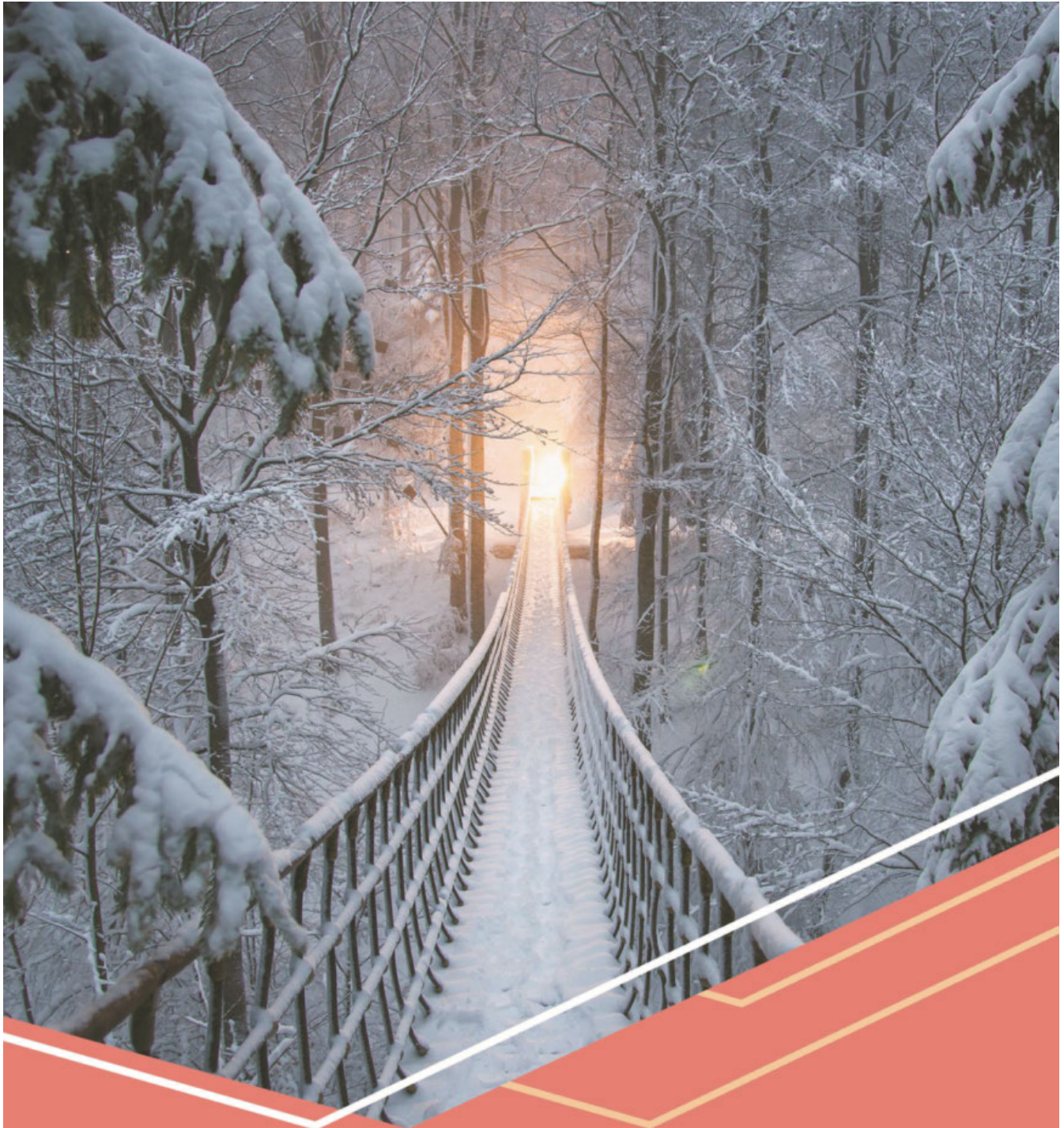


Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish

Sunday, December 10, 2023 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF SAINTS THOMAS BECKET & ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

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MASS TIMES

ST. THOMAS BECKET CHURCH

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Tuesday

Thursday—Friday: 9am

Wednesday & Friday: 7pm—Polish

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm

Sunday: 9am & 12:30pm

7:30am & 10:45am—Polish

CONFESSION

Friday: 5:30pm—6:45pm

ADORATION

Friday: 5:30pm—7pm

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI CHURCH

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Thursday: 8:15am

Friday & Saturday: 8:30am

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

1st Saturday Healing Mass: 8:30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4pm-4:45pm

