

Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish

Sunday, December 31, 2023 ♦ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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—6:45pm

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

Tuesday: 6pm—7pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday:

9am—4pm

Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday:

9am—4pm



HAPPY NEW YEAR

WISHING EVERYONE
A BLESSED NEW YEAR
full of grace, peace, and health,
and, above all,
God's Guidance in every day ahead.

***SZCZĘŚLIWEGO NOWEGO ROKU
2024!***

*Błogosławionego Nowego Roku,
pełnego łaski, pokoju i zdrowia,
a przede wszystkim
Bożego Prowadzenia w każdym kolejnym dniu.
Zaufania Panu w każdej sprawie i wznoszenia oczu
ku górze skąd nadejdzie nam pomoc.*

Liturgy at St. Thomas Becket Church

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS BECKET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

4PM—FR. SK †ANN & SAM PACENTI

†KEN MOTYKA

†MARZENA STOLARZ

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

7:30AM—FR. SK

†MARIA I ANTONI ZAUCHA

†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO

†MIECZYŚLAW PASIEWICZ

†EUGENIUSZ FILIP

†DANIEL GIBAŁA

†ŁUCJA GIBAŁA

†EUGENIUSZ STAWCZYK

9AM—FR. SD †STELLA JANOWSKI

10:45AM—FR. SK †ROBERT MOZDZYNSKI

†ARTHUR KOSIBA

†EMILIA GOLEC I ZMARLI Z RODZINY

†STANISŁAWA, WŁADYSŁAW, ANDRZEJ, KAMIL
WOWCZUK I ZMARLI Z RODZINY WOWCZUK

†KAZIMIERZ KUCZEK

†LESZEK WASZKIEWICZ

†CZESŁAW KOŁĘDA

†KRZYSZTOF KOGUT I ZMARLI Z RODZINY

**SPECIAL: BARBARA I MIECZYŚLAW LIZAK—
40 ROCZ ŚLUBU**

12:30PM—FR. SD †PATRICIA JASON

4PM—FR. SD VIGIL—MARY MOTHER OF GOD

†LOUIS & GIACOMINA RANZINI

SPECIAL: FOR PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024—MARY MOTHER OF GOD

7:30AM—FR. GW

†MARIA I ANTONI ZAUCHA

†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO

†TADEUSZ DUDA

†MIECZYŚLAW, JAN, WŁADYSŁAW I RICHIE PAWLINA

†KACEK KRAKOWSKI

9AM—FR. SK †PATRICIA JASON

10:45AM—FR. GW †ARTHUR KOSIBA

NO 12:30PM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

9AM—FR. GW †MARY WATSON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

7PM—FR. SK SPECIAL: RODZINA MIKA—BOŻE BŁ

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

9AM—FR. GW †JOE LEWAND

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

9AM—FR. SK †ELAINE JOLLY

7PM—FR. GW SPECIAL: ZA PARAFIAN

†KAMIL WOWCZUK

†ARTHUR KOSIBA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

4PM—FR. SD SPECIAL: FOR PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

7:30AM—FR. GW

†MARIA I ANTONI ZAUCHA

†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO

†ROMAN SADOWSKI

†KRZYSZTOF PURCHLA

†MIECZYŚLAW PASIEWICZ

†DANIEL I ŁUCJA GIBAŁA

†EUGENIUSZ FILIP

9AM—FR. SD †KATHY & JOHN KEANE

10:45AM—FR. GW

†ARTHUR KOSIBA

†EMILIA KASZTELEWICZ

†HERMENEGILDA KARAŚ

SPECIAL: TERESA—OPERACJA

12:30PM—FR. SD

†RENATA ŁACZAK

BREAD AND WINE AT ST. THOMAS BECKET

for the week of December 31st are
offered in the intention of:



†KEN MOTYKA

15TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Offering was made by wife Mary Ellen.

Deceased loved ones are remembered in a special way
by donating in their name for the weekly
Altar Bread and Wine or the Tabernacle Candle.

Specific family occasions, such as wedding
anniversaries, birthdays, baptisms can also be
honored. Suggested donation is \$30 for each.

