocents**

8:15 a.m. + For the Protection of the Unborn  
Req. by the SJA Pro-Life Ministry

**Friday, December 29 — St. Thomas Becket**

8:15 a.m. + Dale Turek Req. by Diane Stolte

**Saturday, December 30**

8:15 a.m. + David Kodosky Req. by Thomas Kodosky

**Saturday, December 23 — Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:00 p.m. + For the Parishioners

**Sunday, December 31 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

7:30 a.m. + Rita Pripusich-Carlson Req. by the Pripusich Family  
9:30 a.m. + Margaret Scheckel Req. by Bill & Colleen Munch  
11:30 a.m. + James Madon Req. by the Madon Family

**Monday, January 1 — The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

9:30 a.m. + James Testin Req. by the Anderson Family

## This Week at SJA

**Sunday, December 24 — Christmas Eve**

Christmas Light Recycle Program — Link

7:30 a.m. Mass — Church

9:30 a.m. Mass — Church

**No 11:30 a.m. Mass**

3:00 p.m. Mass — Church

3:15 p.m. Mass — Gym

10:00 p.m. Mass — Church

**Monday, December 25 — Christmas Day**

7:30 a.m. Mass — Church

9:30 a.m. Mass — Church

11:30 a.m. Mass — Church

**Tuesday, December 26 — Offices are closed**

8:15 a.m. Mass — Church

**Wednesday, December 27 — Offices are closed**

8:15 a.m. Mass — Church

10:00 a.m. Memorial Ann Hines — Church

11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass — Church

**Thursday, December 28 — Offices are closed**

8:15 a.m. Mass — Church

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Barnett/Shannon

**Friday, December 29 — Offices are closed**

8:15 a.m. Mass — Church

4:00 p.m. Wedding Barnett/Shannon — Church

**Saturday, December 30**

Christmas Light Recycle Program — Link

7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ — Room #22

8:15 a.m. Mass — Church

9:00 a.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass — Church

**Sunday, December 31**

Christmas Light Recycle Program — Link

7:30 a.m. Mass — Church

9:30 a.m. Mass — Church

11:30 a.m. Mass — Church

**Monday, January 1 — Happy New Year — not a Holy Day of obligation**

9:30 a.m. Mass — Church

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
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Those who reside within our parish boundaries and are in need of financial/material assistance may call the St. Vincent de Paul Society voicemail line at 630-353-4522. A member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will return your call within 24 hours. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers service to those in need by providing financial support and additional resources. They meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 9am in the Parish Center. For more information on this organization, contact Matt Zurek at 630-353-4533 or mzurek@sjalisle.org.

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**Prayer Network:** This is a ministry of volunteers, who, through a phone tree, pray for the parish community and anyone in need of prayer, especially those who are sick or have passed on. Contact: Dorothy Walker at 630-290-6833.

**Brothers in Christ:** This ministry for men 21 and up meets Saturdays at 7am for morning prayer, small group discussion, and reflection on the Sunday readings. Leader: Deacon Jack Hayes, jhayes@sjalisle.org.

**Knights of Columbus:** This Catholic fraternal organization is dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works, rendering mutual aid and assistance to the sick and needy, members and their families, and providing insurance products and annuities to benefit members, wives and children. Practicing Catholic men, at least 18 years of age, are invited to join as members. Contact: Mike Czech at 630-638-1805

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is observed in the Parish Center Adoration Chapel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am-9pm.

On Mondays and Fridays from 8am-5pm, the monstrance door will remain closed, but all are welcome to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament enclosed in the tabernacle. Contact: Alex Gervacio agervacio@sjalisle.org or 630-353-4569.

**Mass Schedule**

**Monday-Friday:** 8:15 AM

**Saturday:** 8:15 AM and 4:00 PM

**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

**Holy Day:** Please consult the bulletin or website.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 9:00 - 10:00 AM or by appt.

**Baptisms:** Parents are asked to call the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptism. Please be advised that each godparent is required to submit a sponsor eligibility form prior to the parents receiving a date for their child's baptism. Parents of children to be baptized are required to attend a Baptism Prep class.

**Marriages:** Contact the Parish Office **before making any other commitments.** The diocese requires a minimum preparation time of six months between the first conference with the Pastor and the wedding.

**Parish Membership:** Registration forms can be obtained on the parish website, at the Resource Center desk in the Narthex, or by contacting the Parish Office.

**Becoming Catholic/Adult Confirmation:** We welcome any adult interested in becoming a Catholic and/or have not yet been Confirmed to contact Konnor Damery at 630-353-4531 or kdamery@sjalisle.org regarding sacramental preparation.

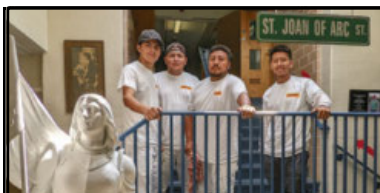
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**Sick Calls:** Call the Parish Office anytime. Please let us know if anyone in your family is ill so that a priest may visit them.

**Funerals:** Please make arrangements with the church before any publication in the newspaper. Please be aware that we do not permit Eulogies to be given at the Funeral liturgy but we do recommend they be offered at the wake service.

**Bereavement Support:** An adult grief support group is available for those who have lost a spouse, family member or close friend through death. For more information, contact Pat Pusateri, at 630-353-4526 or ppusateri@sjalisle.org.





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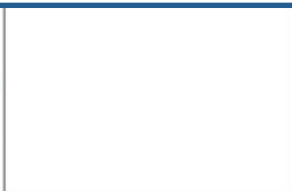
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