

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# I BAPTIZE WITH **WATER.**

— JOHN 1:26 —

**December 17, 2023**





Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

December 17, 2023

*The St. Francis of Assisi Community is a welcoming Christian family.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.*

*We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.*

### ***Sunday Gospel in everyday English***

There once was a man, John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in. John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light. When Jews from Jerusalem sent a group of priests and officials to ask John who he was, he was completely honest. He didn't evade the question. He told the plain truth: "I am not the Messiah." They pressed him, "Who, then? Elijah?" "I am not." "The Prophet?" "No." Exasperated, they said, "Who, then? We need an answer for those who sent us. Tell us something—anything!—about yourself." "I'm thunder in the desert: 'Make the road straight for God!' I'm doing what the prophet Isaiah preached." Those sent to question him were from the Pharisee party. Now they had a question of their own: "If you're neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet, why do you baptize?" John answered, "I only baptize using water. A person you don't recognize has taken his stand in your midst. He comes after me, but he is not in second place to me. I'm not even worthy to hold his coat for him." These conversations took place in Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing at the time. (*from John 1*)

### ***Notes on the Scripture***

It's the time of year for pageants. Schools and parishes will sponsor them, and many a reluctant or nervous child actor will arrive on cue as Mother Mary or vigilant spouse Joseph, a glorious array of angels or shy shepherds. We'll have three be-robed kings too, and that's just the standard cast, but today's scripture is all about John the Baptist.

While not on the scene that silent night, his testimony is a vital part of this season too. When asked about his role, John offers three momentous negations. He's not the Christ-Messiah-Anointed that swells all the rumors of his generation. He's not that guy. And he's not the prophet Elijah, swept up long ago in a chariot toward heaven but never declared legally dead in Hebrew history. Elijah was expected to return as the forerunner of the Messiah one day. Nor does John accept the role of the Prophet-Teacher predicted by Moses in his last speech to the community before they entered the promised land without him. John prefers to attach himself to Isaiah's legacy. The voice in the wilderness? *He's that guy.* Which leads to the question: what role do you and I play in the pageant of salvation? Where do we stand in relation to that cradle of the world's hope?

### ***Advent Reconciliation***

Part of the preparation for Christmas is to experience God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Just like in years past, I invite you to our Communal Reconciliation Service this Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

### ***Next Weekend***

Every so many years, we experience this happy collision of observances: the last Sunday of Advent blossoms into Christmas Eve in a single day. It's a mad scramble for presiders, preachers, choirs, and liturgists to keep up with the whole, holy mess of these occasions. Please, keep in mind that next Sunday we will only have two morning Advent masses at 8am and 10am (NO NOON MASS). However, in the afternoon there are a number of Christmas Eve masses at 2pm, 4pm and 10pm. Please join us for our beautiful liturgies on this 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

### ***Pews Project Update***

It has been a while since I gave an update on our pew project. This temporary seating in the church will continue over Christmas and into the early new year. We are moving forward, working with our new vendor. They are making our pews, but because we had to unexpectedly switch our vendors, we won't be able to complete our project until after new years'. Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

# LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend (Please visit the Ministry Scheduler for the most up to date schedule or to volunteer)

	Saturday, 5:00 PM Dec 23 4th Sunday of Advent	Sunday, 8:00 AM Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent	Sunday, 10:00 AM Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent
Presider	Rev. Rich Young	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Ed Upton
Deacon	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Brian Whiteford	Michael Pindelski
Sacristan	Valerie Piazza	Barbara Basila	Betty Kameron
Lector	Jill Dwyer (1) Kim Reid (2)	Gerald Saletta (1) Martha Jaquez (2)	Diane Ostrowski (1) Rachel Weber (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Burmeister William Carroll H. Paul Harms Lisa Kacerovskis Mary McNaughton Robert Nerius Valerie Piazza Rev. Rich Young	Barbara Basila Nancy Biggio David Burns Lauren Fixel Daniel Fixel Patricia Goldberg Fr. Jay Suero Brian Whiteford	Pat Depcik Betty Kameron Karen Koehler Marilyn Nelson Kathleen Ostrowski Michael Pindelski Judee Tan Rev. Ed Upton
Altar Server	Raphael Angelo Santos <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Amanda Mackowiak Jayden Tan <b>NOT FILLED</b>
Usher	Joe Czarny (HU) (sub req.) Lawrence McGrenera Richard Roberts	Brian Barrett (HU) Gregory Fifer Keith Nelson	Wayne Kameron (HU) Diane Mackowiak John Glass
Greeter	Ann Carroll Roxanne Zoladz	Nancy Biggio (sub req.) Lynne Sparks	Pat Depcik <b>NOT FILLED</b>