Please contact the parish office to select
a date or email Liz at: e.mika@stbal.org

*Ofiara na Chleb i Wino używane podczas Mszy Św. lub
na wieczną lampkę przy tabernakulum może być złożona
ku czci pamięci zmarłej bliskiej osoby. Donacje będzie
można również składać na inne rodzinne okazje tak jak,
rocznicę ślubu, urodziny, chrzest, itp...*

*Sugerowana ofiara jest \$30. Prosimy o kontakt z biurem
parafialnym w celu wybrania daty: 847-827-9220.*

Liturgy at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church

| Masses / Observances | Mass Intentions | Presider | Readings |
|--|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Saturday, 12/30, 8:30am | Parishioners of Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish | Fr. Steven Dombrowski | 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 /Lk 2:36-40 |
| Saturday, 12/30, 5:00pm | †Kenneth R. Marcotte, †George Fine, †Joseph Boffa, †Alfred Campeol | Fr. Greg Wojcik | <i>See Sunday's Readings Below</i> |
| Sunday, 12/31, 8:30am The Holy Family; New Year's Eve | †Diane D'Amour, †Gary Levar, †Thomas Hackett, Sr., †Pietro Carluccio | Fr. Greg Wojcik | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 |
| Sunday, 12/31, 11:00am | †Michael Whelan, †Irene Hendricks, †Nicholas Helmer, †Thomas Naples, †The Gleason-Deniston Families | Fr. Greg Wojcik | |
| Monday, 1/1, 8:30am Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace | †Bill Mahrenholz | Fr. Steven Dombrowski | Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 |
| 11:00am | †Peter Wisniewski | Fr. Steven Dombrowski | |
| Tuesday, 1/2, 8:15am Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church | Parishioners of Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish | Fr. Slawomir Kurc | 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 |
| Wednesday, 1/3, 8:15am The Most Holy Name of Jesus | †Jean Perkowitz, †George Hawel, †Albert Hawel, For blessings & needed graces for Wilczek, Majewski, Nowak, Helfin & Tañcula Families | Fr. Greg Wojcik | 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34 |
| Thursday, 1/4, 8:15am St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious | †Kevin Doherty, †Raymond Stoga, †Joseph Costanzo, For priests & the Church | Fr Greg Wojcik | 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42 |
| Friday, 1/5, 8:30am St. John Neumann, Bishop | †Peter Wisniewski | Fr Steven Dombrowski | 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51 |
| Saturday, 1/6, 8:30am St. André Bessette, Religious Healing Mass | †Eugenio Pacelli Pujals, *Special Intention, For the healing of Michelangelo Gondolfi | Fr. Greg, Fr. Steven, Fr. Slawomir | 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38 |
| Saturday, 1/6, 5:00pm | †Kenneth R. Marcotte, †George Fine, †Kurt Clawes, †Joseph Boffa | Fr. Bob Heinz | <i>See Sunday's Readings Below</i> |
| Sunday, 1/7, 8:30am The Epiphany of the Lord | †Kozmel & Turansky Families | Fr. Slawomir Kurc | Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 |
| Sunday, 1/7, 11:00am | †Michael Whelan, †Irene Hendricks, †Tony Perfetti, †Virginia Deniston-DiFebo | Fr. Slawomir Kurc | |

This Weekend's Gospel: Luke 2:22, 39-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Altar Bread and Wine

**This Week's Altar Bread and Wine is in
Loving Memory of:**

Jerome Sefcik

Offered by:

The Maslanka Family



Religious Education

Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph

On Sunday, December 31st, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family that is, Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

At the same time, it is a celebration of every human family, which, like the family of Nazareth, is the work of the Heavenly Father and is destined to lead to Him. Today, in a time of massive attacks on the family, a crisis of marriage and family life, the Holy Family shows us a happy model of communal life in which the Lord God comes first and the principle of love and mutual trust is applied in mutual relationships.

The Holy Family teaches us affectionate, responsible and self-sacrificing love, the ability to listen, the readiness to help and the constant search for God's will in daily life. In the Exhortation **"Familiaris Consortio,"** Pope John Paul II stated that the family is "the most precious good of humanity".



The Church teaches us that the most important task of every family, following the example of the Holy Family, should be the deepening of the bonds between the members of the family, religious formation through reading the Scriptures and praying together, the education of the children, and the wise use of free time for both rest and cultural development. What could be more beautiful for a father and a mother than to bless their children at the beginning of the day and at the end of it, to make the sign of the cross on their foreheads, as on the day of their baptism? Isn't this the simplest prayer of parents for their children? To bless them is to entrust them to God.

