



2nd Sunday of Advent



December 08, 2024

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*On this Second Sunday
of Advent, light two
violet candles on your
Advent wreath and ask
God for the strength to
be like John the Baptist,
preparing the way of the
Lord.*



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CONFESSION

Saint Gabriel Church
Sat 3:45 – 4:20 p.m.
Nativity of Our Lord Church
First Sat of the Month, 11a.m.—12:00p.m.

PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon 5:30-6:30p.m. Saint Gabriel Church

HOLY ROSARY

Weds 5:30p.m. Saint Gabriel Church

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

1st Saturday of the month following
4:30p.m. Mass at Saint Gabriel Church

WEEKEND MASS

Sat 4:30 p.m. Saint Gabriel Church
Sun 8:00 a.m. Nativity of Our Lord Church
Sun 9:30 a.m. Saint Gabriel Church
Sun 11 a.m. Nativity of Our Lord Church

WEEKDAY MASS:

8:05 a.m. Mon, Wed Nativity of Our Lord
8:05 a.m. Tue, Fri Saint Gabriel Church



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Juliann Jurisic, Principal**Dear Friends,**

This is the final weekend to push for participation in the **Generation-to-Generation** capital campaign at Mass. Pledge cards are available in the pews for those who did not receive them at home. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider joining the 100 or so of us who have already done so. The level of generosity I have seen is really something.



When I arrived here, I was told there was strong sentiment about maintaining churches in both Canaryville and Bridgeport. Therefore, I figured this campaign would yield high participation levels. Strong participation will send a message about the commitment our parishioners have to the long-term maintenance of our church buildings. Frankly, I don't know what to make of the fact that less than 10% of our parish households have participated so far.

I will not ask for something like this again for at least another seven to ten years—so now is our time to pledge what we can to manage needed repairs and improvements for our buildings. Those who have already made a five-year pledge took us to over 80% of our financial goal. Thank you! If you have been on the fence, please join those of us who are making this commitment.

Speaking of fences, and on another note: my gratitude goes out to **John Lamonica**, the noted neighborhood metal artisan. Thanks for repairing and re-installing the wrought-iron fencing along the Union Avenue side of Nativity of Our Lord Church.

Christmas Mass schedule: For those planning ahead, we'll start at 3 PM on Christmas Eve with Mass at Nativity of Our Lord this year, followed by Mass at Saint Gabriel at 4:30. We'll have a 10 PM "Midnight" Mass at Nativity, and then on Christmas morning, 9:30 at St. Gabriel and 11 at Nativity.

December 8th is **the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**, the patronal feast of our country and normally a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Since it falls on a Sunday in Advent this year, it has been transferred to tomorrow, Monday. We will have Masses at 8:05 AM at Nativity and 10 AM at Saint Gabriel, but **this year the obligation to attend has been suspended.**

May your week reflect the encounter with Christ
we experienced at Mass today!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Hurlbert".

<u>Dec 14-15</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MIN.</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>PRESIDER/PREACHER</u>
4:30 p.m.	Mary Ann Newman	Lorueen Allen	Gustavo Mendoza	Fr. Hurlbert
8:00 a.m.	Lori Serpico	Art Gray	Max Serpico	Fr. Hurlbert
9:30 a.m.	Tim Brown	Josie Aguilar Deacon Erik Zeimys	Joseph Gavin Maura McNamara Reyna Zanin	Fr. Andy Matijevic/Dcn. Erik Z.
11:00 a.m.	Joe Parra	Joe Parra	Mariah Lopez Fernando Tellez Xavi Tellez	Fr. Hurlbert/ Dcn, Rob M.