	Sunday, 2:00PM (Church)  Christmas Eve	Sunday, 2:00PM (Upton Hall)  Christmas Eve	Sunday, 4:00PM (Church)  Christmas Eve Mass	Sunday, 4:00PM (Upton Hall)  Christmas Eve Mass	Sunday, 10:00PM (Church)  Christmas Vigil Mass	Monday, 8:00AM (Church)  Christmas Day Mass	Monday, 10:00AM (Church)  Christmas Day Mass	Monday, 12:00PM (Church)  Christmas Day Mass
Presider	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Artur Sowa	Rev. Rich Young	Rev. Ed Upton	Fr. Jay Suero
Deacon	Timothy McCormick	Mike Kiley	Michael Pindelski	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	John Donahue	Brian Whiteford	Mike Kiley	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
Sacristan	Marjorie Curran	Adrianne Wiecezorek	Kim Kucharski	Adrianne Wiecezorek	Jean Nielsen	Sharon McCaffrey	Valerie Piazza	Ann Czarny
Lector	Martin Terpstra (1) John Ouradnik (2)	Irene Rodriguez (1) Alice Rzeszutko (2)	Sharon Rohan (1) Richard Klein (2)	Vincent Pryor (1) William Farrell (2)	Patricia Flynn (1) James Walsh (2)	Casimir (Casey) Pytel (1) Irene Rodriguez (2)	Marilyn Nelson (1) Betty Kameron (2)	Gabby Bach (1) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Michael Curran Timothy McCormick Fr. Jay Suero <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Sr. Gael Gensler Lisa Kacerovskis Mike Kiley Rev. Artur Sowa Thomas Wiecezorek Adrianne Wiecezorek <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Sr. Gael Gensler Kim Kucharski Peter Piazza Valerie Piazza Michael Pindelski Sheila Ramsey Mary Ann Smith Rev. Rich Young	Katie Pryor Cheryl Pryor Rev. Artur Sowa Adrianne Wiecezorek <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	John Donahue Cathy Embach Jean Nielsen Janice Ota Frank Scollato Rev. Artur Sowa Maria Weber <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Daniel Fixel Lauren Fixel Sr. Gael Gensler Sharon McCaffrey Brian Whiteford Rev. Rich Young <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Patricia Grasso Mike Kiley Sharon Moe Peter Piazza Valerie Piazza Rev. Ed Upton <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Ann Czarny Gerardo L. Garcia Elizabeth Giron Robert Long Fr. Jay Suero <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
Altar Server	Sabrina Geerdes Aaron Lubinski <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Maeve Chester Lauren Shankman Tyler Shankman	Amanda Mackowiak Molly Piko <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Raphael Angelo Santos <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
Usher	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (HU) <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (HU) Paula Belski Lawrence McGrenera <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Teri Sankey (HU) Susan Campagna <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Janice Ota (HU) Diane Mackowiak <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (HU) Roxanne Zoladz Mike Zoladz <b>NOT FILLED</b>	James Pedersen (HU) Mary Ann Wyman Bud Wyman <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Janice Ota (HU) Wayne Kameron Keith Nelson <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (HU) <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>

## This Week at St. Francis

### Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Communal Reconciliation, 7:30PM (CH)

### Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

Tues RE Grades 1-8, 4:30PM-6:00PM (SFC-FR)

### Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

OA Mtg., 9:30AM (GR)

Wed (B) RE Grades 1-8, 4:30PM-6:00PM  
(SFC-FR)

### Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

St. Vincent DePaul Mtg., 7:00PM (GR)

### Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

AA Mtg., 7:00PM (NR)

We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners. At the beginning of the pandemic, we made the decision to stop passing the collection basket and instead placing a basket at both entrances. We have decided to continue that practice.

