



Holy Angels Parish

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DECEMBER 20, 2020 • FOURTH 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.



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December 20, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 A.M. Wannie Day

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 A.M. Jerry Becker

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 A.M. James Stassi

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 A.M. No Mass

4:00 P.M. Sgt. Larry Day

12:00 A.M. Chuck Wolford & Dot Wolford Rice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 A.M. Mark Torrez

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

4:30 P.M. Sam Zangori

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 A.M. Tina Longnecker

10:30 A.M. Titora Family

WEEKLY ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 7AM

Wednesday -

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



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

Rhonda Bowman, Michael Carmody, 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.



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

Mrs. Margaret "Madge" Renois, sister of Sally Davenport. Mrs. Renois passed away on Thursday, December 3 at Riverside Rehab and Healthcare Center in Alton.

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

ROSARY LEADERS SATURDAY & SUNDAY DECEMBER 26-27, 2020

4:00 P.M.

Bob Killebrew

7:30 A.M.

Sally Davenport

10:00 A.M.

Steve Erslon

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

Reconciliation

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th - Following 10:30 AM Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th - 3:00 - 4:00 PM

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Offertory envelopes for 2021 are available and may be picked up in the church. Thank you.

MASSES ON FACEBOOK LIVE

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

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& 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.

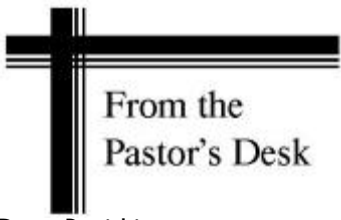
Amen.

IN LOVING MEMORY:

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** being lit on Sunday, December 20 is offered by Don Price and Family in loving memory of Don's wife **JUDY PRICE**, who is loved and remembered at Christmas.



**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER,
O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON HER. AMEN.**



Dear Parishioners,

“O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, Come and set us free, Lord our God.” These words, chanted before and after the Magnificat during Vespers the evening before Christmas Eve, bring to a conclusion the longing for the messiah expressed for seven days proceeding the celebration of Christmas. These ancient “O” Antiphons lay open the desire of every heart for the fulfillment of the promise. O Wisdom, O Sacred Lord, O Flower of Jesse’s Stem, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel, come! St. Augustine reminds us that we were made for God, and “our hearts are restless till they rest in him.” We pray that our yearning for God will bring us blessings during these Advent days.

Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Our waiting for Christmas is almost at an end. It is only a few days until the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord begins. You may have some last minute shopping to finish, a few more cookies to bake, presents to wrap, and carols to sing. But the most important preparation we can make involves getting our hearts and souls ready. John the Baptist has been reminding us during these Advent days to “prepare and repent.” The best way to be ready for the celebration of the Lord’s birthday is to be holy and free from sin. I will be available in the confessional after the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday. Come to confession, experience the love and mercy of Our Savior. I will remain in the confessional as long as it takes for all who come to receive absolution. The Lord is kind and merciful.

There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM and 12:00 Midnight. I have wonderful memories of going to Midnight Mass with my entire family. What is so special about midnight? It is a practical matter and not about the hour of Jesus’ birth. In the old days if you wanted to receive communion, you had to fast from midnight the night before. In my early grade school years I remember going to the cafeteria for donuts and chocolate milk after Mass in the morning since we could not eat anything before Mass. 12 noon was the latest that Mass was allowed, since the later it got the longer you had been required to fast. So an evening Mass was out of the question since you would have had to have been fasting for almost 24 hours. But by starting at midnight the fast for communion was very short. Later on the length of the fast was shortened to 3 hours, and then eventually to one hour, which is how it is today. Although the midnight starting time is not required with the new fasting regulations, the Midnight Mass time does bring back memories.

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I have also decided to do a Midnight Mass on New Year’s Eve preceded by an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction. I’ll explain more about that in next week’s bulletin.

We will be decorating the church this Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Come join us.

In Christ,
Fr. Don



DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 * 9:00 A.M.**

Anyone wishing to help decorate trees for Christmas, please join us on Tuesday, December 22 at 9:00 A.M.

