



310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

#### **December 3, 2023**

Most Rev. Ronald Hicks, Bishop

Rev. Daniel E. Hoehn, Pastor Rev. Jacob Kolawole, Parochial Vicar

> Deacon Dan Aderholdt Deacon Dan Simmet

PARISH OFFICE

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Hours Monday - Thursday ............8:30 am ~ 4:30 pm Friday............8:30 am ~ 1:00 pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil for Sunday ......5:00pm Sunday......7:15am, 9:00am, 10:45am Monday-Friday.....6:30am, 8:00am Saturday......8:00am Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil for Holy Day......5:30pm Holy Day.......6:30am, 8:00am 12:15pm, 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE Please see page 6

#### ADORATION CHAPEL

#### **Perpetual Adoration**

Open 24-hours daily. Access only with a key fob. Call Parish Office at 630-665-2250 to obtain a key fob.

#### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday	4:00pm ~ 5:45pm
Saturday	8:30am ~ 9:30am
Or by appointment	

# First sunday of ADVENT

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## Fr. Dan Hoehn – from the pastor's desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we prepare for another Christmas season, I am reminded of something Pope Francis said:

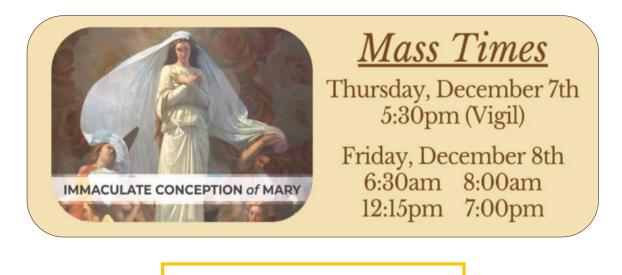
"Christmas is a resounding reminder of history and revelation of God who came to tell us that He is here, as it says so beautifully in the book of Revelation: 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock' (Rev. 3:20). Jesus is knocking at *your* heart; Jesus is telling you the same thing that the angel told the shepherds: a Redeemer has been born to *you!*"

#### He goes on:

"Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the "God-with-us"! God is not distant; he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart. God walks beside us to support us. The Lord does not abandon us; He accompanies us through the events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey; the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or suffering. In the midst of life's storms, God always extends his hand to us and frees us from threats. This is beautiful! In the book of Deuteronomy there is a very beautiful passage, in which the Prophet says to the people: "For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us?" No one! Only we have this grace of having God close to us. We await God, we hope that He manifests himself, but He too hopes that we manifest ourselves to him!"

As we begin this Advent season of preparation for the great feast of Christmas, I pray that you will be open to the graces that our Lord has already prepared ... personally... just for *you*!

On a separate note, Fr. Steve Borello, the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Joliet, will be here next weekend at all the Masses to speak about vocations to the priesthood and religious life!



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 8th

# **Prayer Ministry**

# Weekly Prayer

# Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

#### Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

#### Second Reading:

The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

#### Gospel:

"Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13:35)

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#### Observances for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent	
Monday:	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
Wednesday:	St. Nicholas, Bishop	
Thursday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Friday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Saturday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent	



## Adoration Chapel Perpetual Adoration

All parishioners are invited to visit the Adoration Chapel anytime day or night. Entrance fobs are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. If you would like to sign up for an hour of perpetual adoration, please visit <u>https://forms.gle/kLaN1KLioZYG42F1A</u> or scan the OR code.

May God continue to bless you.



### Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



### VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR December 3 — December 10

- 12/3 Sr. Geraldine Podobnik OSF Sr. Lois Prebil OSF Sr. Margaret (Peggy) Quinn OSF
- 12/4 Bishop Daniel Conlon
- 12/5 Sr. Janet Rieden OSF Sr. Marianne Saieg OSF Sr. Sandra Salois OSF



- 12/6 Michael Raiz Juan Reyes Sean Tierney Robert Visher (2025 Deacon Candidates)
- 12/7 Fr. Krzysztof Janicki S.Ch. Fr. Bogdan Molenda S.Ch.
- 12/8 Sr. Rita Schmitz OSF Sr. Clarita Schumacher OSF
- 12/9 Deacon William Thomas Deacon Arturo Tiongson Deacon Matthew Tretina Deacon Robert True
- 12/10 Fr. Steven Borello



#### PRAY THE ANGELUS AND THE ROSARY

Join your fellow parishioners each day at noon in the Marian Grotto to pray the Angelus and Rosary to honor our Blessed Mother.

