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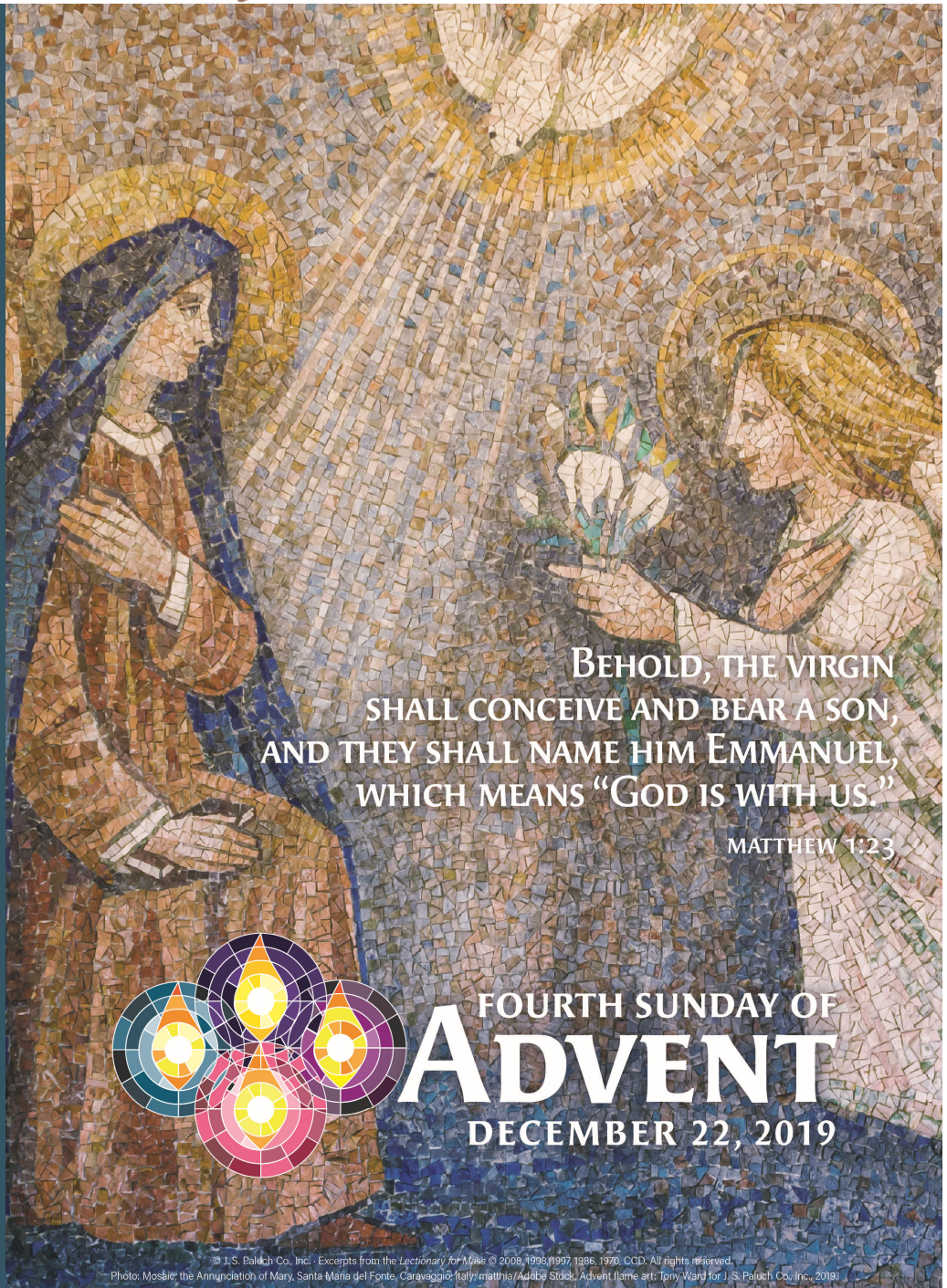
Sundays when RE is in session
8:30am-10:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and
10:30am Family Mass

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday 10:30am



BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN
SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL,
WHICH MEANS "GOD IS WITH US."

MATTHEW 1:23



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019

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Saint Hugh, what's not to LOVE?



From the Pastor's Desk

The Lord is coming to Bethlehem!!!

Open your heart for Him and everyone around you before it happens! His message is so simple and it needs to be absorbed and used by all of us! We can count hours from this weekend to the moment, He is coming here to Bethlehem at St. Hugh. All is ready, all is prepared, all is set to greet the King of the Kings! The Messiah!

