

# St. Valentine Church Heartline

**Mission Statement:** Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all may come to know God. As a Catholic Church and School Community we welcome, serve, teach, learn, reconcile and provide comfort and hope in the spirit of St Valentine.



December 10, 2023

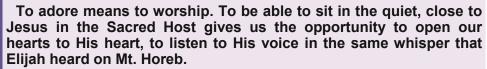
#### December 10th Lessons & Carols 3 pm in Church

Come and join us for a relaxing and reflective service of readings, music and prayer. Our Festival of Lessons and Carols gives us a chance to slow down a bit and enjoy the preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. We reflect on the scripture that tells us the story leading up to the birth of Jesus, interspersed with hymns and music to help celebrate this joyous time of year. Our service will be on Sunday, December 10th at 3pm. Bring the entire family and join in this wonderful gathering of scripture and music.



#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Mother of Divine Love Family is offering the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through Eucharistic Adoration. To encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a life-changing event that enables us to truly love our neighbor as He loves us; with a self-giving love.





On December 18/19 at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice the invitation is open to all. The parish will have a 24 hour adoration—beginning on December 18th at 7 pm to December 19th at 7 pm followed by Mass. This will be the final opportunity this year.

#### Advent Penance Service—Mother of Divine Love Family

St. Genevieve/Maurice parish will be hosting our Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 20th at 7 pm. As always, Father will have many priests on hand to hear confessions.



#### Giving Tree

Please be sure all Giving Tree donations are returned today by 1 p.m. Thank you for your generosity.



"From Stable to Eucharistic Table"



# Liturgy Schedule Mass Intentions

#### Monday—December 11, Advent Weekday, St. Damasus I, Pope

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

## Tuesday— December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

## Wednesday—December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

No mass at St. Valentine. Please worship at another parish.

# Thursday— December 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church *Veronica DeSmet* req. by The Family

## Friday—December 15, Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church Ann Mularoni req. by Mary Ann Ransler

#### Saturday— December 16, Advent Weekday

5:30 p.m. Mass in Church
Rick & Jillian Bucki req. by Edgar
& Maureen Polania
Jeanette Grabowski req. by Edgar
& Maureen Polania
Walt & Judith Kieltyka req. by
Jason & Zachary

## Sunday—December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Thomas Gostomski req. by Frank
& Norann Gostomski
Marlene Hoye req. by The Kelly &
Hoye Families
Joseph Koczko req. by Wife
12:00 noon Mass in Church
A special intention req. by The

Tworak Family



et us pray for those who are ill and have asked for our prayer:

Judi Marshall Jean Laviolette Josiah Wardrop Jan Laviolette Gail Ferguson Mark Curtin Addisyn Cassi Joan Reilly Anna Salamy Colleen Jenkins Maureen Polania Mary Card Vince Schenden Christine Heenan Margaret Wyman Angela Millis Paul Milewski Tim Dempsey Chris Muliett Tiffany Webb William Lavigne Lori Garcha Ed Roberge Judy Zbikowski Dominie Perrin Gabriella Lois Muth McLaurin Jerry North Peter Byle Carol Sneary Clyde Nichols Stephanie Gayer Nicholas Ryan Cora Prater Greg Whitmore Gail Williams-Trish Fry **Nichols** Marvin Miller Tracey Ford Ellen Kalt Chris Wandyg Soda Mouawad Ricky Canini Jim Daly Patricia Rochelle Poli Kondratowicz Carole Kavanaugh Rodney Harris Joyce Shipp Erin O'Neill Harold Stephens Mark Tomlinson Vernon Meir Joseph Tomlinson Marge Ceh Kathie Myers Jan Doodv Dave DeMarco John Sanregret Tara Berro

#### **Prayer Requests**

If you would like your name or that of a loved one on our prayer list, please call the parish office at 313-532-4394. Thank you.

We enjoy hearing the good news of recovery and extend our deepest sympathy to those who have departed. Please contact the parish office for any changes.

#### **CSA 2023**

### "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord"

Goal: \$52,536 Total Pledged: \$54,696 Total Paid: \$52,716 Families Pledged: 122

#### CSA

Thank you to the following families who have made pledges/contributions. You are appreciated!