Feel free to bring a chair, if needed. In inclement weather, the group meets in the Church.

All are welcome.

# **Prayer Ministry**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

John Adamek Elaine Adamek Eleanor Agan Josu Beruete Peg Birt Steve Blagaich Marianne Bluhm Yecenia Bosley Brandon "Bubba" Brewster David Brummett Kathy Brummett Althea G. Dades DePratt Family Jack Deshida Carol Ferri Frank Ferri Teresa Fillman Theresa Fogarty **Dale Foreman David Fountain** 

Connor Giles Brice Grudzien **Giancarlo Herrera** Robert Hoppenstedt Miki Kern Barbara Krzyzewski Margaret Kuhn Al Liskey Andja Lozancic George Lozancic Theresa Lozano Juan T. Lozano, Jr. Wilma Mabilangan Robert Mucerino Cathy McGuire Joanne Metoyer Nancy Mackowiak Joan Peters Victoria Holmen Peterson

Vicki Piccolo Tony Pisciotta, Sr. **Ray Reynertson Rita Richards** Margaret Riggs **Bill Riley** Sheryl Rutkowski Mike Sambo Kathryn Sengstock Steve Schultz Anne Marie Schneider **Tobias Siennetts** Ann Smith Stroner Family Dominic Thomas Andrew Valadka Carole Weber The Wulffe Family Sr. Mary Clarine Young, SND

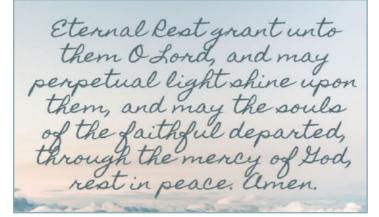
To inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member, call the Parish Office at (630) 665-2250 to add or remove a name. Due to privacy laws and family preferences, the names of the sick and the deceased can only be published in the bulletin with specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.



#### Jane Bolin

Meredith C. Thomas Daughter of Rick and Brenda Thomas

Martha Donlan Mother of Missy (Michael) Carbery



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

	Mass Offe	ered For	<b>Requested By</b>
	SUNDAY,	December 3	
		+ Rudy Pezzette	Krynicki Family
		+ David VandenBrook	Patricia Hussey
	10:45AM	St. Michael Parishioners	
	MONDAY	, December 4	
	6:30AM	+ James & Richard Kern	Kern Family
	8:00AM	Julie Aria	Anita Elbe
	TUESDAY	, December 5	
	6:30AM	+ Salvatore, Angelina &	Family
		Bernie Tacito	
	8:00AM	+ Pedro Bautista	Miranda & Bautista
			Families
	WEDNES	DAY, December 6	
	6:30AM	-	Judy Augustine
	8:00AM	+ Jeff Holmen	Dey Family
		+ David Kohley	Kohley Family
	THURSDA	Y, December 7	
	6:30AM	Lindsey Pinkerton	Anne Leslie
	8:00AM	+ Regina Kania	Kania Family
		Vigil Mass	,
	5:30PM	+ Gloria Fortman	Her Children
	FRIDAY, D	December 8	
	The Im	maculate Conception of the	e Blessed Virgin Mary
		Holy Day of Oblig	
	6:30AM	Special Intention	Jacob Chettiath
	8:00AM	+ Gloria Fortman	Family
	12:15PM	+ Sophie Zurawski	Zurawski Family
	7:00PM	+ John Fitzgerald	Cindy Matre, Eric Krull
			& Family
		Y, December 9	
	8:00AM	+ Joyce Pope	Mark & Kathy Montana
	5:00PM	St. Michael Parishioners	
	SUNDAY,	December 10	
	7:15AM	+ Carol O'Neill	Peggy & Jack Gleason
	9:00AM	+ Bob Kemph	Branches Friends
	10:45AM	+ Paul Miller, DDS	Wisner Family
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obituary-listings

www.hultgrenfh.com

# **Around the Parish**



Sunday, December 3rd, after 9:00 & 10:45AM Masses, Parish Center <u>DONUT SUNDAY</u> — <u>TODAY</u>! Please join us downstairs in the Parish Center after the 9:00 and 10:45AM Masses for FREE donuts, coffee, juice, milk and fellowship.