One American study discloses that the United States is one of the most depressed countries, after China #1, and India #2! Naturally, the "grade" is a fruit of long studies and data collections. The paradox is that this Country is the most successful and the best in so many areas that the people who live here should have that success translated into their happiness!

1. Maybe the important problem that not many talk about is access to mental health institutions that the study describes as "not enough." That can be a reason for our politicians to fight for the people with health issues and creating more helpful and accessible mental health medicine. Sorry to see, hear, and say it but Washington is absorbed by things that don't matter to an average person today, especially the people with mental health problems. The politics lately, so vindictive, full of nonsense don't create anything truly helpful, we see often just childlike vengeance against the opponents.

Tax payers money and time are lost, a morally wrong example is set, corrupting the young generation of Americans! The culture of suing just to make someone miserable is not just a fact but it is almost expected. No moral regrets are shown by those who falsely accuse. "Thou should not bear fouls witness against thy neighbor," does anyone in the government care about that commandment? (Exodus 20:16) God Himself gave the 10 commandments to Moses many year ago. Jesus has never cancelled any of them. One of them is about not accusing anyone wrongly. All of them are still valid and they were given to us to create order and happiness. Allowing the government and anyone to break that rule is already creating trouble. There is no freedom without truth and real justice. Seemingly only the liberal media has the loudest voice.

Sadly, the liberals in Washington often have been creating their own system that corrupts life in general. They promise equality and paradise not less than the Bolsheviks did when they took over the government, killed Tzar of Russia (July 1918) and his family and the entire Russian intelligentsia that could not escape those wrong doing, sick people. After the revolution a great famine destroyed many people at that time.

Maybe we are a depressed country because the Christian value have been fought against and we Christians are under attack because our faith, values and way of living. It is uncomfortable to be a practicing Catholic today because there is so much darkness that hates Christ.

2. But there is a cure. Jesus calls us to Bethlehem and to the real justice. The real happiness that He brings is stronger then any evil that we may sometimes face. His light shines for those who believe in Him and follow His footsteps. He is able to heal anyone who needs it today. The depressed will become hopeful and happy again!!!

Let us come to Bethlehem and just be there with Him!!! Adore Him!!!

I wish you all only what is best! May the Newly Born King bring you what you need to conquer evil and to keep His light forever!!!

Merry Christmas!!!

Fr. Robert Marchwiany, pastor.

If you receive an email from Fr. Robert, please verify the email address is rpmarchwiany@yahoo.com.



Saint Hugh of Grenoble 1052 – 1132

He was named a bishop at age 27. In time of famine he

sold his Episcopal ring in order to aid the poor. St. Hugh assisted Saint Bruno in founding the Carthusians. Feast Day: April 1.

Baptism

Infants are baptized at the parish where their parents are active members - usually on Sunday after the Mass. Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Reconciliation / Penance / Confession

A priest-confessor is available Saturday after the morning Mass or by appointment.

Communion & Confirmation

Please contact the Faith Formation Office to register in Religious Education.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Father for a family member who is seriously ill.

Communion for Homebound

Call the Parish Office to request a Minister of Care to visit.

Marriage

Celebrated for current parishioners. Engaged couples should begin preparations with the parish at least six months in advance of a proposed wedding.

Funerals

The family of the deceased should rely on the professional skill of a funeral director who will assist in making arrangements with the parish and cemetery.

Communion, Confession & Anointing Visits (First Friday Pastor Visits)

If you would like the pastor to visit your home on the first Friday of the month to receive Communion, Confession, and when needed to be anointed, please call the Parish Office.

** St. Hugh is the only Roman Catholic Parish in Lyons, Illinois. **

Masses: Saints, Readings, Intentions

Sunday, December 22; 4th Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

4:00pm: Lucille Sytko and Rosa Gutierrez

8:00am: Leona & Paul Carrabotta

10:30am: Jaime Tovar

Monday, December 16 St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-34; Ps 25:4-14; Lk 1:57-66

10:30am: Frances Vranish

Tuesday, December 24 Vigil of Christmas

2 Sm 7:1-16; Ps 89:2-29; Lk 1:67-79

10:30am: The People of St. Hugh

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

(12/24) 4:00pm: Jordyn Caruthers

(12/24) 7:30pm: Robert Swift

8:00am: Leona & Paul Carrabotta

10:30am: Roebuck, Rocoltello, & Spagnoletti Families

1:30pm: Pedro Sustaita

Thursday, December 26 St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-17; Mt 10:17-22