ADORATION

Tuesdays: 6pm-7pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday:

9am—4pm

Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday:

9am—4pm

Grudniowa Konferencja dla Polonii – Spotkanie z Dobromirem Makowskim

W pierwszych dniach grudnia w naszej parafii na kampusie kościoła Św. Tomasza Becketa odbyła się trzydniowa konferencja dla rodziców, nauczycieli, katechetów, młodzieży i wszystkich zainteresowanych tematem, którą poprowadził nasz gość z Polski, pedagog i ojciec piątki dzieci - Dobromir Makowski.

Tematem pierwszego dnia konferencji było: „**PODWÓJNE ŻYCIE NASTOLATKÓW**” i „**PEDAGOG W SIECI**” – Spotkanie przeznaczone tylko dla osób dorosłych, miało bardzo mocny wydźwięk, podczas którego wszyscy obecni jednogłośnie stwierdzili, iż jest wielka potrzeba informowania rodziców i mówienia głośno o zagrożeniach jakie czyhają w sieci na młodego człowieka.

Drugi dzień konferencji, której hasłem było: „**MASZ JEDNO ŻYCIE**”, przeznaczony był dla młodzieży i ich rodziców.



Młodzież usłyszała, że ręce służą do pomagania innym, a czytanie książek rozwija intelekt; że należy być wdzięcznym swoim rodzicom za to, że mieli odwagę dać im życie, że dbają o ich potrzeby - za telefon w ręce i buty na nogach, za ciepły dom i posiłek na stole. Młodzi zrozumieli, że okazywanie miłości swoim rodzicom i mówienie „Mamo - Tato kocham Cię” to nie wstyd, ale odwaga w dzisiejszym świecie, do której zachęcał Dobromir.

Podczas tego spotkania młodzież również usłyszała, że Bóg kocha ich ponad wszystko takimi jakimi są i dla każdego z nich ma plan. Wystarczy tylko uwierzyć i zbliżyć się do Niego.

„**ŻYCIE PEŁNE NADZIEI**” - to ostatni temat, którym zakończyła się trzydniowa konferencja i spotkanie z Dobromirem Makowskim w naszej parafii. Dziękujemy wszystkim za liczny udział w tych spotkaniach i wsparcie finansowe **fundacji "RapPedagog"**, którą prowadzi Dobromir z wolontariuszami, a która ratuje życie wielu młodych ludzi w Polsce.

Życzymy wszystkim błogosławionego czasu Adwentu.

Szczęść Boże!

Beata Bosak
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

December Conference for Polonia - Meeting with Dobromir Makowski

In the first days of December, a three-day conference for parents, teachers, catechists, youth and all those interested in the topic was held in our parish on the campus of St. Thomas Becket Church, led by our guest from Poland, an educator and father of five children - Dobromir Makowski.

The theme of the first day of the conference was: "**THE SECOND LIFE OF TEENAGERS**" and "**THE TEACHER IN THE NETWORK**". - The meeting, intended only for adults, had a very strong tone, during which all present stated with one voice that there is a great need to inform parents and speak about the dangers that exist on social media for young people.

The second day of the conference, whose theme was: "**YOU HAVE ONE LIFE**" was intended for youth and their parents.

The youth heard that hands are used to help others, that reading books develops the intellect, that they should be grateful to their parents for having the courage to give them life, for taking care of their needs - for a phone in their hand and shoes on their feet, for a warm house and a meal on the table. The youth understood that it is not a shame to show love to their parents and to say "Mom - Dad I love you", but it is courage in today's world, which Dobromir encouraged.

During the meeting, the youth also heard that God loves them for who they are and has a plan for each one of them.

All they have to do is believe and draw closer to Him.

"**LIFE FULL OF HOPE**" - was the final theme of the three-day conference and meeting with Dobromir Makowski in our parish. We would like to thank everyone for their great participation in these meetings and for their financial support of the "RapPedagog" Foundation, which Dobromir runs with his volunteers and which saves the lives of many young people in Poland.

We wish everyone a blessed Advent season. God bless You All!