Mr. J. Boskovich



### Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

**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

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv

11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 **Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab

Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

(Is 61:10b) Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

#### Holy Father's Intentions for December

Readings

#### For persons with disabilities

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.



"Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6).

### Collection for December 3, 2023

Budgeted Amount	\$ 6	5,500.00
Actual Collected	\$ 7	7,833.00
	\$ 1	1,333.00
Second Collection		
For the School	\$	823.00
Immaculate		
Conception	\$	11.00
Little Blue Books	\$	79.00
November Online		
Collection	\$ 1	1,480.00



#### From Faith Formation

#### .Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

#### **Giving Tree**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their gifts for the Giving Tree. Gifts are due back today, Sunday December 10th at 1:00 pm.



#### **Questions of the Week**

**First Reading:** The prophet Isaiah offers comfort and hope to the

Israelites who were captive in Babylon in proclaiming that the glory of the Lord is returning to Israel. Do you have family or friends who could use words of encouragement from you?



**Second Reading:** Peter speaks of being at peace while we wait for the promise of new heavens and a new earth when Christ returns. What gives you peace of mind these days?

#### Gospel:

Fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed the arrival of Jesus, "one mightier than I...(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Where do you sense the Holy Spirt present in your life? ©LPi

#### **Faith Formation Nativity Play**



Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be presenting the Nativity Play on Monday, December 18th at 7 pm in Church. Our students have worked very hard to present this beautiful play of

Christ's birth to their families and classmates. Please join us. All are welcome to attend.

## Faith Formation Holiday Class Schedule

Faith Formation classes will end for the holidays after classes on Monday, December 18th.

Classes resume on Monday, January 8, 2024.

We wish all of our families and students a Merry Christmas and God's Blessings for the New Year.



### St. Valentine Men's Retreat January 12-14, 2024



All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Retreat held at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

To register, call 313-286-2802 or visit

stpaulretreat.org.

#### Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 16—5:30 p.m. Sacristan:

Lector: T Sesko & R Gonzales

Usher:

Sunday, December 17— 8:30 a.m.

Sacristan:

Lector: T Kozlowski & J Danic

Usher:

Sunday, December 17—12 noon

Sacristan:

Lector: M Marley & C Williams

Usher:

#### December 10th Lessons & Carols 3 pm in Church

Please join us for Lessons & Carols in the Church at 3 pm.

R. Gonzales, St. Gen, T. Kozlowski, P. Bonenfant, St. Gen. & G. Baughman

#### **Prayer for Advent**

Dear Lord,

Open our eyes to the people You have specifically placed in our path

so that we can speak healing and comfort to them. Help us to prepare for the coming of Your kingdom, together. Amen.

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#### Retirement Fund for Religious Support a lifetime of service

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, December 20th
7 pm at St. Genevieve—
St. Maurice Church

#### 52 Sundays **Take Time to Chat**

- How is John the Baptist preparing people for the coming of Jesus?
- Share a time when vou've prepared to welcome a special guest in your home. What things



did you do to prepare? What things can you do to SUNW prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas?

> What is the difference between John's baptism

and Jesus' baptism?

St. Lucy was brave. Share a time when you had to be brave.

#### **Liturgy Link**

Purple is the liturgical color in the Advent season. Where do you see purple in your church today?

#### **Fun Facts**

There are many miraculous properties of the tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe that cannot be explained by modern science. For example, several images can be seen reflected in the eves of the Virgin. It is believed to be the images of Juan Diego, Bishop Juan de Zummaraga, Juan Gonzales-the interpreter and others.

#### **Family Challenge**

Say a Hail Mary prayer each day this week to honor Mary.

#### Family Fun **Movie Night!**

Watch "Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message," by the Knights of Columbus. It is available on Amazon Prime. If unavailable, find another movie about Mary the Mother of God or the nativity story.

#### Meet Our Extended Family St. Lucy Feast Day Feast Day—December 13th

We do not know much about the life of St. Lucy as it has been lost to history. However, from the earliest time of the Church, her name has been held



in high regard. She, like St. Cecilia, dedicated her entire life to God from an early age. She lived during a time of great persecution and was eventually killed for her faith. We know

she was tortured during her execution by having her eyes plucked out. When she is depicted in art, she is shown holding her eyes on a platter as a sign of what she suffered for Christ. Martyrs are often depicted showing some aspect of the death they endured as a reminder that what was painful in this life, when endured for the love of Jesus, is transformed into victory and God's glory in heaven.