10:30am: The People of St. Hugh

Friday, December 27 St. John

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-12; Jn 20:1-8

10:30am: Purgatorial Society

Saturday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-8; Mt 2:13-18

10:30am: Rev. John B. Murphy

Sunday, December 29; Holy Family

Sir 3:2-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-23

4:00pm: Juanita Murgia and Fernando Solis

8:00am: The Intentions of the Parish

10:30am: Ken Wright and Anele Kebleris



Saint of the Day

December 23. *Saint John of Kanty* was a beloved priest in Kraków, Poland, where he taught Scripture. A simple, humble man, Saint John was often taken



advantage of, but maintained his generous attitude to those in need. He died on Christmas Eve of 1473.

December 26. If it weren't for Saint Luke telling us about the selection and martyrdom of *Saint Stephen* in Acts of the Apostles, we would know nothing about him at all. The little we do know, however, speaks volumes about what kind of man he was, his love for Jesus, and the early Church community.

December 27. *Saint John the Apostle*, also known as the Beloved Disciple, was the writer of the fourth Gospel, and presumably, the only apostle who was not martyred. He is also the disciple to whom Jesus entrusted his mother from the cross. Symbolized as an eagle, Saint John's Gospel "soars" in its theological treatment of the good news.

December 28. Based on an account in Saint Matthew's Gospel, King Herod slaughtered a number of male babies (*Holy Innocents*) in an attempt to rid himself of the perceived threat of a usurper of his throne. What he didn't realize is that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world—a fact that emerges later in Saint Matthew's Gospel.

www.franciscanmedia.org/source/saint-of-the-day



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They shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23

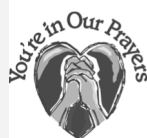
Mass Intentions



When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Remember your loved ones with a Mass Intention.

Note - We schedule only two intentions per Mass.



Pray for the Sick

Susan Albrecht, Cheryl Albertsen, Mary Ann Doornbos, Kathy Gadus, Ann Gilbert, John Gilbert, Thomas & Michael Griffin, Richard Kosenesky, Joe Scheffel, Georgie & Larry Schmitz, Elsie Tobolaski, Nicole Will

-Help keep this request for prayers updated.

Weekend of December 28 - 29

| Mass | Celebrant | Reader | Eucharistic Ministers | Altar Servers | Musician |
|---------|---------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| 4:00pm | Father Robert | Sue S | Sue S Arlene H Olivia Q | Marissa H | Anne W |
| 8:00am | Father Robert | Rosemary K | Ma. Loreto C Edgardo R | Alexys A | Fran S |
| 10:30am | MCCJ | Jackie A | Kathy L Nicki M Liz S | Jon S Jacob S | Fran S |



Parish Calendar



- 12/22 Religious Ed; 9:05am
Women's Bible Study; 12pm
- 12/23 RCIA; 7pm
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Mass; 4pm & 7:30pm
Parish Office Closed
- 12/25 Christmas Mass; 8am, 10:30am, 1:30pm
Parish Office Closed
- 12/29 NO RELIGIOUS ED
- 1/1 Mary Mother of God Mass
12/31; 4pm, 1/1; 10:30am
- 1/5 Religious Ed; 9:05am
Reader Practice 11:30am
- 1/12 Religious Ed; 9:05am
- 1/13 RCIA
- 1/18 SCW Sisters, Soda, & Scripture; 12:30pm
- 1/19 NO RELIGIOUS ED
- 1/26 Religious Ed; 9:05am
Confirmation Parent Meeting; 9:45am
- 1/27 RCIA
- 2/1-3 St. Blase Throat Blessing at all Masses
- 2/2 Religious Ed; 9:05am
First Communion Retreat; 9am-12pm
- 2/4 SPRED; 6:30pm
- 2/9 Religious Ed; 9:05am
SCW Meeting; 11:30am
- 2/10 RCIA; 7pm
- 2/16 NO RELIGIOUS ED
Reader Practice; 11:30am
- 2/18 SPRED; 6:30pm
- 2/19 Parish Pastoral Council; 6:30pm
- 2/22 Confirmation Day of Reflection; 1-6pm
- More: www.tinyurl.com/sthughcalendar**

Volunteers Needed



We are looking for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers for our new 1:30pm Sunday Mass.

This Mass will begin on January 5, which is Epiphany.

We will train those wishing to volunteer for these roles

Please call the Parish Office at 708-447-3108, to volunteer to join one of these important ministries at this Mass.