Beata Bosak
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

Liturgy at St. Thomas Becket Church

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS BECKET

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023
 9AM—FR. SD SPECIAL: FOR PARISHIONERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
 9AM—FR. SK †GRACE KELLERHALS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023
 7PM—FR. SK
 SPECIAL: STANISŁAW—O ZDROWIE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023
 9AM—FR. GW †DECEASED PARISHIONERS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023
 9AM—FR. GW †ED RECHNER
 7PM—FR. SK †ADAM KULIG
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023
 4PM—FR. SD
 †MARZENA STOLARZ
 †GREG & RICHARD KLECZYNSKI
 †BERNICE & MERLE HELMING
 †NANCY GULLIKSON
 †GREG LANGE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
 7:30AM—FR. SK
 †MARIA I ANTONI ZAUCHA
 †ADELA I WACŁAW POPIELUSZKO
 †MIECZYŚLAW PASIEWICZ
 †STEFANIA NAGÓRNA
 †EUGENIUSZ FILIP
 †DANIEL GIBAŁA
 9AM—FR. SD †DON & CHARLENE ROSE
 10:45AM—FR. SK
 †ROBERT MOZDZYNSKI
 †ARTHUR KOSIBA
 †EMILIA GOLEC
 †JAN NOWAK
 †KAZIMIERZ KUCZEK
 12:30PM—FR. SD †RORY FIELDER
 †WILLIAM ARCHIBALD

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 rodzinne okazje tak jak, rocznicę ślubu, urodziny, chrzest, itp...
 Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym w celu wybrania daty:
 Elżbieta: e.mika@stbal.org lub 847-827-9220.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC 16/17 AT ST. THOMAS BECKET

MASS TIME	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4:00pm ENG	Fr. Steve Dombrowski Dcn Dan M	Don S	Don S Noelle M Dcn Dan M
7:30am POL	Fr. Sławomir Kurc	Halina S	Halina S Dorota P
9:00am ENG	Fr. Steve Dombrowski	Brian W	Gail M Jeff P
10:45am POL	Fr. Sławomir Kurc Dcn Jacek S	Wojciech G	Wojciech G Małgorzata P Dcn Jacek S
12:30pm ENG	Fr. Steve Dombrowski	Kamila K	Kamila K Bogdan Z Marlena K

W tą niedzielę, 10 grudzień, będą dostępne u Św. Tomasza Becketa
ŚWIECZKI NA STÓŁ WIGILIJNY w cenie \$5. Siostra Magdalena ze
 zgromadzenia Sióstr Misjonarek Chrystusa Króla jest naszym gościem
 w imieniu DOMU SAMOTNEJ MATKI im. Św. RODZINY. Dom Samotnej
 Matki, przez ostatnie 15 lat, służył pomocą prawie 150 mamom i 190
 dzieciom. Dom utrzymuje się tylko i wyłącznie z donacji ludzi dobrej
 woli. Bóg Zapłać za wsparcie ich pracy.

Liturgy at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church

Masses / Observances	Mass Intentions	Presider	Readings
Saturday, 12/9, 8:30am St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	Parishioners of Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Saturday, 12/9, 5:00pm	†Kenneth R. Marcotte, †George Fine, †Joseph Boffa, †Donald Deuling	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	<i>See Sunday's Readings Below</i>
Sunday, 12/10, 8:30am 2 nd Sunday of Advent	†Kay & Irene Hackett	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Sunday, 12/10, 11:00am Youth Mass	†Michael Whelan, †Irene Hendricks, †Thomas Naples, †Carlo & Paulina DiPalermo, †Salvatrice DiPalermo	Fr. Greg Wojcik	
Monday, 12/11, 8:15am St. Damasus I, Pope	Parishioners of Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday, 12/12, 8:15am Our Lady of Guadalupe	†Peter Wisniewski	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday, 12/13, 8:15am St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	†Jean Perkowitz, †George Hawel, †Albert Hawel	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday, 12/14, 8:15am St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	†Deceased Members of the Kelly Family	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday, 12/15, 8:30am	†Peter Wisniewski	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday, 12/16, 8:30am	Parishioners of Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Saturday, 12/16, 5:00pm	†Kenneth R. Marcotte, †George Fine, †Joseph Boffa, †Amico & Petro Families	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	<i>See Sunday's Readings Below</i>
Sunday, 12/17, 8:30am 3 rd Sunday of Advent	†Ann Polchlopek, †Wally Gengler	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Sunday, 12/17, 11:00am	†Michael Whelan, †Irene Hendricks, †Edward Kocal, †Julie & Jack Harrington, †Sam & Maria Raineri, †Frances Pirrone, †Michelle & Jim Flaherty, †Tom Conway, †Deceased Members of the Connor Family, †Jack Van Dermeir	Fr. Greg Wojcik	

This Weekend's Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I am coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Altar Bread and Wine

**This Week's
Altar Bread and Wine is
in Loving Memory of:
Gary Levar
Offered by:
Franz &
Levar Families**



Stewardship: Giving our Time, Talent & Treasure



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**WANT TO VOLUNTEER?
NEED SERVICE HOURS?**
Make lunches or kindness
cards for the homeless

The Loving Lunches initiative was founded by Ann Marie Frank, Owner of AMA Academy of Performing Arts in Des Plaines, as a way to fill a growing need in our community.