Thanks to the Sacrament of Marriage, thanks to the sacramental presence of Christ, thanks to the voluntary oath in which the spouses (man and woman) give themselves to one another, the family is a sacred communion. It is a communion of persons united in love, as St. Paul writes:

***"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."* (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).**

On this day, we give special thanks to the Merciful God for the gift of our families, and we ask for the necessary graces for those who are experiencing difficulties and crises, and for the families that are in conflict and broken, we ask for the grace of reconciliation, mutual forgiveness, return to the path of mutual love and imitation of the life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

God bless You All!

Beata Bosak, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

Święto Świętej Rodziny: Jezusa, Maryi i Józefa

W niedzielę, 31 grudnia, Kościół Katolicki obchodzi Święto Świętej Rodziny, czyli Jezusa, Maryi i Józefa.

Jest to jednocześnie święto każdej ludzkiej rodziny, która podobnie jak Rodzina Nazaretańska jest dziełem Ojca Niebieskiego i do Niego ma prowadzić. Dzisiaj, w czasach zmasowanego ataku na rodzinę, kryzysu małżeństwa i życia rodzinnego, Święta Rodzina ukazuje nam szczęśliwy model życia wspólnotowego, w którym na pierwszym miejscu jest Pan Bóg, a we wzajemnych relacjach stosowana jest zasada miłości i wzajemnego zaufania.

Święta Rodzina uczy nas czułej, odpowiedzialnej i ofiarnej miłości, umiejętności słuchania, gotowości do pomocy i nieustannego poszukiwania Bożej woli w codziennym życiu. W Adhortacji **"Familiaris Consortio"** Papież Jan Paweł II, stwierdził, że rodzina jest „najcenniejszym dobrem ludzkości.”

Kościół uczy nas, że najważniejszym zadaniem każdej rodziny na wzór Rodziny Świętej powinno być pogłębianie więzi między członkami rodziny, formacja religijna poprzez czytanie Pisma Świętego i wspólną modlitwę, wychowanie oraz umiejętne wykorzystywanie czasu wolnego zarówno na odpoczynek, jak i rozwój kulturalny. Cóż może być dla ojca i matki piękniejszego, niż pobłogosławienie swoich dzieci na początku dnia i na jego zakończenie, nakreślenie na ich czołe znaku krzyża, jak w dzień chrztu. Czyż nie jest to najprostsza modlitwa rodziców za swoje dzieci? Pobłogosławić je, to znaczy powierzyć je Bogu.

Dzięki Sakramentowi Małżeństwa, dzięki sakramentalnej obecności Chrystusa, dzięki dobrowolnie złożonej przysiędze, w której małżonkowie oddają się sobie wzajemnie, rodzina jest wspólnotą świętą. Jest komunią osób zjednoczonych miłością, o której św. Paweł tak pisze:

***"Miłość cierpliwa jest, łaskawa jest. Miłość nie zazdrości, nie szuka poklasku, nie unosi się pychą; nie dopuszcza się bezwstydu, nie szuka swego, nie unosi się gniewem, nie pamięta złego; nie cieszy się z niesprawiedliwości, lecz współweseli się z prawdą. Wszystko znosi, wszystkiemu wierzy, we wszystkim pokłada nadzieję, wszystko przetrzyma. Miłość nigdy nie ustaje."* (1 Kor 13, 4-8).**

W tym dniu w sposób szczególnie dziękujemy Bożemu Miłosierdziu za dar naszych rodzin i prosimy o potrzebne łaski dla tych, które przeżywają trudności i kryzysy, a dla skłóconych i rozbitych rodzin prosimy o łaskę pojednania, wzajemnego przebaczenia, powrotu na drogę wzajemnej miłości i naśladowania w życiu Świętej Rodziny z Nazaretu.

Szczęście Boże !!!

Beata Bosak, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation



SCAN ME!

**REGISTER TO
COMPETE IN
THE ST.
ALPHONSUS
LIGUORI
SCHOOL**

CHILI COOK OFF

A stylized illustration of a red chili pepper with a green stem and leaves, positioned to the left of the word 'COOK' in the title.