Stewardship of Treasure

11/24/2024

Year To Date:

Capital Improvement Fund

YTD Capital Improvement Fund

12/1/2024

Year To Date:

Capital Improvement Fund

YTD Capital Improvement Fund

Sunday

\$4,582.00

\$129,814.00

\$230.00

\$8,605.00

Sunday

\$10,338.00

\$140,152.00

\$1,152.00

\$9,757.00

Electronic

\$2,538.00

\$65,096.00

\$10.00

\$180.00

Electronic

\$2,921.00

\$68,017.00

\$10.00

\$190.00

Total

\$7,120.00

\$194,910.00

\$240.00

\$8,785.00

Total

\$13,259.00

\$208,169.00

\$1,162.00

\$9,947.00

Goal

\$10,000.00

\$230,000.00

\$240.00

\$8,785.00

Goal

\$10,000.00

\$240,000.00

\$1,162.00

\$9,947.00



50 / 50 SPLIT THE POT

This week's Winning # Is #51169 Pot is at \$3,429.00 —Rollover



A Call to Help a Parish Family Member in Need

Donna Jamen, a beloved and longtime parishioner of Nativity, has dedicated her life to educating young minds as a teacher within the Archdiocese and later at CPS. Now retired, Donna is facing a difficult journey as she battles kidney disease and has been on dialysis for over four years while waiting for a kidney transplant.

This Advent season, as we reflect on giving and hope, consider offering the gift of life.

To learn how you can be tested to become

a living donor, visit the **University of Chicago website** or call their **Living Donor Hotline at (773) 702-0620**.

Your support and prayers mean the world!

Please reach out with any questions!

kidney4donna@gmail.com

Please follow the QR code for more info on University of Chicago Living Donor



Annual Giving Tree



We are deeply grateful to all who chose ornaments from the Giving Tree, bringing joy and hope to recipients this Christmas through your generous acts of kindness.

Thank you for sharing the spirit of love and giving this holiday season. Together, we make Christmas brighter for those in need!

Please ensure all gifts are received by December 15, 2024 with tags attached.

EXPLORE THE RICHNESS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH AND DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Adult Catechesis Fall Program

WE INVITE ALL YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS TO JOIN US FOR OUR CATECHESIS GROUP THAT WILL BE MEETING THRU DECEMBER ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FROM 6:30-8:00PM. THE GATHERINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD RECTORY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE TO RSVP PLEASE EMAIL EMILIA WALASIK AT EWALASIK@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG

~~TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12~~

~~THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21~~

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19

Join us for the

The Living Nativity & Simbang Gabi



St. Barbara Church
Sat. Dec. 14, 2024

Living Nativity 2:30 - 4:30 PM
Simbang Gabi 5 PM

2859 S. Throop St.
Chicago, IL 60608

Walk through outdoors "Little Bethlehem". Visit the stable, pet the barnyard animals, and shop the market.

Sing along to your favorite carols. Free pony rides for small children.

Free hot cocoa and cookies for all.

Outdoor event, dress warmly!

All are welcome!





Join Us for Evenings of Prayer

Experience peace and reflection this Advent season.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
(Confession available during this time)

Benediction
at 8:00 PM



Locations:

~~Tuesday, December 3 at Saint Gabriel Church~~
Wednesday, December 18 at Nativity of Our Lord Church

Come and prepare your heart for the Lord this Christmas!

TODAY'S READINGS — Gather Book # 996

Snap for Today's Full Readings as well as Daily Bible Readings, Audio & Video
<https://bible.USCCB.org>
2nd Sunday of Advent
Lectionary: 6



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

John V. Carpenter, SSG., U.S. Army
Matthew T. Carpenter, SGT., U.S. Army
Thomas J. Cortinas, Sr. Airman E4, U.S. Air Force
Kylie Kacena, US Army
Nicholas McCormick, E2 U.S. Navy
Matthew D. Mugavero, Airman 1st Class,
U.S. Air Force



Meeting each Monday & Fridays at 7:30p.m in the Nativity Church Hall. On the last Monday of each month, the meeting is an open meeting. All friends and supporters of AA member are more than welcome to attend this meeting.



Mia Renee Elizalde

Christmas Flower Memorials

Help us bring the beauty of **Christmas** to our altar and sanctuary this season. We invite you to **honor the memory of a loved one** by donating towards the purchase of **Christmas plants/flowers**. A donation of **\$10.00** can be made in their memory, and their names will be honored and listed in our December 22nd bulletin.