#### **Family Prayer** Our Lady of Guadalupe



December 12th is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. To prepare for this awesome day. read this account of her apparition to St. Juan Diego.

Read the story found at https://

www.archbalt.org/wp-content/ uploads/2017/05/gTHE-STORY-OF-OUR-LADY-OF-GUADALUPE.pdf. After reading the story, pray one decade of the rosary together.

#### Chicago Christmas Pilgrimage of **Historic Churches**

On December 27-29, for three days and two nights, you are welcome to join Prayer Pilgrimages in Chicago as we plan to tour & visit Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Hyacinth Basilicas, Marytown & Mother Cabrini National Shrines, Monastery of the Holy Cross with Evening Vespers, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Cathedral, St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. John Cantius, St. Mary of the Angels, St. Hedwig, Holy Trinity, St. Mary of Perpetual Help & St. Peter's in the Loop Churches all especially decorated for Christmas. Daily Holy Mass & ample downtown free time also included. Downtown lodging at the Claridge House near Magnificent Mile. Deluxe motorcoach pickups & returns from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights and St. Joseph Shrine in Detroit. Total cost per person: \$350 (single); \$275/\$300 (double); \$250 (triple); \$235 (quad). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 and/or please visit https://prayerpilgrimages.com/

John the Baptist appeared in the



desert proclaiming a baptism repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a

leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put. our freedom is limited on every side — by governments,

corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir

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#### **Family of Parishes Mass Times**

St. John XXIII: Saturday: 4 pm Sunday: 9 am 11 am, and 5 pm Our Lady of Loretto: Saturday 4 pm

Sunday: 10 am

St. Genevieve/St. Maurice:

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 9 am and 11 am

St. Valentine: Saturday: 5:30 pm Sunday: 8:30 am and 12 noon Mass for the hearing impaired in the School Chapel at 9:30 am

#### Pantry Item

Please give to the Giving Tree in lieu of a pantry item this month. We thank you for your continued generosity to our parish and those in need.

#### Coming Up This Week Monday, December 11th

Worship Commission, Parish Office-6:30 pm

#### Tuesday, December 12th

Golden Years, School Meeting Room -12:30 pm

#### Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting, Parish Office Meeting Room 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

River of Life Prayer Group, Chapel -4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Confessions, Church, 6:00 -6:30 pm Choir Practice, Church – 7:30 pm Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass and 12:00 noon Mass Deaf Community Mass, Chapel - 9:30

Advent Evening Prayer, Chapel – 5 pm



#### Support of U.S. **Armed Forces**

As a parish community we would like



to support the men and women serving in our Armed Forces with our prayer.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your

loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our

Michael Arsenault, David DeAngelis, Christopher LePain, Patricia Molloy, Scott Shoemaker, Christopher Tibei, Joshua Coe, Anthony Potter, Andrew Kliman, Luke Leveillee, Kristen Lauber, Frank Bordo, Bonda Bordo, Larry Silk, Bradley Swanson, Gary Semon, Brian Jones, DeTavernier, Timothy Mc Carthy, Rob Nitz, Jesse Moore, Michael J. Ryan, Justin Ryan, Micheal Nalepa, Steven Tomlinson, Alex Blackwell, Michael Rossi, Katlyn Gatteri, Addison Parsell and Marlene Hoye.

# St. Valentine Directory

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Music Minister

Kevin Cushman .......313-930-8907 **Choir Practice** 

Mass Schedule Saturday evening:.....Sunday Sunday 8:30 and 12:00 noon

Daily Mass in Church

Holyday: ......8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Confession—**Thursday 6:00 p.m.— 6:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday afternoon at Our Lady of Loretto .... 2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Prior arrangements must be made by calling the Parish Office. Parents must attend an informational meeting.

Matrimony

Arrangements for Matrimony must be made at least six months in advance.

Catechumenate-RCIA

Please call the Parish Office for more information.

#### St. Valentine Parish Office Hours

**Summer Hours** 

Monday—Thursday.....8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. .....CLOSED Fall/Winter/Spring Hours .....8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Credit Union

Thurs. Fri 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Revised 11-19-2023

#### Parish Council

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