**REGISTER BY 1/19
COMPETE ON 2/24**

Stewardship: Giving our Time, Talent & Treasure



St. Alphonsus Liguori School is in need of Substitutes.

Interested?
Please contact the school office
at 847-255-5538

A SAINT ALPHONSUS
LIGUORI SCHOOL

Sunday Donations

Due to the early holiday publication schedule, the weekly collection reports will be announced in the next available bulletin.



**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 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 Loving Lunches 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 501c3 Organization.
Your donation is tax deductible to the extent of the law.*



Altar Servers Needed Grades 4-8



Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent's Phone: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Parent Signature & Date: _____

Sign up with this form
or use the QR Code to sign up
on the Parish Website.



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Ministry News & Events

St. Alphonsus
COMEDY NIGHT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
8:00PM



Tyler Fowler **Mike Mercury**

Table of 8 - \$120
Single tickets \$20 thru Jan 26th • Single tickets \$25 at the door
Sellout expected again - Buy tickets early
Ticket sales are available starting January 8th
in the rectory or online from the parish website.
Doors open at 6:30PM
Bring food for your table • Cash Bar available
St. Alphonsus Gym
411 N. Wheeling Rd.
Prospect Heights

Senior Fun Club Membership

January 2024 – December 2024

We invite all members to renew their membership for the year. And we would like to invite all seniors 55+ to join the Fun! We meet on the **Second Wednesday** of the Month at 9:00am at St. Alphonsus Liguori, in the Meeting Rooms off the Narthex. Casino Trips... Shrine Trips... Wonderful speakers and topics... Bingo.... and much more!

All are welcome!



Please Print

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Birthdate _____

\$25/per year

Make checks payable to St. Alphonsus



Cookies???

How did “cookies” get in my computer??
AND

How and why do I get rid of them???
Come to our

Senior Fun Club Meeting
Wednesday, January 10 • 9:00am

At St. Alphonsus in the Meeting Rooms off the Narthex

Our **Tech Expert**, Kevin, will tell you all about those Nasty “Cookies,” give us tips to keep our information secure, and how we DON’T want “cookies” in our computers, laptops or tablets!!!!



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: _____

SAINTS THOMAS BECKET
&
ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

PARISH

gala

BENEFITTING SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI SCHOOL &
LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

FEB 10, 2024

6:30 PM COCKTAILS
7:30 PM DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

FORMAL ATTIRE REQUESTED
ADULT ONLY EVENT
\$115 PER PERSON



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Saints Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish 1st Annual Fundraiser Gala Sponsor/Benefactor Form



"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." – Charles Dickens

Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish relies on the partnership and generosity of individuals and businesses such as yourself to educate and invigorate the mind, spirit, heart, body and imagination of our catholic school students and students participating in our lifelong faith formation programs.

Please consider sponsoring our annual fundraising event by becoming a **sponsor** or **donating a raffle item** so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to provide an excellent, faith-based Catholic education to a diverse community of students.

Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Raffle Item: _____
Amount of Donation: \$ _____

Sponsorship Levels

Friend of the School: \$25-\$49

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Platinum Sponsor: \$1000+ Premier Event Publicity, Ad in Parish Bulletin, School Email Newsletter Recognition, Social Media Recognition & Onsite Banner (Logo)

Please return this form and your payment made out to "Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish" or by mail to either of the addresses at the bottom of this page. All donations are tax-deductible, to the extent allowed by law.

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THANK YOU to all parishioners who support our parish and volunteer tirelessly throughout the year. Thank you to our Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Care, Lectors, Sacristans, Ushers, Altar Servers, Musicians, and all who help make our Liturgies prayerful and beautiful. The Parish of Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori is blessed with good people who carry on the work of the Lord. Thank you also to ALL who continue to support our parish financially. Your faithfulness and generosity throughout the year are both greatly appreciated and critical to maintaining our mission. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

SERDECZNIE DZIĘKUJEMY wszystkim parafianom, którzy wspierają naszą parafię przez nieustrudzony wolontariat cały rok. Dziękujemy naszym Szafarzom Eucharystii, Lektorom, Zakrystianom, Marszałkom, Ministrantom, Muzykom i wszystkim, którzy przyczyniają się aby nasze Liturgie były modlitewne i piękne. Parafia Świętych Tomasza Becketa i Alfonsa Liguori jest błogosławiona dobrymi ludźmi, którzy kontynuują dzieło Pana. Składamy również serdeczne podziękowanie wszystkim za finansowe wsparcie. Wasza hojność jest niezwykle ważnym czynnikiem utrzymania naszej parafii, za co raz jeszcze składamy wyrazy głębokiej wdzięczności. Bóg zapłać!