#### Tuesday, December 5th, 6:30-8:00PM, Faith Center <u>ST. MICHAEL'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP</u>

Compassionate support for those experiencing a loss. Join us as we pray, journey through scripture, reflect and share. Contacts: Deacon Dan Aderholdt, <u>dladerholdt@gmail.com</u> or Hope Keber, <u>HopeK19@comcast.net</u>.

#### Thursday, December 7th , 9:30-11:00AM, Faith Ctr, Room 114 WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP — Prayer Partners

All women of the parish are welcome to attend as we pray the rosary and discuss meaningful faith-based topics. Kids are welcome! For additional information, sign up on Flocknotes or email Gina Carroll at sigginacarroll@yahoo.com

#### Sunday, December 10th, 4:00PIVI, Church

**LESSONS & CAROLS** — The choirs of St. Michael Church, St. Petronille Church and Sacred Heart Church perform. This concert is FREE. A Free Will Offering will be received.

Friday, December 15th, 9:30-11:00AM, Faith Center <u>WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP BOOK CLUB</u> — Join us as we read *"An Introduction to the Devout Life"*, by St. Francis de Sales. We will discuss Part Four, Chapters 14 & 15 and Part Five.

Saturday, December 16th, 9:00-10:30AM, Bridal Room PRAYER SHAWL GROUP — Annual Christmas Brunch

Come by and see what we're all about! Skill level is beginner crochet/knitter & up! Please bring a dish to pass. Questions? Contact Barb Loiacono at bal5@sbcglobal.net



# Join us for CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP!

Teens are invited to spend a life-changing week serving the poor with 300 other high schoolers from around the United States during the summer of 2024. Rising freshmen through graduating high school seniors, and adult chaperones from St. Michael will travel to Louisville, KY to do simple home repair, and assist in child care organizations, senior citizen apartment complexes, and homeless shelters.

Camp will be open to anyone currently in 8th grade or older. St. Michael has already secured a limited number of spots and sign up begins December 1st! For more information, visit CHWC.



St. Michael's Grief Support Group

In grief, the one person you'd like to talk to, is no longer here for you.

Please consider attending the St. Michael's Grief Support Group meeting, to receive support, comfort and encouragement from those facing your common concerns.

Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month beginning, Tuesday, December 5th, 6:30-8:00PM in the Faith Center - Room 114.

For more information, contact Deacon Dan L. Aderholdt at dladerholdt@gmail.com

Dec 7: How to Pray the Angelus and Discuss Advent Traditions

Jan 11: The Meaning of the Eucharist and Adoration

9:30-11:00, first Thurs. of the month, Faith Center Rm 114

All women of the parish are invited to attend! Kids are also welcome (we will have some toys available). We will start each session praying a decade of the rosary over the God Box that holds intentions of the parish and the school. Then we will discuss the month's topic. We hope you can join us!

For more information, sign up on Flocknotes and/or e-mail Gina Carroll: sjsginacarroll@yahoo.com.



SAINT MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 4PM ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH 310 S. WHEATON AVE. WHEATON

Featuring the Choirs of St. Michael Church, St. Petronille Church and Sacred Heart Church Concert is FREE! A Free Will Offering will be received.



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# **Around the Parish**

St. Michael Catholic Church Holy Day and Christmas Mass Schedule

7east of the Immaculate Conception Thursday, December 7th 5:30pm ((Jigil)

<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u> Saturday, December 23rd (Fulfills Sunday Mass Obligation) 5:00pm ((/igil)

Friday, December 8th 6:30am 8:00am 12:15pm 7:00pm

Sunday, December 24th 7:15am 9:00am

Christmas Eve Masses Sunday, December 24th Monday, December 25th 3:00pm-St. Michael Church\* 3:15pm-St Francis High School (Slant Dome Gym) 5:00pm-St. Michael Church Tuesday, December 26th 10:00pm-St. Michael Church (Choir Prelude Begins at 9:30pm)

Christmas Day 9:00am 10:45am

8:00am Mass Only

No Confessions

\*Overflow seating in gym for 3:00pm

Solemnity of Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation) Monday, January 1st 8:00am Mass Only

Y. DECEMBER 15 9:30AM - 11:00AM FAITH CENTER - 317 W. WILLOW AVENUE "An Introduction to the Devout Life" By Saint Francis de Sales

> This week we will discuss: Part Four, Chapters 14 & 15 & Part Five



St. Michael Prayer Shawl Ministry



**Annual Christmas Brunch:** Saturday, December 16th 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Bridal Room \* Please bring a dish to pass \*

