St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Parish

502 S. Park Blvd. Streamwood, IL 60107 630-837-6500

Liturgies

Weekdays: 8:45 AM

Wednesday: 8:45 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM

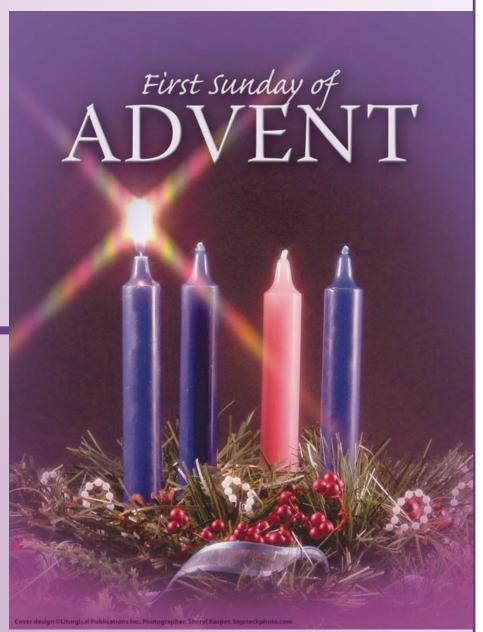
9:00 AM 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Polish Mass)

6:00 PM

Parish Mission Statement

The Community of St. John the Evangelist accepts as our mission: To know our Faith, To serve God and others, and to Spread the Gospel Message by Word, Witness and Deed.



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Parish Office: (630) 837-6500

Parish Office Hours:

Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 5:00 pm, Sun. CLOSED

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Liturgies

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

1:00 pm (Polish language) Monday - Saturday: 8:45 am

Wednesday: 7:00pm (rosary at 6:30 pm)

Holy Days: 8:45 am & 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm (in Polish) Holidays: 9:00 am Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor

Day, & Thanksgiving Day.

Our Priests

Fr. Gregg Gorczyca Pastor

Fr. Brendan Guilfoil Associate Pastor

Fr. William Moriarity Pastor Emeritus

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Dcn. Tim Davidson

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Youth Minister

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Bulletin Editor

Cathy Tampir

Membership

New Parishioners If you are seeking a church home, we welcome you into our parish family. Please call the Parish Office for more details.

Moving? Please contact the Parish Office with your new address.



Confessions Daily on Monday, Thursday, Tuesday, Friday Saturday, from 8:00 AM to 8:40 AM. On Wednesday, confessions are from 7:30AM to 8:40AM and from 5:30PM to 6:50PM.

Baptisms Parents must attend one reflective session on the meaning of Baptism at least three weeks in advance of the Baptismal date. Attendance before the birth of the child is suggested. Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriages To allow enough time for adequate marriage preparation, arrangements for weddings should be made at least 9 months in advance.

Ministry of Care to the Sick Ministry of Care brings the Eucharist to the sick & homebound. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a minister to bring the Eucharist to you.

Anointing of the Sick Please make arrangements through the Parish Office.

Funerals Please make arrangements through the Funeral Director.

Parish Services

Loaves & Fishes Ministry collects donations in the Gathering Space for the food pantry the second weekend of the month after all the Masses.

Sharing Ministry was created to assist registered parishioners in times of financial crisis. Please call the parish office at 630-837-6500 if you need assistance.

Religious Education

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you feel a call to learn more about the Catholic faith? Are you an adult who has not been Baptized? Are you a Catholic, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

For more information, contact Deacon Tim Davidson at tdavidson@mystjohns.org or 630-837-6500 x130...

Youth Education For those children who attend public schools, religious education is offered for grades Kindergarten through Eighth. For further information, call the Office of Faith Formation.

GiveCentral

GiveCentral is the easy way to make church donations online.





If you need assistance getting started, contact Cathy Tampir at 630-837-6500 x122.

Church Bulletin

Submissions to the Bulletin must be made at least 5 days prior to the date requested. All submissions are subject to approval. Send submissions to ctampir@mystjohns.org

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Archdiocese News

For news from around the Archdiocese of Chicago, visit www.archchicago.org.