To participate, please fill out the form below and place it in the basket with your Sunday envelope, or drop it off at the Rectory or Parish office. Your generosity will help create a sacred and joyous space for our Christmas celebration. Thank you for your kindness and support.

DUE TO AN EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 12/09.

(SORRY NO EXCEPTIONS)

Name of Person Remembered: _____

Offered By: _____ Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

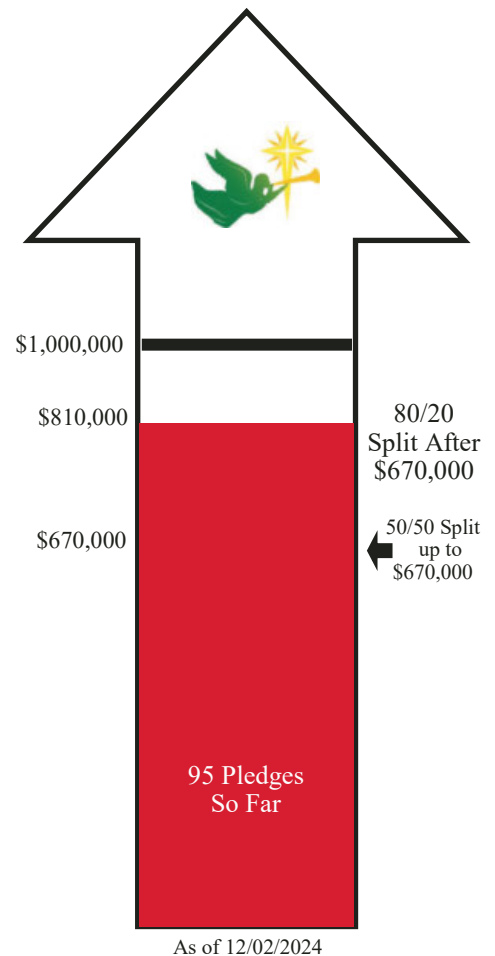
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

GENERATION TO GENERATION

This past weekend we were able to surpass the \$800,000 mark in pledges received. Given the capital needs of our parish, we hope to reach at least \$1 million in pledges, to be paid over five years. Our share of the funds will help us to accomplish important parish priorities. As you know, Fr. Hurlbert will be contacting each donor and asking them to let him know if they wish their pledge to stay at a specific campus or whether the funds can be used for the most urgent needs of the parish, regardless of location.

This will be the only capital campaign we plan on running for the next 7-10 years. The funds raised will help us keep our churches sound and functional for the future. We know at this moment we have the following most urgent needs:

- ♦ **Repair brick facia on the entire north facing front of the church at St. Gabriel Church to stop water infiltration in the entryway. Replace entryway roof.**
- ♦ **Replace the roof at Nativity of Our Lord Church & parish offices.**
- ♦ **Repair the foundation below the entryway at St. Gabriel Church**
- ♦ **Replace gutters around the church at St. Gabriel Church and make any masonry repairs that are needed on the church building.**
- ♦ **Paint & Repair gutters on Bell Tower at Nativity of Our Lord**



Once these repairs are made, we have wish list of other things that we would like to try and address (funding permitting):

- ♦ **Replace Kneelers at St. Gabriel Church**
- ♦ **Paint interior of Nativity of Our Lord Church**
- ♦ **Install air conditioning at both churches**
- ♦ **Replace front entry doors at both churches**

We have over 600 parishioners who contribute on a regular basis. Of those 600 parishioners 100 or so have made a pledge. If we can get another 100 parishioners to pledge \$1000 per year for 5 years or 200 parishioners to pledge \$500 per year for 5 years, we should be able to accomplish all the goals stated above!

Please pray and discern a multi-year sacrificial pledge that is right for your family. We asked that if you have not yet made your pledge, that you please complete the pledge card and either bring it to mass and drop it into the collection basket, hand it directly to Fr. Hurlbert, or drop it off at the parish offices! There will be additional pledge cards available this weekend in the pews if you didn't get one.