320 Lunches are made each week and delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays directly to Chicagoland's homeless community!

We are back assembling lunches October - May on the first Sunday of the month after the 11 o'clock Mass. January 7th will be the next one. There are 25 slots available for assembling lunches and making kindness cards. **Please consider donating.** We are in need of food and/or monetary donations. Information along with a list of food items are listed and can be selected on the sign up genius page.

Please bring donated items to the kitchen on the day of assembling. If you cannot attend for any reason please notify us immediately as need to know if we still need to purchase items. If you need to drop off items before that day, would like to add a person to your group (if slots are filled) or have any questions about volunteering at Saint Alphonsus please contact Lori Loquercio at lloquercio@saintalphonsus.com

Below is the link to the sign up genius page. There is also a link on the parish website. There are available dates to assemble lunches at AMA's Studio. Please contact Ann Marie Frank at LovingLunches2020@gmail.com regarding dates or if you would like more information about Loving Lunches donations.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4EA4A628A5F49-46568396-volunteer>

Loving Lunches is a 501(c)3 Organization.
Your donation is tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Sunday Donations

St. Thomas Becket

Y-T-D Sunday Collection: \$ 185,110.00
(For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023)

Weekly Collections: \$ 18,729.00

Building/Maintenance: \$ 2,165.00

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Y-T-D Sunday Collection: \$ 230,119.00
(For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023)

Weekly Collections: \$ 15,302.00

Building/Maintenance: \$ 1,010.00

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional ushers for the
St. Alphonsus Liguori Weekend Masses.

5:00pm Saturday

8:30am Sunday

11:00am Sunday

If interested, please speak with an usher at your Mass,
or contact Hernan Fonseca at 847-764-2612.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DEC 19 - “Blue Christmas Service” - 7pm (St. Thomas Becket)

**THURSDAY, DEC 21 - Advent Reconciliation (Bilingual: Eng + Pol): 9:30am—11am
& 5:30pm—8pm (St. Thomas Becket)**

**SUNDAY, DEC 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent in the MORNING:
9am in English NO 12:30pm! 7:30am + 10:45am in Polish (St. Thomas Becket)**

SUNDAY, DEC 24 - Christmas Eve: 4pm in English, 9pm in Polish + 12am in Polish (St. Thomas Becket)

SUNDAY, DEC 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent in the MORNING: 8:30am & 11am (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

SUNDAY, DEC 24 - Christmas Eve: 3pm, 6pm & 10pm (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

**MONDAY, DEC 25 - Christmas Day:
7:30am + 10:45am in Polish, 9am + 12:30pm in English (St. Thomas Becket)**

MONDAY, DEC 25 - Christmas Day: 8:30am + 11am (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

TUESDAY, DEC 26 - St. Stephen: 7pm in Polish (St. Thomas Becket)

SUNDAY, DEC 31 - 7:30am + 10:45am in Polish, 9am + 12:30pm in English (St. Thomas Becket)

SUNDAY, DEC 31 - Anticipated Mass for Mary Mother of God: 4pm in English (St. Thomas Becket)

SUNDAY, DEC 31 - Regular Sunday Masses: 8:30am + 11am (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

MONDAY, JAN 1 - Mary, Mother of God: 9am in English, 7:30am + 10:45am in Polish (St. Thomas Becket)

MONDAY, JAN 1 - Mary, Mother of God: 8:30am + 11am (St. Alphonsus Liguori)



Saint Alphonsus Liguori School

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

12/20 | 6:30 PM

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI CHURCH



Religious Education

Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve."

(Matthew 20:28)

The Church is a community of service. All who accept full membership in the Church accept the responsibility to serve.

Last weekend in our parish on the campus of St. Alphonsus there were two events in which the families of our parish participated.