Advent Reconciliation Tuesday - 4:00pm - 5:45pm Saturday - 8:30am - 9:30am

Can you help us? We are seeking sponsorships & donations for the 31st annual

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL BLUE & GOLD



FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2024 The Abbington Glen Ellyn, Illinois

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# **Parish Support**

#### Stewardship Report

As of 11/27/23

November Offertory Budget	\$160,000
November Envelopes	\$ 73,199
November Online Giving	\$ <u>53,712</u>
Total	\$126,911
Total Over (Under)	< \$ 33,089 >

#### First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



#### Donating Made Easier!

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https://www.stmichaelcommunity.org/donate

or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. Tap on the pop up link which will bring you to our website for one-time or recurring online donations to St. Michael Parish.



\*\*EARLY Bulletin Submission Deadline & Requirements\*\* December 17th Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, December 6th December 24th Bulletin Deadline: Friday, December 8th December 31st Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, December 13th January 7th Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, December 20th

Email: <u>communications@stmichaelcommunity.org</u> Please send content that can be used in a 1/4 & 1/2 page format, as full-page space availability is limited. Earlier printing deadlines occur before holidays.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet				
Thru 11/26/23	2023	2022	Inc/Dec	2022 (Final)
Goal	\$176,900	\$171,600	, \$5,300	\$171,600
Amount Pledged	\$265,677	\$249,257	\$16,420	\$267,594
Amount Paid	\$261,279	\$241,181	\$20,098	\$263,709
Balance Due	\$4,398	\$8,076	(\$3,678)	\$3,885
Donor Count	591	598	-7	626
2023 Rebate	\$59,065			



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December 9th & 10th

# St. Michael Parish

So that we might better serve your needs, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to us at:

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New Parishioner Form On Website Please complete and return to Parish Office.	
New Address	Interested in becoming Catholic

# **Around the Parish**



# Week of December 03, 2023



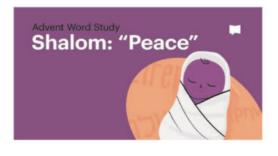
# What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



#### St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs



# Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

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# **Around the Diocese**

# Opening Liturgy Livestream

Watch the Opening Liturgy from the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023.



Faith into Action

## Podcast

The 75th Anniversary podcast series launched in November; new episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform (*search "Faith Into Action"*):



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Faith Into Action YouTube (video) Faith Into Action Podcast (audio) Commemorating 75 Years of Catechesis, Evangelization and Service

#### 75th Anniversary Timeline Visit diojoliet.org/75th for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
November 6, 2023	Episode 1 podcast release	You'Tube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Guests: Bishop Hicks and Fr. Tom Paul
November 25– December 3, 2023	Novena of Grace	diojoliet.org/75th	Featuring excerpts from St. Francis Xavier letters and daily prayers/ reflections
December 3, 2023 1 p.m.	Blessing and dedication of St. Francis Xavier statue	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill	The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese, since its founding in 1948
December 4, 2023	Episode 2 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Facts about St. Francis Xavier
December 11, 2023 6 p.m.	Opening Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions
January 1, 2024	Episode 3 podcast release	You'Tube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	The St. Francis
February 5, 2024	Episode 4 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Xavier statue that will be
March 4, 2024	Episode 5 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	dedicated on December
April 1, 2024	Episode 6 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	3 is modeled
April 18, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD	of the diocese
May 6, 2024	Episode 7 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	in the Cathedral
June 1, 2024	Steubenville Youth Event	Lewis University Register: <u>https://bit.ly/3N44OTB</u>	Nonnatus
June 3, 2024	Episode 8 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
June 13, 2024	Theology on Tap	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill	Featuring three newly ordained priests (Fr. Alex, Fr. Jared and Fr. Jeremy)
June 22, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Bishop McNamara High School, Kankakee	For parishioners in Ford, Grundy, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties
July 1, 2024	Episode 9 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
August 5, 2024	Episode 10 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
September 2, 2024	Episode 11 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
September 14, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Montini Catholic High School, Lombard	For parishioners in DuPage County
September 28, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Lewis University, Romeoville	For parishioners in Will and Kendall Counties
October 2024	Service Day	All parishes and various religious entities will be asked to celebrate a day of service	
October 7, 2024	Episode 12 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
October 24, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD	Featuring Bishop Hicks
November 4, 2024	Episode 13 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
December 2, 2024	Episode 14 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
December 8, 2024 4 p.m.	Closing Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions



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