If you would like further information about the campaign or to pledge on line, please use this QR Code:



Kim Osowiec
Operations Director



NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS



Building Bright Futures Through STEM!

Our youngest learners at Bridgeport Catholic Academy are hard at work exploring the exciting world of STEM! Through creative, hands-on activities like building, sorting, and problem-solving, they're developing critical thinking skills while having so much fun. These projects inspire teamwork, creativity, and a love for learning—planting seeds for future success in science, technology, engineering, and math. Let's celebrate these little innovators in the making!



4th Graders Dive Into Illinois Agriculture!

Our St. Gabriel 4th Grade students enjoyed a fascinating presentation from the Cook County Farm Bureau on *Introduction to Illinois Agriculture*. They explored the journey of food from farm to table, learned about crops, livestock, and discovered how STEM is shaping modern agricultural careers. These bright young minds remind us how much we can learn by connecting with the world around us—both in the classroom and beyond!



MASS INTENTIONS



Sat. Dec. 07, 2024 – 4:30pm St. Gabriel Church

- ✠ Kathy Cordes "73rd Birthday Remembrance" by Henry Family
- ✠ Theresa Hughes by Family
- ✠ J. C. Halpin by John & Eileen Gronkowski
- ✠ Jack Platt by Colleen Danaher Contreras
- ✠ Edward J. Totaro "Birthday Rememb." by Wife & Children
- ✠ Robert Morris by Joe & Lois Young & Family
- ✠ Jack Slovey by Genny & John Malabarba
- ✠ Tom Finnegan, Sr. by Family
- ✠ Dan Mangan by Sue & Mickey Brown
- ✠ Anton Mrgan by Helen Henry
- ✠ Jimmy Von Thaden by Family
- ✠ Robert Eberly by Marge O'Connell
- ✠ Jerry & Sis McBride by Family

Sun. Dec. 08, 2024 – 8:00am Nativity of Our Lord Church

- ✠ James Brown by the Karpinski Family
- ✠ Bill Farnan by the Schupple Family
- ✠ Geri Golec "10th Anniversary Remembrance" by Family
- ✠ Michael Huels by Mary Ann & Rie Rie
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Reusz & Pusateri Families
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Farnan, Bozzi, Bennett & Dowling Families
- ✠ Paul Gaggiano by Gaggiano Family
- ✠ Tom Hynes by Lillian Buckley

Sunday December 01, 2024 – 9:30am St. Gabriel Church

The People of Our Parish

Sun. Dec. 08, 2024 – 11:00am Nativity of Our Lord Church

- ✠ Dorothy "Doreen" Bowman by Arrigo Family
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Egan, Ryan, & Ritter Families by Family
- ✠ Patrick John Kehoe by the Dybas Family
- ✠ Dolores Catinella Fierke by Roseanne Bonoma
- ✠ Jesse Villarreal, Sr. & Adela Morales by Family
- ✠ Patricia Snooks by John & Mary Lou Daley

Mon. Dec. 09, 2024 – 8:05am Nativity of Our Lord Church

- ✠ John Tokarz "1st Anniversary Remembrance" by Family

Tue. December 10, 2024 – 8:05am St. Gabriel Church

- ✠ Dan Mangan by Vince & Mary Casares
- ✠ Sean Stack by Marge O'Connell

Wed. Dec. 11, 2024 – 8:05am Nativity of Our Lord Church

- ✠ Brian Donovan by Friends from Donovan Park
- ✠ Michael Slattery by Maura & Bill Boyle
- ✠ Dr. Robert Vanecko "1st Anniversary Remembrance" by the Daley Family
- ✠ John Tokarz by Jack & Maryann Farnan