### Parish Stewardship Month of November, 2023

Electronic Givings	\$38,502.65
Envelopes & Loose	<u>\$48,859.00</u>

**Total for November, 2023 \$87,361.65**



We would ask that you consider electronic giving. It is safe, flexible, convenient and consistent. Simply scan the qr code or complete the yellow sheet in your monthly envelope packet or call the parish office.

We thank you for your continued support.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Communal Celebration

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM

Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

2:00PM\*, 4:00PM\*

9:00PM Carols

10:00PM Mass

\*Mass will also be celebrated in Upton  
Hall  
(lower level)

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM 10:00AM 12:00PM

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00AM

**\*Please note: there will not be a 12:00 Mass  
on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**



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# THANK YOU



## A Word of Gratitude

I share a day that the Lord has given me.

The celebration of my 80<sup>th</sup> was a gift that has overwhelmed me. I am grateful.

I am not able to send individual thanks, so please accept this large group message in gratitude to all.

So many helped: Liturgical Ministers, outstanding music, wonderful food; so many assisted.

In another way: Mass; celebration in Upton Hall; cards and best wishes; generous gifts; staff and all who assist in St. Francis. These days overwhelmed me: I have been blessed.

Please know you are in my prayers.  
Who knows, 90?

Fr Ed Upton

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MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

## MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING

Participation in these three sessions meets the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago, requirements to be eligible for mandating as a parish Minister of Care, ministering to the sick and homebound members of the parish. Participants must be approved and sent by a member of their parish Pastoral Team. Preparation includes such topics as spirituality of ministry, ministry to the aged, the experience of suffering, dying and death, pastoral listening skills, prayer and Eucharist, and the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. This seminar provides fresh theology and insights into the pastoral practice of the Ministry of Care.

### DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

When: Tuesdays, January 23, 30 and  
February 6, 2024  
4:45 PM - 8:00 PM (we will begin with a light meal)

Where: Our Lady of the Woods  
10731 W. 131st  
Orland Park, IL 60462.

Come to the Hospitality Room on the main floor of the church



Sr. Gael Gensler OSF

Sr. Gael Gensler is presently pastoral associate at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. She has been involved in parish ministry for over 30 years. She presently co-coordinates the ministry of care St. Francis of Assisi

 **Register:** <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>



## Have You Heard?

### WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

**“Take; this is  
my body”**

—Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.

“Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love.” (St. John Paul II, *Dominicae cenae*, no. 3)



“It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God.” (CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist “makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior.” (CCC, no. 1330)

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**“Jesus waits for us in this  
sacrament of love.”**

**— Dominicae Cenae, Feb. 24, 1980**



### Eucharistic Revival Opportunities

#### First Friday Devotion

**January 5th**

Attend Mass and receive Communion in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Friday of each month for nine (9) consecutive months.

Come to our 8:30 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi. A brief time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (adoration) will follow Mass. It will include the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

Sr. Margaret Mary Alacoque received this promise the Lord: **“I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment.”**