You are invited to:



Programs at "The Well" ministry of the CSJ in LGP. Programs include: Paint Your Soul Retreat (1/19). Info: csjthewell.org



Catholic Charities is having several events in the coming months. Please visit their website for information:

www.catholiccharities.net/Events.aspx



HELP NOW! To volunteer, make donations, get more info, or find out more information; please visit:

www.gotwc.org or call: 773-794-1313.



Joyful Again! Retreat-workshop for widows & widowers who want to find joy in living again.

March 14 & 15 at Our Lady of Angels in Lemont. Register now at: joyfulagain.org or 708.354.7211.



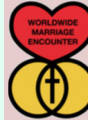
Grief Support Group at Hitzeman Funeral Home on the second Tuesday of each month.

January 8; 6:30pm. Must RSVP to attend. For info call: 708-485-2000 or go to:

www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport



Open House at St. Mary School on 1/11; 10am-12pm and 1/26; 8am-11am. More info at: www.stmaryriverside.org/school



Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage at WWME; February 14-16 in Geneva, IL.

More info at wwme-chicagoland.org or 630-577-0778.

TEEN CREED

Don't let **your** parents **down**...
They **brought** you **UP**.

Be **humble** enough to **Obe**y...
You may be giving orders **Someday**.

Choose **companions** with **care**...
You become what they are.

Choose **only** a **date**...
Who would make a **good** mate.

Don't **show-off** when you drive...
Drive with **safety** and **arrive**.

GUARD your **thoughts**...
What you think, you are.

Be **Master** of your **habits**...
OR they will **master** you.

Don't let the crowd **pressure** you...
Stand for **something**
OR you'll **fall** for **anything**.



St. Hugh Society of Catholic Women

Thank you to all who helped make the SCW Christmas Bazaar a success – those who helped with setup, worked the booths, made donations, baked for the bakery booth, and attended the bazaar and participated in all the festivities! The Bazaar would not have

happened without you. We are truly blessed!

Congratulations to the winners of the bikes – Kay Engelbrecht and Nicki Mendez won the bikes donated by Eileen Koca to the Christmas Roulette booth.



Laurie Bukowski won one of the two bikes donated by an anonymous parishioner to the Raffle. Laurie also won the Red Rider wagon! The winner of the second Raffle bike is donating it back to the St. Hugh Giving Tree.

Once again, thank you to all who attended the Bazaar. We wish you a very blessed Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Rosemary Kufta, Chairwoman,
St. Hugh Christmas Bazaar

See more photos from the bazaar on the back cover.

St. Hugh Music Ministry

Please join in Carols preceding the Christmas Masses on December 24 at 7:30pm, and on December 25 at 8am, 10:30am, and 1:30pm. A list of carols will be in the pew for you to sing along.



On December 24, we will have the Christmas Pageant preceding the 4pm Mass. If your child would like to join, please contact Fran Serpe.



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

The Lord had said through the prophet:
"Behold, the virgin shall be with child
and bear a son, and they shall ..."

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Answer: *name from Emmanuel*

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Emmanuel

On this last Sunday before Christmas, we see that Jesus' birth is the fulfillment of the promise of Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23). The Gospel refers to the first reading from Isaiah. There we see the king of Judah, Ahaz, under attack by the kings of Aram and Israel. He wants to ask the Assyrians for help instead of relying on God. He is afraid to admit his lack of faith. So the weakness of Ahaz gives us the wonderful prophecy of the birth of Jesus.

In the Gospel, Joseph also does not understand how Mary came to be pregnant. But unlike Ahaz, Joseph did have faith in God and the message of the angel. He took Mary as his wife and helped her through her pregnancy and in raising Jesus afterwards. So now we have to choose whom to rely on. Do I act like Ahaz, relying on worldly powers, or like Joseph, who trusted the Lord? If I look at my actions and priorities, I might be more like Ahaz than I want to admit. How much time do I spend watching television (especially now that it's in HD) compared to time in prayer? How much time do I spend reading the scriptures compared to the newspaper or magazines? If I really believe that "God is with us," which is what Christmas is all about, how much of God can people see in my actions? Maybe if we kept in mind that promise that God is with us--in the baptism we received and the sacraments of the Church, and in the love of our spouse or parents--we could see how close God really is, and let others see in our actions that Jesus is Emmanuel.

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Trust in God

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Pastor Al™



"This little thing is your script of what you'll be singing at the Christmas Midnight Mass, Pastor Al."

Question of the Week



What is my mission?
What is God calling me to do? How can I fulfill my mission?

Wills / Bequests



After providing for your loved ones, please consider naming Saint Hugh Parish as a beneficiary of your estate.