The first event - On Saturday, December 2nd, there was a great cleaning of the St. Alphonsus Liguori Church before Advent.

One of the Five Commandments of the Catholic Church is:

"To care for the needs of the community of the Church."

Such care and service for the Church was shown by our wonderful Volunteers: Parishioners and Youth from our Religious Education Program, along with their Parents, who made sure that the House of God was clean and decorated for the Season of Advent.

We are very grateful for your wonderful help!

God bless You!

The second event - the **"Wreath making Party"** - took place on Sunday, December 3rd, when we celebrated the First Sunday of Advent and the First Day of the New Liturgical Year in the Catholic Church. After the 11:00 am Mass, our Parish Families made their own Advent wreaths, which were blessed by our Associate Pastor, Father Steven Dombrowski.

We would like to thank everyone who made this event happen.

Have a blessed Second Week of Advent!

Beata Bosak

Director of Lifelong Faith Formation



Christmas Giving Tree 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We have a long tradition of being wonderfully generous in holiday giving. Our **Giving Tree** is a reminder that families are in need of something special this Holiday Season. With this in mind we ask you to be as generous as you have been in the past and donate money this Christmas so we can purchase **GIFT CERTIFICATES**. This year we are joining with St. Thomas Becket in this endeavor so we will be gifting our **FOOD PANTRY GUESTS** as well as **WINGS**.

In the Church Narthex you will find 2 different envelopes marked **GIVING TREE** for you to choose from. One will be marked **Food Pantry** and the other **WINGS**. Put your gift in the

envelope of choice, and deposit it in the **CHRISTMAS DONATION BOX**.

Make checks payable to St. Alphonsus Liguori Church
Memo: Giving Tree

ENVELOPES can also be sent to/dropped off in the Parish Office or School Office
DEADLINE – Monday, December 11th

Your generosity will provide a Merry Christmas for others!
Peace and Blessings for the Holidays!



Thank You!

Thank you to our Music Ministry for a beautiful afternoon of reflection this past Sunday during the "Season of Hope" Concert! The program set a wonderfully peaceful and healing tone for the start of Advent. Special thanks to Roslyn McQuillan, Lesley Sharkey, Jeremy Huene, Jill Moskal, Marshall Anderson, Laraine Bodnar, the instrumental ensemble, and the choir members who shared their talents in this impactful event. The "Season of Hope" Concert helped us to feel joy and anticipation in a time when daylight is very short and hope is so needed.

Thank you so much for sharing your time and talent with your faith family!



*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted."*

—Matthew 5:4

As much as happiness is a part of life, so is loss, and its burden may feel a little lighter when it is shared. If you have experienced a loss recently or even long ago, we would like to journey with you. Please consider being part of one of our Grief Gatherings.

Anyone is welcome to join us
Tuesday, December 12 from 6:30-7:45pm
in the St. Thomas Becket Fellowship Room

Purpose: to be with you, to listen to you, to learn what we can do to support you

The evening will be hosted by Joanie Fine, who is the assistant facilitator for "To Be Joyful Again" at Holy Family Parish, and Doreen Kelly, Pastoral Minister.

Questions? Contact Doreen Kelly, Pastoral Minister,
847-255-7456, x 157

JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP!

**Meetings, Mission Trips, Dances, Games,
Cinema Outings, Family Trips And More!**

Upcoming Meetings: Youth Ages 12-18

Wednesday, December 20 • 6-8pm (Rectory - Burke Hall)

Wednesday, January 10 • 6-8pm (Rectory - Burke Hall)

Upcoming Meetings: Polish Youth Group

Friday, December 15 • 6-8pm (Rectory - Burke Hall)

Friday, January 12 • 6-8pm (Rectory - Burke Hall)

Scan QR Code for more information.
Questions? Call Beata Bosak
847.255.9490 ext.116





Pregnancy Blessing

SPECIAL BLESSING FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR CHILDBIRTH

On **Sunday, December 17th during ALL Masses** we will have a special blessing for individuals or couples who are preparing for childbirth, those who want to become parents, or those who wish healing from the sadness and loss of unfulfilled pregnancies. We invite both individuals and couples in any of the above situations to come for this beautiful blessing. Please join us.

SPECJALNE BŁOGOSŁAWIENSTWO DLA OCZEKUJĄCYCH DZIECKA

W niedzielę, 17-go grudnia będziemy mieć specjalne błogosławieństwo dla oczekujących dziecka, tych którzy pragną zostać rodzicami i dla tych, którzy cierpią z powodu poronienia. Zapraszamy osoby indywidualne i pary do uczestnictwa w tym pięknym błogosławieństwie podczas wszystkich Mszy Św.



