



# Holy Angels Parish

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**DECEMBER 6, 2020 • SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## Sunday Liturgies

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Rosary - one half hour prior to Mass times

## Weekday Masses

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM

Rosary: Monday-Thursday Following 8:00 AM Mass

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

## RCIA

Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic faith, call the Parish Office at 254-0679.

## Baptisms

Appointment only after parents have attended required classes. Parents must be registered and active members of Holy Angels Parish for at least 3 months.

## Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM, or by appointment.

## Communion for the Homebound

Contact Parish Office at 254-0679.

## Marriages

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Registration and active membership at Holy Angels Parish are required, plus attendance at an engaged encounter weekend or a pre-cana conference. No wedding later than 2:00 PM on Saturday.

## Anointing of the Sick

Contact Parish Office at 254-0679.

## Funerals

Arrangements are to be made directly through the funeral home. Funeral liturgies are 10:00 AM.



**Pastor:** Rev. Donald Wolford

**Parish Office Manager:** Shelley Fitzgerald

**Assistant to Parish Office Manager:** Colleen Knueven

**Pastoral Council Chairperson:** Jeff Lister

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**Holy Angels Parish Office Fax:** 254-2690

**Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation:**  
(217) 321-1155

# Mass Intentions for the Week

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 A.M. Mike Stassi

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 A.M. Dave Wilson  
7:00 P.M. Steve Skundrich Jr.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 A.M. George Stanich

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 A.M. Sam Scalise

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 A.M. No Mass

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

4:30 P.M. Thomas Krpan

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 A.M. For The Parishioners  
10:30 A.M. Joyce Montavon

# Reconciliation

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th

3:00 - 4:00 PM



### WEEKLY ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 7AM

Wednesday -  
Following 8:00 AM Mass  
Until Benediction - 10:00 AM



## PRAY FOR...

Please pray for the following parishioners who are ill at home and in need of our constant prayers:

**Rhonda Bowman, Michael Carmody, Carrol Carr, Nina Giardina, Carol Gear, Shirley Hanneken, Gloria Hoormann, Doris Johnessee, Cynthia Moore, Marilyn Romani, Harold Simburger and Eileen Simonds.**

Please pray for them and for all the sick.

### ROSARY LEADERS SATURDAY & SUNDAY DECEMBER 12-13, 2020

4:00 P.M. Joyce Tite  
7:30 A.M. Tina Vatole  
10:00 A.M. Ron Govero

In an effort to eliminate the need to clean the sanctuary following each Mass, the rosary will be led from the pews. Thank you.

### MASSES ON FACEBOOK LIVE

**DAILY:** Mass @ 8:00 AM M-Th (10:30 AM on Sunday)

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www.holyangelsparish.com

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT & WISH TO VIEW MASSES, PLEASE VISIT:**

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### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.



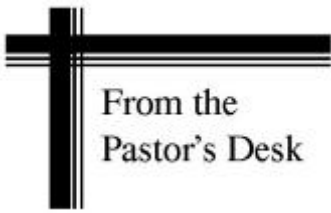
# Rest in Peace

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the repose of the soul of

**Mr. Justin Sands**, son of Greg and Jenni Sands and grandson of Harold and Pat Sly. Mr. Sands' Memorial Mass was celebrated on Friday, December 4 at Holy Angels Parish.

**Mrs. Amy Lynn Wheeler Brock**, granddaughter of Mary Huber. Mrs. Brock passed away on Wednesday, November 25 in Mocksville, NC.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you. He will prepare your way." John the Baptist is that messenger who prepares the way. His figure looms large in these Advent days. Isaiah, another strong voice of the season, says "A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!" Two thousand years ago John was paving the way for the messiah to come upon the scene. He will point the way when Jesus comes to the Jordan River proclaiming, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." Here is your God! He comes with power. That is the Christ for which we prepare. He is strong and powerful, . . . and merciful.

The call of John is a call to repentance. So it is a long standing tradition to take some time during Advent to reflect upon our sinfulness. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an integral part of our preparation. I am always available for confessions at any time. The weekly scheduled time finds me in the confessional each Saturday afternoon from 3:00 PM until 4:00 PM. I am currently using the old confessionals in the back of church since the screens offer protection against Covid. Since there is usually an increase in the number of confessions during this holy season I will be in the confessional after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 20th, the 4th Sunday of Advent, as long as people are there to confess. As your pastor, I invite you and strongly urge you to take advantage of these opportunities to experience the merciful forgiveness of God.

This Tuesday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mary was prepared at the very beginning of her life to be a worthy mother of the Word made flesh. This mystery celebrates the fact that Mary was free from all sin, even from the moment she was conceived in the womb of her mother, Anne. Masses that day will be at 8:00 AM and at 7:00 PM. Join us as we honor the sinless mother of Jesus.

Christmas is quickly approaching. So we are making our plans. In an attempt to spread out the crowd I will be offering a second Mass on Christmas Eve. Masses will be at 4:00 PM and 12:00 Midnight. The Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is an old tradition. We will see how it goes this year, The next morning on Christmas Day, the Mass will be at 9:00 AM. We continue to wait, and watch, and prepare. May the Lord find us ready when he comes again.

In Christ,  
Fr. Don



*The Immaculate Conception*  
**OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
-DECEMBER 8-

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**PATRONAL FEASTDAY OF THE UNITED STATES**

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, *Ineffabilis Deus* ([link al documento que está en Marian documents](#)), clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. In proclaiming the Immaculate Conception of Mary as a dogma of the Church, the pope expressed precisely and clearly that Mary was conceived free from the stain of original sin. This privilege of Mary derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Savior; thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting because she was destined to be Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians.