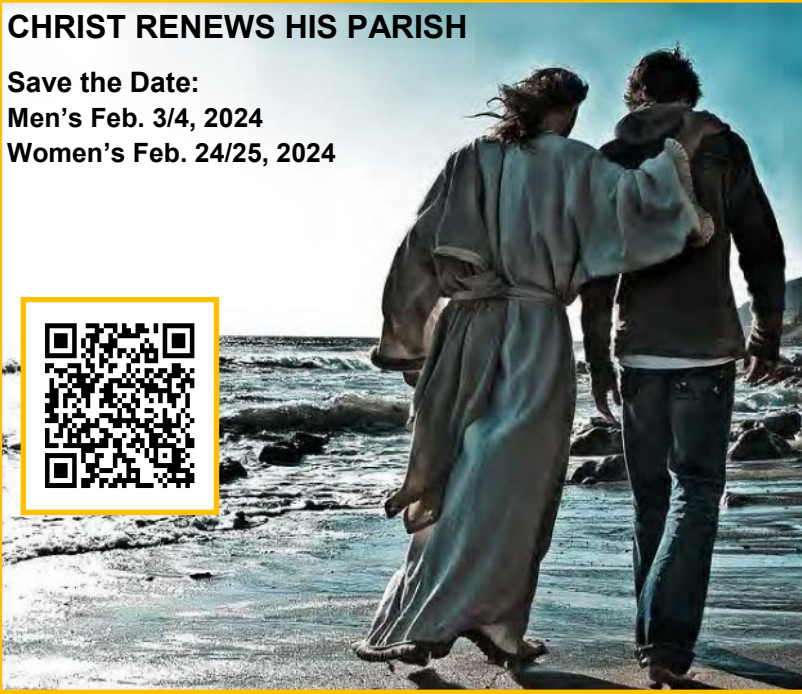


## CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Save the Date:

Men's Feb. 3/4, 2024

Women's Feb. 24/25, 2024



Check the website to learn more  
about  
**Christ Renews His Parish.**  
You can do this by  
scanning the QR code

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## URGENT SCHOLARSHIP HELP NEEDED for Catholic Schools



The Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship previously raised **\$42,248** supporting **7 students** at **Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, Orland Hills.**

**We need your help now more than ever so that we may retain these students.**

With the sunset of the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program, thousands of Catholic school families cannot keep their children in school. The need for scholarship funding is greater than ever. Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program offers vital financial assistance to families who are committed to a Catholic school education but need help with tuition. Our schools continue to provide students with the academic and spiritual development necessary to live faithful and successful lives.

Thankfully, supporting scholarships has never been easier, and scholarship gifts are still tax-deductible. Please visit [archchicago.org/scholarships](https://archchicago.org/scholarships) to make an online gift to any school in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Gifts can be made to a specific school or schools with the highest need.

**The Time Is Now: Please Help Keep  
Faith-Based Education Accessible**  
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If you would like to make a gift via check, Donor Advised Fund, stock or other method, please get in touch with the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7959 or [archchicago@archchicago.org](mailto:archchicago@archchicago.org).



Project Linus

The Helping Hands Committee continues to collect new handmade blankets for Project Linus, a non profit organization that distributes blankets to children in need.

The organization has recently updated their size suggestions to the following:

**BLANKETS SMALLER THAN 36" X 36" WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED BY PROJECT LINUS**

**Baby 36"x36" up to 45"x45"**

**Child 45"x50" up to 50"x60"**

**Teen 50"x60" and up**

Blankets can be placed in the specially marked bin in the closet off of the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support!

**ST. MICHAEL HEALTH AWARENESS MINISTRY**

**DECEMBER MINISTRY GATHERING**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 27 AT 7PM IN THE CHAPEL**

All are welcome to join us at St. Michael Parish in Orland Park for our December gathering. We will meet in the Chapel at St. Michael to pray the Rosary and offer petitions for those in need, including ourselves. Following prayer, those present can choose to participate in respectful and confidential sharing with one another.

**About the St. Michael Mental Health Awareness Ministry (MHAM)** – The St. Michael Mental Health Awareness Ministry is a NEW spiritual support group intended for family and/or friends of persons living with mental health issues. We are community of faith offering help and hope.

We share our lived experiences and mental health resources we have utilized. We practice Holy Listening and do not try to "fix" anyone's problems.

**We meet one Wednesday evening a month at St. Michael Parish.** Our meetings will include a Mass or prayer service, or provide a presentation on a particular topic and offer ways to support you. All meetings are respectful and confidential, and sharing is optional. All are welcome.

No need to sign up or register to attend. Come once or twice or as often as you like.

For more information, **contact us** at [StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com](mailto:StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com).

**If You or Someone You Know is In Crisis, call the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988 for immediate help.**

# Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Competition

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School/Gymnasium  
9250 W 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Hills

**Sunday, January 7  
4-6 PM**

**NO FEE TO PARTICIPATE**

**Open to boys and girls  
ages 9-14 to give it a  
shot!**

A boy and girl winner from each age group will advance to the next round to compete for the State Championship

Please PRE-REGISTER by January 4<sup>th</sup> to: [pat.mckernan@att.net](mailto:pat.mckernan@att.net)

When pre-registering, email your child's first name, last name, and age.

We look forward to seeing you on January 7<sup>th</sup>!