Wedding Anniversary Announcements

To honor the Sacrament of Marriage, we would like to highlight Wedding Anniversaries in the bulletin quarterly. Return this form to the Church Office, or call 847-255-7452 x 157.

Names: _____

Anniversary Date _____ Years Married _____



Christmas Flower Memorials at St. Alphonsus

We always remember our deceased loved ones during the holidays. This year, why not remember them with a Christmas Flower Memorial? Your donation will help beautify our church as well as memorialize your loved one.

Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or bring it to the St. Alphonsus Office **by Friday, December 22**. Names of those memorialized will be listed in a bulletin after the holidays.

Suggested Donation - \$25 per Flower Memorial

Donor's Name: _____

Telephone: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please provide only one individual's name or one family name per Flower Memorial.

Please join us for **A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** on **Tuesday, December 19th at 7pm at St. Thomas Becket**. This is especially for those hurting during the holidays. Some come because they are mourning the death of a loved one. Some are far from home. Some suffer from illness, addiction, or estrangement. Some are lonely, struggling financially, or in conflict with another.



Before the rush of the holidays, come and spend some healing, quiet, and reflective time with the Lord.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

OPLATKI—Blessed Christmas Wafers—at \$5 per envelope of 3 large wafers—are available at the parish offices or after Masses starting this weekend.

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These are our newest members, who became children of God during the months of September through November at St. Thomas Becket Church. May God always Bless them.

Charlotte Louise, daughter of Gregory & Caroline
 Michael Andrew, son of Boguslaw & Malgorzata
 Lukas Ludwik, son of Marek & Iwona
 Bradley Paul, son of Paul & Liliana
 Skylar, daughter of Eric & Jessica
 Elizabeth Grace, daughter of Peter & Magdalena
 Theodore, son of David & Justyna
 Tessa Maya, daughter of Wojciech & Barbara
 Dominic James, son of Tomasz & Katherine
 Marcel, son of Damian & Iwona



The following couple was joined in Holy Matrimony during the months of September through November. We wish them many years of happiness.

Danielle Karcz & David Kruszewski

These families registered at St. Thomas Becket during the months of September through November. We welcome them to our parish family.

Witkos Zbigniew & Barbara
 Prokop Tomasz & Katherine—Hanna, Dominic
 Bonczak Jakub & Gabriela—Emily, Francis
 Rapciak Pawel & Marzena—Melanie, Anthony, Henry
 Ucinski Jerzy & Magda—Savanna, Nicole, Olivia
 Sek Jadwiga



These people completed their journey here on earth and joined their loving God during the months of September through November. May they rest in peace.

Michael Tangorra - Sally Ann Brazeau—Berenice LaBarbera Janina Kielnik—Sebastian Micun
 Paul Bauer—Irena Miron—Zofia Ziomek—Greg Lange—Bogdan Kopec
 Dillivan Bailey—Carol Ann Cook—Leon Kulenda—Eugeniusz Filip—Peter Mcnamara

Christmas Flower Collection at St. Thomas Becket

Second collection on the weekend of December 10th at St. Thomas Becket will be for the Christmas flowers to beautify our worship space during the Christmas season. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the parish office or in the designated box in the lobby of the church. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one.

Names of the deceased and contributors will be published in our bulletin at a later time.

Druga kolekta w weekend 10-go grudnia w kościele Św. Tomasza Becketa przeznaczona będzie na kwiaty wnoszące świąteczny nastrój Bożonarodzeniowy w naszym kościele. Donacje można składać do poznaczonej skrzynki w przedsionku kościoła lub do biura parafialnego. Donacje można składać ku pamięci bliskich zmarłych. Nazwiska zmarłych i ofiarodawców będą wymienione w naszym biuletynie.

In Memory : _____

Ku pmięci: _____

Requested By: _____

Ofiarodawca: _____

Suggested Offering / \$20 _____ \$10 _____ Other/inna _____



FOOD PANTRY NEWS...

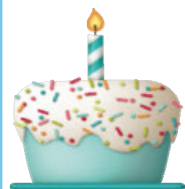


Thanks to your generous donations, 44 families were provided bags of food at the December 2nd Food Pantry Distribution.