Scrip (a.k.a. gift cards)



Use our most convenient fundraiser to do your regular everyday shopping. We have posted a list of participating retailers in the church vestibule. That list is also at www.sthughlyons.org. In-stock scrip (gift cards) are available after the Masses and during the week at the parish office. Next weekend please see: "help needed" (4pm), Rosemary K (8am), or Kim T (10:30am) for: Amazon \$25, CVS \$25, Dunkin Donuts \$10, iTunes \$25, Jewel \$25, Kohl's \$25, Mariano's \$25, Shell (gas card) \$25, Starbucks \$10, Target \$25, Walgreens \$25, Walmart \$25

Help Needed

We need help selling SCRIP after Mass.

Market Day



Market Day

...The Original Fundraising Food Cooperative...

Market Day is

BACK!

Order your

favorite items, and they will be shipped directly to your house!

Check out www.marketday.com for more information!

Hall Rental

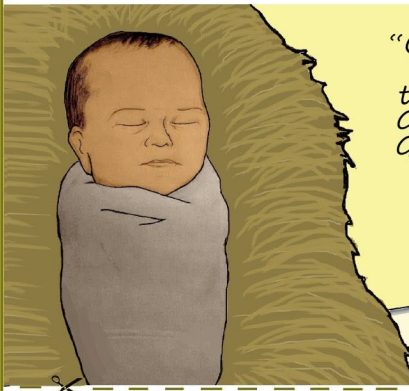


Keating Hall is available to rent for parties!


Contact the office, or check the website under

"other" than Rentals for more information. There is a discounted price for parishioners.

Merry Christmas



"O sublime humility!
That the Lord of
the whole universe,
God and the Son of
God, should humble
himself like this
for our salvation."
-St. Francis of Assisi



December 25

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virgin
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Saint Hugh of Grenoble...
Pray for us.




Pope Francis Tweets:

The true worship of God is always expressed in love of one's neighbor.




12/7/19
Pope Francis
@Pontifex

All donations to Saint Hugh are tax deductible.

The Little Ones Jim Burrows



JESUS MAY LOOK LIKE HE'S SLEEPING, BUT HE IS ALWAYS WITH US

Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which translated means, "God with us." Mt 1:23

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God's Word for Children

Matthew 1:18-24 tells the story of Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. Read the sentences below and number them 1 to 4 according to the order in which they happened.

-  When Joseph found out that Mary was going to have a baby, he decided to call off the wedding.
-  While Mary was engaged to Joseph, she learned that she would have a child through the power of the Holy Spirit.
-  Out of obedience to the Lord, Joseph took Mary into his home as his wife.
-  An angel told Joseph not to be afraid to make Mary his bride. Mary's baby was God's son. Joseph was to name the boy Jesus.

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Stewardship = Time, Talent, & Treasure

Stewardship of Time

During Advent please keep in mind those who need our prayers of healing, comfort, and companionship.



Stewardship of Talent

We need help at our 1:30pm Sunday Mass starting in January.



Stewardship of Treasure

December 14 & 15

Includes donations via GiveCentral



Due to an early bulletin deadline, the totals for this weekend are not available.

To safely make your contribution electronically through GiveCentral visit www.sthughlyons.org and click the blue DONATE on the top right.

Stewardship Thought



Stewardship
a way of life

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."
MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Vincentian Reflection



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.
Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."

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Ushers / Greeters (*) +1

Sacristans [setup/clean church] (*) +1

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(Includes Religious Education [RE] and Youth Ministry [YM])

Sacraments / RCIA (*) +3

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Parish Office (*) +1

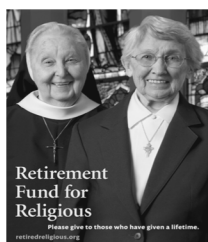
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Second & Extraordinary Collections

The Second Collection is for the "Needs of St. Hugh Parish."

The Archdiocesan Collection for December is for the Retired Religious. This collection is on December 8, 2019.

All other envelopes go toward their labeled intention.



Is God calling you?

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you vigilant about discovering your vocation in life?

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

Visit: ChicagoPriest.com and/or VocationsCAVA.org



Renew My Church Grouping Parishes

Saint Mary 126 Herrick Rd., Riverside
Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 8:00, 10:00, 11:30am, 5:00pm
Mon-Wed, Sat. 8:15am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:00-4:30pm

Mater Christi 2401 S. Tenth Ave., N. Riverside
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Mon-Sat 8:00am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15-4:40pm

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