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2020

Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38
Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/ Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/ Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	
Morning:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	
Vigil:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.
Night:	Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.
Dawn:	Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20.
Day:	Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/ Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/ 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



**2020 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:**

Bill & Mary Adney, Phyllis Albrecht, Lefty & Laverna Ayres, Richard & Kathleen Bauser, Shawn Bauser, Bauser Family, Frank Benicki Family, Elmer & Glennie Boschert, Peggy Guarino-Brefeld, Gene & Lucille Evangelist, Fairless & Mullins Families, William Fitzgerald, Kaye C. Foehrkalb, Pete & Mary Fuderick, John & Helen Fudurich, John C. Guarino, Gene & Marcella Harmon, Rachel Hayes, Audrey Hebel, John Hebel, Kathy Hebel, Albert Hefley, Virginia Hefley, Hewitt Family, Hill Family, Gloria & Lester Hoormann Families, Steven D. Horton, Daniel Howarth Family, Huch Family, Mae & Henry Jennings, Myra Jennings, Gene & Lois Kasten, Marie Kladar Family, Knueven & Roth Families, Darlene Kozatos Family, Dorothy Krome Family, Krissy Little, Dan McGee, Carol McHatton Family, Anthony Mangi, Irene Mangi, Paul Mazzarella, Sherry Mazzarella, Shirley Mizerski, Edna & Nelson Moses, Jim Moses, Erv Mouish, Oliva Family, Brad Oseland, Evalyn Oseland, Ted Oseland, Michelle Outhouse, Marie Parkison, William Perry, William J. Perry, Robert & Julia Pomatto, David & Roxanne Redman Families, William & Ann Ringering Sr., Wilbert Rohour Jr., Clayton & Virginia Romani, Pam & Roger Romani Families, Sam & Luella Scalise, Jerry & Jo Ann Schmitt, Leonard & Louise Schmitt, John Seni Family, Shanks Family, George Skundrich, Josephine Skundrich, Bill & Pam Smith, Rose Perry Smith, Scott & Katelyn Smith, TK & Anna Smith, Souls in Purgatory, Stewart Family, Stimac Family, Dale Studnicki, Taray Family, George Timar, Louie & Dollie Timar, Fred & Jo Ufert, Jo Ann Ulrich Family, Vinyard Family, Ella Mae Weller, Eloise Werner, Wilder Family, Vernon & Ina Wissehr, Marie Wolf, Joyce A. Yost, and Joseph & Linda Ziegler



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thanks for giving. "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retire sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's collection.

**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



**HOLY ANGELS PARISH STEWARDSHIP
DECEMBER 13, 2020**

Envelopes	\$3,200.00
Loose	142.00
ACSA	35.00
Retired Religious	441.00
Children's Home	40.00
Bldg/Maint. Fund	35.00
1st Offering	10.00
Christmas Flowers	531.00
St. Vincent de Paul	100.00
Christmas	45.00
Immaculate Conception	134.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Roof Fund	50.00
	\$4,783.00

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
will continue streaming 10:30 mass and offering small group
communion services at noon.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
2021 CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society 2021 calendars are now available after Masses. The calendars are placed at all the entrances of the church with a donation box. Feel free to take a calendar and if you wish to make a donation, place it in the box. Donations may also be placed in the collection basket at weekend Masses. Please enclose in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul calendars". The Society would like to thank the parish for their generous donations this past year. It is with your generous donations that we can continue to provide food for the needy in our community.



CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S HOME

The mission of the Catholic Children's Home is to aid, protect and care for the needs, education and welfare of dependent, neglected, abused or otherwise hurting children and families without regard to poverty, riches, race, religion or national origin.

Every year we depend on the Christmas Day collection as the most important part of our fundraising. What better way to remember the children who, through no fault of their own, are less fortunate than our own. Your monetary donation to the Catholic Children's Home is a wonderful way to ensure that we will continue to bring help to the most needy children and ensure that they have a brighter hope for the future.

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