Please help the Food Pantry by donating the following items:

Canned Soups
Cans/Jars of Fruit
Bottles of Apple/Cranberry Juice
Boxes of Cereal
Peanut Butter
Jam/Preserves
Bags/Boxes of Rice
Mac and Cheese
Bags/Boxes of Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Toilet Paper

**Thank you for your donations
and generosity!**



Monthly Birthdays

The Daily Mass community invites all parishioners to celebrate birthdays the **first Tuesday** of each month **following the 8:15 Mass** in the meeting rooms.

**JOIN US
TUESDAY,
January
2nd!**

Celebrants are invited for coffee & cake and a special blessing. Even if it's not your birthday come and enjoy the coffee and conversation!



Healing Mass

Join us for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing during Mass on **Saturday, January 6 at 8:30am.**

The Rosary will be led by the American Heritage Girls after Mass.

If you would like to receive COMMUNION with **Low Gluten Hosts** (.0002%), please contact the Parish Office at 847-255-7452.

If you have strict dietary requirements, please consult your doctor.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 10, 2023



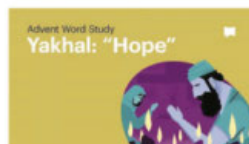
The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.



Our Lady of Guadalupe | Littlest Saints

A boy, his sneakers, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence?



Yakhal/Hope | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

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**To Sign Up Contact
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Karol: karolciu@yahoo.com**

Please Pray For:

~ Those Requesting Prayers ~

John Balzanto, Shirley Barker, Matthew Fitzgerald Batt, Jamal L. Carraway, Clayton Berrigan, Marie Berrigan, Donald Blicke, Lawrence Boesen, Thomas Boesen, Lola Bondzinski, Anna Braun, Jeanne Brown, Maria Budinger, Maria Cacucciolo, Harriett Ciesil, Jennifer Clyder, Terry Condon, Ann Cozzone, John Doherty, Jack Dugan, Mary Dugan, Joan Fine, Heather Fischer, Tim Ford, Kevin Frei, Caryn Garber, Carol Glab, Peggy Gosch, Mary Graff, Brian Halpin, Kris Hansen, Liz Hardesty, David Hartman, Judy Hartman, Dale Hay, Kathleen Heinz, Salvina Hernandez, Jackie Hipelius, John Hipelius, Jessica Hough, Tom Huene, Jr., Itzy, Tom, Heune, Sr., Pam Jackstis, RFK, Ann Kellerhals, Krzysztof, Mary Ann Kudjer, Kirk Kunzendorf, Pat Laman, Carol Lange, Lucille Lay, Megan Lawler, Patti Lawler, Mary Margaret Lazich, Jim Leonard, Carol Lewandowski, Tony Lewandowski, Bob Linhart, Pat Linhart, Rick Lizars, Harper Lynn, Josephine Mallek, Claudia Marchetti, Mareena Mattison, Wendy Mattison, Michael McDonough, Kathleen McKenna, Jim McGowan, Brian Meschick, Joann Miller, Ann Michals, Gay Miezin, Cathy Moretti, Dick Moretti, Maeve Morgan, Dolores Murbach, Norine Naselli, John Naughton, Susan Naughton, Marilyn Olson, Bernie Olson, Susan Ostrowski, Karen Ralston, Michael Ricard, Mary Roseri, Ning Santos, Mary Jo Sheehy, John Shafer, Pat Schaefer, Stan Shafer, Laura Schuerman, Robert "Bob" Smith, Stanley, Donna Tadda, Natalie Tadda, Barbara Teeple, Justin Thompson, Margaret Turansky, Steve Volkodav, Mickey Wallace, Martha Wieland

To be added to this prayer list, or have your name removed, please call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452.

~ Our Beloved Deceased ~

Frances Xavier Schorsch
Gaspare LoCascio
Adeline Pontarelli
Robert Weinert



~ Those Baptized ~

Kensington Rosemarie Weaver

Welcome!

New Members: Register by calling the Parish Office at 847-255-7452 or 847-827-9220.

Current Members: Please call to update your phone number, home or email addresses if there are changes.

Welcome to Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish

~ Those in the Military ~

We would like to keep Active Duty Military who proudly serve our country in our prayers.