Monday, December 4

8:45 AM † Richard Zych † Donna Elbert Birthday Blessings for Valerie Redding

Tuesday, December 5

8:45 AM Healing for John Bryla & Gregg Malicki Birthday Blessings for Alexandra Do

Wednesday, December 6

8:45 AM † Fr. Ted Schmitt

† Helena Paul

† All the Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM † Pat Monaci

† Jerzy Platek

† Dee Dilacovia

Thursday, December 7

8:45 AM † Ben Macalaguin

† Josie Hutch

† Carol & Andrew Crigler

Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

8:45 AM † Luis Rodriguez

6:00 PM

7:30 PM Mass in Polish

Saturday, December 9

8:45 AM Birthday Blessings for Ed Martinez Jr.

4:30 PM † Kevin Morrissey

† Hildegard Szarzynski

† Karen O'Malley

Sunday, December 10

7:30 AM † James J. O'Mahony

9:00 AM † Marilena Presta

11:00 AM † Juana Valencia

† Henry Budnik

† Filip Eugieniusz

† Loreto Padua

† The Deceased Members of the Alpers & Becker

Family

1:00 PM Mass in Polish

6:00 PM † Dee Di Iacova



Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us for adoration on Mondays and Thursdays 3:00 - 7:00 PM

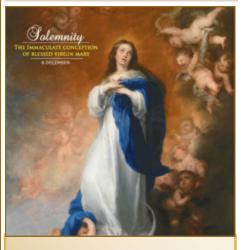
All are welcome to attend.





In your charity and prayers, please remember those who died this past week. Keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Jerry Dzurovsak



O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Readings for the Week December 3, 2023



St. John Damascene

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2,

3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

St. John the Wonder-Worker

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,

7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk

10:21-24

St. Nicholas

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:

1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt

15:29-37

St. Ambrose

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:

1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-

27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps

98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Eph 1:3, 6, 11-12/Lk

1:26-38

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a,

6-8

Pope Saint Gregory III

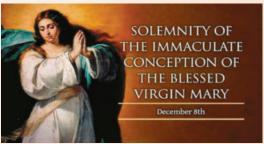
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps

85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk

1.1-8







Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we begin the Season of Advent, the time of prayerful and vigilant preparation for both - the celebration of Christ's birth, and his second coming at the end of time. Advent is a time to take life a little more slowly and to focus on what we need to do to turn away from our sins, to get closer to God and to grow in holiness of life.

Typically, we tend to rush through the season of Advent. After all, we need time to decorate, to buy presents, to send Christmas cards, to bake those delicious Christmas cookies... As a result, it is so easy to totally miss this important time and all the graces which it brings. If those material things capture our time and our heart, how can we be ready to celebrate Jesus' coming into our lives?

Advent gives us an opportunity to remember not only the child Jesus coming into the world to shatter darkness and end sin, but also to anticipate his second coming. This aspect of Advent gets lost all too often. Advent is a time to recall the cry of the early Christians: "Come, Lord Jesus!" Come into our lives, come into our homes, come into our hearts, and come into our world to save us from all the evil around us! But first, we must come to Him in prayer, we must come to Him at Holy Mass, we must prepare ourselves with a good Confession, and we must commit ourselves to faithfully following our Lord and His commandments every day of our lives. This Advent let us be alert and watchful, let us pause, let us pray, let us listen, and let us get ready for Jesus is coming!

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

(Pope Pius IX, Ineffabilis Deus, 1854)

On Friday, December 8th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary as the Immaculate Conception is the Patron Saint of the United States. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. The concept of the perfect, sinless Mary had been taught by the Fathers of the Church as early as 370 AD, but it had been a part of the Church's beliefs long before that. At the Annunciation Archangel Gabriel greets Mary with the words, "full of grace" or "highly favored". (Lk. 1: 26-38)

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is a dogma of the church which was officially proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1854 in his papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus*. The papal definition of the dogma declares with absolute certainty and authority that Mary possessed sanctifying grace from the first instant of her existence and was free from the lack of grace caused by the original sin at the beginning of human history.

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain - that's what "immaculate" means, without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace. From the first moment of her existence, she was in the state of sanctifying grace, sharing in God's own life, and was free from the corrupt nature and all the sinful inclinations that original sin brings.