Fri. Dec. 13, 2024 – 8:05 am St. Gabriel Church

- ✠ Dan Mangan by Nancy Markham
- ✠ Sean Stack by Eileen & Simon O'Brien

Saturday December 14, 2024 – 4:30pm St. Gabriel Church

- ✠ Theresa Hughes by Family
- ✠ Ron Niego by John & Eileen Gronkowski
- ✠ Kevin Trentz by Family
- ✠ Kay Carey by Jack & Sharon McManus
- ✠ Jack Slovey by Dennis & Katie Lanning
- ✠ Don, Mary Ann & Donald Gale by Dolores Finnegan
- ✠ Robbie Eberly by Vince & Mary Casares
- ✠ Victoria Hanna Arteaga by Joann Kirby
- ✠ Stevie, Tommy & Mickey McBride by Family
- ✠ Brian Fogarty by Vince & Mary Casares
- ✠ Sean Stack by Joe & Eileen Hermle
- ✠ Dan Mangan by Cheryl Hawes



Sun. Dec. 15, 2024 – 8:00am Nativity of Our Lord Church

- ✠ Cormick Tormey by Angela & Pearse Tormey
- ✠ Lee Fitzgerald by Mary Trentz
- ✠ Ida Yeager by Wanda
- ✠ Charlotte & Donald Martin by Gaggiano Family
- ✠ Mary Stewart "53rd Anniv. Rememb." by Granddaughter, Sandy Kneller
- ✠ Francis Martin Farnan by Pam Tokarz
- ✠ Steven Camp "10th Anniv. Rememb." by Joe & Lorelei Kroulaidis
- ✠ Anthony E. Szafarczyk by Debra Lopez
- ✠ Bill Farnan by Marilyn & Jack Huels
- ✠ Matthew J. Danaher "50th Anniv. Rememb." by Danaher Family
- ✠ James Edward Brown by John & Mary Lou Daley

Sunday December 15, 2024 – 9:30am St. Gabriel Church

- ✠ Bill Flanigan "Birthday Remembrance" by Kathy O'Connell
- ✠ Kathy Cordes "35th Anniversary Remembrance" by Henry Family
- ✠ John & Rosemary Maher by Dan & Kathy Dever
- ✠ Theresa Hughes by Family
- ✠ Ed & Eleanor Doyle by Colleen Danaher Contreras
- ✠ Ed, Jr. and Donna Doyle by Colleen Danaher Contreras
- ✠ Don, Mary Ann & Donald Finnegan by Dolores Finnegan
- ✠ Jack Steffenhagen by Gary & Renee
- ✠ Fred Kappel, Sr.
- ✠ Dan Mangan by Charlie & Linda Cordin
- ✠ Lawrence Beckwith by Charlie & Linda Cordin
- ✠ Edward "Red" Brogan by Joe & Cindy Kilroy
- ✠ Christopher Dugo by Joe & Cindy Kilroy
- ✠ Sean Stack by Helen Henry

Sun. Dec. 15, 2024 – 11:00am Nativity of Our Lord Church

The People of Our Parish

Please pray for our sick . . .

James R. Brown, Jr.
Tom Bulanda Sr.
Gianna Caponera
Charlie Cordin
Betty Czubaja
Linda Daujatas
Rose Duddleston
Ray Ellitch
Esme Flores
Anthony Folino Sr.
Daniel Gabala
Joanne Gabala
Mary Jane Gabala
Judy Garrity
Loretta Gestautas
Corinne Gory
Joe Hawrysz
Donna Jamen
Patrick Juarez
Phoebe Knibbs
Rose LaCoco
Kathy Lakawitch
Nancy Lodewyck
Brian Luce
Harley Quinn McBride
Betty McLain
John (Jack) McLain
Deborah Paris

Rose Pigott Ivers
Mary Power
Mary Margaret Reusz
Robert Rogers
Tim Rogers
John "Jack" Ryan
Frank Sandoval
Amanda Schrama
Jayden Shaunessey
Bernadin Sheehan
John Sullivan
Sandy Tedesco
Karen Totaro
Dori Valenta
David Valdez
Gloria Valdez
Mildred Valdez
Myah Valdez
Donald Von Opitz
Diane Kwiatkowski Walsh
Don & Donna Whitehouse
Kathi Warren
Lois Young
John Martinez
John Leato, Sr.