Capt. Peter Straka, U.S. Army, *son of Timothy and Carol Straka*
Lt. Ryan Pattullo, USN, *grandson of Maria Wirth*
Capt. Michael K. Yoshino, U.S. Army, *son of Keith & Kristine Yoshino*

Col Michael B. Sheridan, U.S. Army, *nephew of Anita Thomas*
Lt. Col Chiara Sheridan, U.S. Army, *relative of Anita Thomas*
Maj. Christina M. Rudolph, U.S. Army Reserves, *daughter of Julianne Henington*

LCp1. Tim Haerr, USMC, *great nephew of Joyce Patton*
LCDR Patrick Mitchell, USN, *son-in-law of Jean and Tom Spiegelhalter*

CPO, Matthew Lee, USN, *nephew of Patrick Lee*
Cpl. Jason Matker, USMC, *grandson of Donald (and Carol) Matker*
FCA2 Andrew Fonseca, USN, *parishioner*
Cpl. Eric Fonseca, USMC, *parishioner*
Sgt. Robert McKavanagh, USMC, *son of Deana McKavanagh*

Add a Person / Update Rank / Remove from List

Contact Deana: 847-255-7452 x 131

d.mckavanagh@stbal.org

Prayer Circle

Ministers offer spiritual and moral support to those experiencing serious concerns in their lives. They want to pray with you for special intentions, such as a serious illness or emergency situation. When called upon, these ministers pass your prayer request to all members. Prayers are kept within the Prayer Circle and are not announced at Mass unless you wish.

If you are in need of this prayer support, please call:

Diane Kachigian
847-215-2548

Community Events and Support Groups:

Chicago Nativity Scene—

Dear Friends of the Holy Family, Chicagoans and visitors will once again have the opportunity to see our beautiful nativity display **through December 30th** in Chicago's Daley Plaza at the intersection of Dearborn and Washington Street. The Chicago Nativity Scene Committee is now a 501(c)(3) charity organization. Any donation you would care to make to help offset these expenses would be much appreciated and it is also tax deductible. Prior to 2021 we had been able to manage the costs through a small group of generous donors, however, in the last two years the rent for the nativity scene has quadrupled in cost and our insurance is up 185%. Checks may be sent to the **Chicago Nativity Scene** at the address below. Please check out our website, www.chicagonativityscene.com, which has additional information about us including our history, photos, and more. Your support of the display will help remind our fellow Chicagoland residents that the birth of Christ is the true reason for hope and joy during Christmas! **Send Checks To:** The Chicago Nativity Scene 9 South Elmhurst Rd., Box #444 Prospect Heights, IL 60070



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends—

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Pregnant? Need help?—

Call Crisis Pregnancy at 1-800-NO-ABORT (1-800-662-2678) **St. Mary's Services** Offers free confidential counseling to assist women with an unplanned pregnancy, postpartum depression, grief and loss over a miscarriage, stillbirth, post abortion, and/or adjustment to motherhood. Our baby closet is available for all receiving counseling. For information call 847-870-8181.

LOSS: Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide—

Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) is a non-denominational program that supports individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one by suicide offered by Catholic Charities. LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings, and find resources for healing. Call 312-655-7283 or visit www.catholiccharities.net/loss

Support for Loss of a Loved One—

Grief and Loss Services at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care offers one-on-one counseling, support groups and education for anyone who has lost a loved one. For more information visit www.RainbowHospice.org or call 847-653-3141

Widowed Men & Women's Monthly Support Group—

To Be Joyful Again, a non denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone who has lost a significant other, meets the **1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm** at Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness. Get the support you need in this difficult time. All are welcome. Contact Peggy Emerson at 224-595-3613 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884

Joyful Again! Support for Widowed Men & Women—

For upcoming Retreats and Workshops please check us out at www.joyfulagain.org, or call 708-354-7211

NAMI Support Group at St. Emily Parish—

Family members of individuals living with mental health conditions are invited to the National Alliance on Mental Illness Family Support Group the **second Tuesday of each month 7:00-8:30pm** 1400 E. Central Road in Mt. Prospect. Questions? Contact Mary Rose at 847-496-1415

Chicago Behavioral Hospital in Des Plaines, IL—

If you or someone you know is in a crisis and needs help, we are available 24/7 at 844-756-8600. CBH provides a supportive, compassionate and innovative environment of patient centered care for adolescents, adults and seniors. (Free Assessments) ADD/ADHD, Addiction, Anger, Anxiety, Depression, OCD, Grief & Loss, Suicidal Ideation, Anti-Social Disorder, Trauma, Self-Injury, Bi-Polar Disorder, Dual Diagnosis, School Refusal, Schizophrenia, Bullying, Teen Pregnancy.



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