Masses for the Holy Day will be on Friday, December 8th at 8:45 am, 6:00 pm in English, and 7:30 pm in Polish. During all masses on that day, we will renew the Act of Consecration of our parish, our families, and of ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please remember that our Advent Confessions this year will take place on Thursday, December 14th from 5:00 until 8:00 pm.

The following is our Parish Christmas Mass schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th - 4:00 pm – Children's Vigil Mass English, 5:00 pm – Vigil Mass English, 9:00 pm – Polish Shepherd's Mass (Pasterka), 12:00 am – English Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th - 7:00 am – Polish Mass, 9:00 am – English Mass, 11:00 am – English Mass, 1:00 pm – Polish Mass

God bless.

Fr. Gregg

Informacje parafialne





Dziś rozpoczynamy czas Adwentu. W Kościele Adwent przygotowuje wiernych na święta Bożego Narodzenia oraz na moment powtórnego przyjścia Chrystusa w dniu ostatecznym. Oczekiwanie to rodzi skruchę, pokorę, ale i budzi radość. Kościół w tym czasie obficiej zastawia stół Słowa Bożego oraz zachęca nas do spojrzenia na swoją wiarę i życie z niej wynikające. Bóg stał się człowiekiem, przyszedł do nas, a więc i my winniśmy wyjść Bogu naprzeciw, aby spotkać się z wcielonym Synem Bożym. Adwent przypomina nam, że całe nasze życie jest czekaniem. Zawsze do czegoś dążymy. Człowiek, który w życiu już na nic nie czeka, jest nieszczęśliwy. Nasze życie staje się piękne dlatego, że jest czekaniem, jest dążeniem do czegoś, czekaniem na Kogoś, czekaniem na przychodzącego Chrystusa.

Jednym z bardziej znaczących zwyczajów adwentowych jest wieniec adwentowy, w którym znajdują się cztery świece symbolizujące cztery niedziele adwentu. Każdą świecę zapala się w kolejną niedzielę i w ten prosty i jakże widoczny sposób uzmysławiają nam, że zbliżają się święta. Wieniec adwentowy ma bardzo ciekawą symbolikę. Świece ustawione są w formie koła. Kształt ten oznacza, że Bóg jest wieczny, nie ma początku ani końca. Koło sporządzone jest z gałęzi roślin wiecznie zielonych, czyli przeważnie z drzew iglastych – sosny czy świerku. Ma to oznaczać życie wieczne, jakie daje nam Jezus Chrystus. Samo zapalanie świeczek wiąże się z tym, że Zbawiciel sam nazywał siebie "światłością świata".

Niech tegoroczny Adwent będzie dla nas wszystkich czasem owocnego poszukiwania Jezusa Chrystusa w liturgii, w modlitwie, w słowie Bożym, w sakramentach, w życiu codziennym i w drugim człowieku.



W piątek - 8 grudnia - będziemy obchodzić Uroczystość Niepokalanego Poczęcia Maryi Panny. Papież Pius IX bullą "Ineffabilis Deus" z 8 grudnia 1854 roku ogłosił dogmat, iż Najświętsza Maryja Panna od pierwszej chwili swego poczęcia - mocą szczególnej łaski i przywileju wszechmocnego Boga, mocą przewidzianych zasług Jezusa Chrystusa, Zbawiciela rodzaju ludzkiego - została zachowana od wszelkiej zmazy grzechu pierworodnego. Dogmat o Niepokalanym Poczęciu dotyczy poczęcia Maryi i nie należy go mylić z dziewiczym poczęciem Pana Jezusa lub z tajemnicą dziewictwa Maryi. Maryja od momentu swojego poczęcia została zachowana nie tylko od wszelkiego grzechu, którego mogłaby się dopuścić, ale również od dziedziczonego przez nas wszystkich grzechu pierworodnego. Bóg ze względu na przyszłe zbawcze wydarzenie Zwiastowania, uchronił Maryję przed grzesznością. Maryja była więc poczęta w łasce uświęcającej, wolna od wszelkich konsekwencji wynikających z grzechu pierworodnego.