Mary is honored at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as the Patroness of the United States of America. In May of 1846, twenty-one bishops and one archbishop attended the Sixth Provincial Council of Baltimore, along with their theologians. It was at this Council that the American Hierarchy named for the first time, the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception as the Patroness of the United States. Pope Pius IX ratified this action of the American hierarchy in February 1847.

There are seventy chapels and oratories. The various ethnic representations of the Blessed Mother given in mosaic, sculpture and other artistic renderings, symbolic of the immigrant population of America, as well as those of saints and biblical and salvific events, richly ornament the interior and exterior of the church. In addition, the upper and lower churches, inside and outside, provide a visual account of the history of the Roman Catholic faith, as well as the history of the Catholic Church in the United States of America.



**WOOD RIVER  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th**  
**7:00 PM**

The Wood River Knights of Columbus meeting for Nov/Dec will be held Wednesday December 9th at 7:00 PM. This change is due to conflicts with scheduled meetings being near Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN**  
**THROUGH DECEMBER 7**

The Wood River Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual "Coats for Kids" drive. This program enables the Knights to purchase boxes of fine quality new coats at a greatly reduced price. These coats are then donated to local needy children. These coats have no markings to show they are donated. Any ministry donation is accepted and as little as \$25 will purchase a fine new coat for a deserving child. You may place a donation in a sealed envelope marked "K of C Coats for Kids" and place it in the collection basket. Checks may be made payable to Wood River Knights of Columbus. **Donations must be received by Monday, December 7th.**

On behalf of these children, their families and the Wood River Knights of Columbus, we thank you.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VOCATIONS RAFFLE**  
**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**

The Illinois State Knights of Columbus Vocations Raffle has been extended until Mid January. You still have the opportunity to support Vocations with a possibility of winning a nice prize. Due to Covid issues and logistic concerns the Raffle is extended in order for the raffle to be successful so that seminarians can be supported as hoped.

Please take a book if you have not done so, or another if you wish. Tickets must be turned in by Wednesday, January 6. Thanks for your support of Vocations and the Wood River Knights of Columbus.

Thank you,  
Jeff Lister  
Grand Knight

# LUNCHEONS 4 LIFE

**DECEMBER 18, 2020**  
**EMBASSY SUITES ST. LOUIS**  
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**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
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*Prepare the way for the Lord,  
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all flesh shall see  
the salvation of God.*  
- Lk 3:4, 6



*Jerusalem, arise and stand  
upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes  
to you from God.*  
- Bar 5:5; 4:36

## December 6, 2020 - Second Sunday of Advent

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Help our elders.** In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

### BETHALTO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### CARRY OUT CHICKEN DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

11:15 AM - 2:00 PM

Chicken Strips w/1 Side - \$10

2-Piece White or Dark Fried Chicken w/2 Sides - \$10

4-Piece Mixed Fried Chicken w/3 Sides - \$15

Side Options: Mac & Cheese, Green Beans,  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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### **HOLY ANGELS PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Envelopes	\$3,526.73
Loose	102.00
ACSA	10.00
Campaign Justice and Hope	307.00
Retired Religious	20.00
Bldg/Maint. Fund	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	250.00
All Saints Day	15.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
Calvary Cemetery	20.00
	\$4,290.73

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Envelopes	\$3,247.00
Loose	149.50
Campaign Justice and Hope	30.00
Children's Home	10.00
Bldg/Maint. Fund	500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	50.00
Christmas	10.00
All Saints Day	45.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
	\$4,051.50

HOLY ANGELS PARISH

## RETURN TO MASS PLAN

Returning to Holy Angels' normal mass schedule

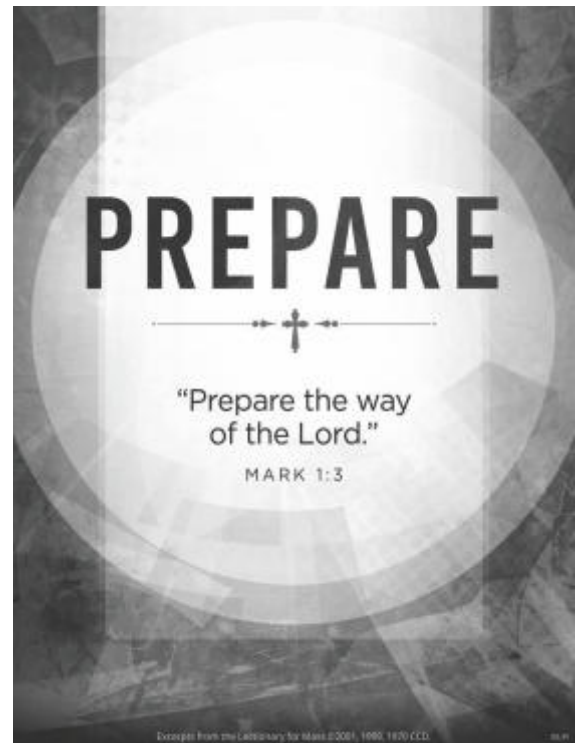
PARISHIONERS FROM DIFFERENT  
HOUSEHOLDS MUST SIT 6 FEET APART  
Every other pew will be closed off.

WE ASK THAT YOU WEAR MASKS AND  
USE HAND SANITIZER UPON ARRIVAL  
Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances, and you may remove  
your mask once you have socially distanced in your pew. Cleaning  
crews will disinfect the church before each mass.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED

HYMNALS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE  
Only the Cantor will sing to reduce airborne particles.

NOT READY TO RETURN?  
That is okay! The temporary dispensation is still in place. We  
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