MEN'S CLUB SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER

This year, the Men's Club is sponsoring a virtual Superbowl!

You watch the game in the comfort of your home, and are still able to support the Men's Club fundraiser, and perhaps be a winner!

Raffle tickets for the February 11th Super Bowl are on sale now. Numbered squares from 1 to 100 are sold for \$30 each. There will be 3 winning squares at \$200 for each quarter and a \$1000 winner for the final score. Winners will be notified by email or phone call and checks will be mailed the next day.

A master Super Bowl board with all the numbered squares will be emailed to ticket holders at the start of the game. Supporting this raffle enables us to continue our financial support of local charities.

For tickets please contact Al Kulikowski at: dadchgo@comcast.net or (847)298-8643.

2023 DONATION STATEMENTS FOR REGISTERED FAMILIES

Tax letters with your contributions to the parish in 2023 will be mailed out by January 31st. These will be for households with contributions of \$250 and over. Statements for donations under \$250 will be issued by request. Please call the parish office with any questions.

God bless you for your generosity to our parish.

Listy z donacjami do podatków na rok 2023 będą rozesłane do 31-go stycznia. Rodziny z datkami \$250 i wyższym otrzymają je automatycznie, listy za donacje poniżej \$250 będą wystawiane na żądanie, prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym. Z oczywistych powodów, donacje luźnej gotówki nie mogą być uwzględnione w sprawozdaniu, tylko ofiary dokonane za pomocą kopert lub przez nasz elektroniczny program składania ofiar. Bóg zapłać za hojność do naszej parafii.



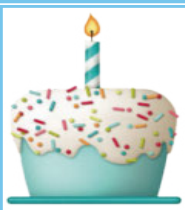
FOOD PANTRY NEWS...

"A huge thank you to all of our volunteers, who braved the cold AND rain on Saturday morning, to assure that people in our community would not be forgotten this Christmas! Not only did our friends in need receive a bag of groceries, they also received a gift card and a beautiful little package of sweets from the Swiss Colony.



None of this would be possible without your continued generosity of food or monetary donations. Another huge thank you, to the generous parishioners at St. Emily's parish, who also continue to support our mission at the food pantry by donating food, and to the Knights of Columbus of St. Emily's, for their generous cash donation!

Thank you so much for all of your support!



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

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.

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 Church Office at 847-255-7452. *If you have strict dietary requirements, please consult your doctor.*

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 31, 2023



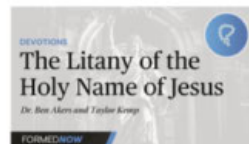
New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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If you would like the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, or have an emergency requiring a priest, please contact us at 847-255-7452 or 847-827-9220.

Please Pray For:

~ Those Requesting Prayers ~

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



~ Our Beloved Deceased ~

Ted Zaworski

Hilario Lorenzo Rodriguez

Frank Pawula

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.

~ 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*

LCpl. 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 (& 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:

Knights of Columbus Freethrow Contest:

The Mt. Prospect Council 6481 Knights of Columbus invites all girls and boys, ages 9 through 14, to participate in the Council level of competition for 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on **Monday, January 15** at St. Emily's Gym, 1400 E. Central Rd., Mount Prospect. Registration starts at 6:00pm; the competition starts at 6:30pm. Free Event. Please enter gym through southeast entrance. The Knights of Columbus sponsors the Free Throw Championship annually, with Council winners progressing through District, Region, and State competitions. Girls and boys compete in their respective age and gender divisions. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2024. Due to Illinois High School Association by-laws, any 14-year-old high school student on an IHSA Basketball team is ineligible to compete in KofC Free Throw Championship.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate) with written parental consent (Official Entry Form).

The entry form and proof of age will accompany participants through all levels of competition. *All contestants on the Council level will receive certificates for their participation in the event. First place champions also receive medals in their respective age/gender division.*

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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

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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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