Kilka lat po dogmatyzacji prawdy o Niepokalanym Poczęciu sama Matka Boża uwiarygodniła ów tytuł, w 1858 roku w Lourdes wyjawiając Bernadetce Soubirous: "Jestem Niepokalane Poczęcie". W Fatimie zaś przypomniała światu ewangeliczne przesłanie pokuty i modlitwy, zapowiadając że pokój w świecie jest niemożliwy bez nawrócenia chrześcijan, którzy powinni poświęcić się Jej Niepokalanemu Sercu, bo to Ono odniesie ostateczne zwycięstwo.

- Msza św. w języku polskim w uroczystość Niepokalanego Poczęcia w piątek 8 grudnia, będzie miała miejsce o godz. 7:30 wieczorem. Podczas tej mszy odnowimy Akt Poświęcenia naszej parafii, naszych rodzin i samych siebie Niepokalanemu Sercu Maryi.
- Spowiedź święta adwentowa w naszej parafii będzie miała miejsce w czwartek 14 grudnia od godz. 5:00 do
 godz. 8:00 wieczorem. Przypominamy, że z sakramentu pojednania w naszej parafii możemy skorzystać także
 w każdą środę od godz 5:30 do 7:00 wieczorem.













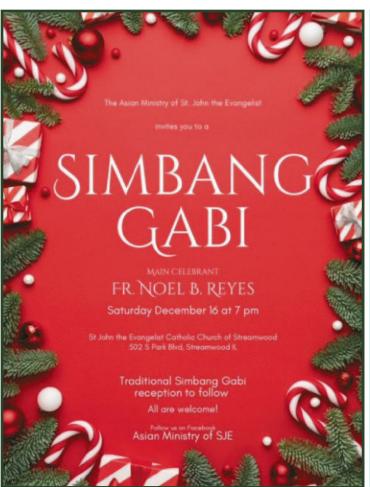


Many thanks to everyone who so generously gave of their time and talents to make our Gala a success:

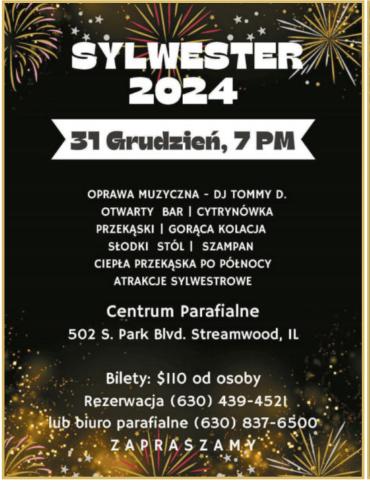
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We also offer our sincere appreciation to the generous parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish for their continued support, the staff of Dee's Catering Service and A Touch of Elegance Event Planning for their gracious service, Twelfth Night DJ Rolando Lopez, for providing tonight's musical entertainment, a big thank you to all of our generous auction item donors and bidders and of course, to everyone who participated in the paddle raise.











NEWS FROM YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND LADIES AUXILIARY

School Kids Programs



Two annual programs that we conduct for the students of St. John the Evangelist School are being held in December and one in January. The first program is the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship which will be held on Saturday December 2 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the parish center.

The contest is open to all boys and girls, ages 9 to 14. Last year we had 22 participants, and we hope to have larger turnout this year since the event is being held here. The winners in each age bracket will advance to the regional competition. Registration forms are available in the school, the parish office, and at

the event. A parent or legal guardian must sign the registration form, so come and watch.

Saint John's School students will also participate in the Annual Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. By engaging the creative talents and imaginations of or our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. Judging will take place at our council's Christmas party. The first-place entry will receive a monetary award from the council and the poster will be submitted to the District contest. The Spelling Bee will be held in conjunction with Catholic Schools week. Thank you to the school staff for supporting these programs.

Our council feels privileged to work closely with the faculty of St. John's School to host these programs for our students. All the students in both programs are winners in our eyes, since they share their talents, and are learning skills that will last them for their lives. Thank you to the parents that also supported them.

In order to continue offering these and other programs run by the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary, we need new members. Please prayerfully consider joining our organizations.

To learn more about what we do visit the Knights & Ladies website (<u>www.kofc12801.org</u>). You can also leave a message at the parish office, 630-837-6500. Visit us on Facebook (facebook.kofc12801.org). Visit our donation site https://kofc12801.square.site to donate to our current charitable causes



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