Presented by the Knights of Columbus Father C.C. Boyle Council #4698, Tinley Park







**Frank Bilotto**

**Matthew Cwyl**

**Mary Ann Loftus**

**Patricia Walsh**

**Virginia Zbos**

**Geraldine Zwolinski**

## SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

*Names of sick relatives and friends normally appear in the bulletin for six weeks. After six weeks, the names are written into our parish book of prayers for continued remembrance. At the request of the family, Names will appear in the bulletin for a longer period.*

Jerry Baldwin	Rich Hayes
Leslie Bartosz	Thomas Hickey
Chris Becker	David Hyland
Sr Dolores Blahaus	Henry Kielbowicz
Janice Blouin	Laura Kopp
John Blouin	John & Mary Lejava
Rich Bonetti	George Lopuszynski
Len Cerrentano	Danilo Martinez
Michael Craig	Peter Montovani
Pam England	John Moritti
Ray Farinella	Wanda Murawski
Desirea Fetkenheuer	Gwen Norvilas
Marilyn Gallagher	Randy Pope
Sandy Gibson	John Prohaska
Gerald & Elizabeth Gil	Danuta Sowa
Tori Goytia	Chuck Steffens
Carol Grunow	Kimbery Trochuck

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers**

### **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**5:00PM** Joan Eckel rq. by John Eckel, Frank Ross rq. by debi, Karen, Frank Jr., Frank III & Renee Ross, Carol Anderson rq. by The Rittmeyer Family, Bernie Jarski rq. by The Jarski Family, Joseph Janachowski rq. by Sara Vettraino

### **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00AM** Schweiger & Norris Families rq. by The Schweiger Family, Biernat, Waszak & Wrubel Families rq. by Family, Michael Grekowicz rq. by The Grekowicz Family, Bernadette Tomasek rq. by Rita Killoren, Armand Bonaguro rq. by The Bonaguro Family

**10:00AM** The People of St. Francis

**12:00PM** Stanley Pytel rq. by The Pytel Family, Marko Paljetak rq. by John & Carmel Gutzwiller & family, Bob Klein rq. by Teri Sankey, Florence Gath rq. by Brian & Carolyn Whiteford, Robert Morgan rq. by Mary Calhoun

### **Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM** Joyce March rq. by Joseph March, Anna Deliowska rq. by SFA Religious Ed, Jeff Belski rq. by George & Eva Lopuszynski, Adam & Adolfina Stanek rq. by George & Eva Lopuszynski

### **Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM** Joe Sankey rq. by Teri Sankey, George Buckner rq. by Carol Buckner, Gail Blum rq. by Rita Killoren

### **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM** William & John O'Neill rq. by Family, Jon Nied rq. by Family, Steve Lewis rq. by Family, Anna Deliowska rq. by John & Virginia Zbos, Virginia Cunningham rq. by Marilyn Cunningham

### **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**8:30AM** Michael Smith rq. by parents, Katherine Toppi rq. by Pam & Mario Marr, Therese Lenz rq. by SFA Music Ministry, Linda Huckabee rq. by Sharon & Bob Smith

### **Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:30AM** Ron Lewis rq. by Family, Linda Huckabee rq. by Jim Ward, John Zbos Sr. rq. by John & Virginia Zbos

### **Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**5:00PM** Joan Eckel rq. by John Eckel, Joseph Cartolano rq. by Family, Jack Fornaris rq. by Frank & Beth Lettiere, Gary & David Catalanella rq. by Marilyn Catalanella, Connor Christian rq. by Family

### **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

#### **8:00AM The People of St. Francis**

**10:00AM** Tom Dryer rq. by Family, Filippo Rovito rq. by The Connelly-Norman Family, Terri Lenz rq. by Leanne & Jim Hahn

### **NO 12:00 MASS**

### **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve**

**2:00PM (Church)** John J. Coners rq. by Family, Scott Whisson rq. by The Whisson Family, Salvatore & Josephine Zambuto rq. by Anthony & Frances Zambuto, Salvatore & Mary Giulina rq. by Anthony & Frances Zambuto, Anthony Zambuto Jr. rq. by Mom & Dad

**2:00PM (Hall)** Cosmo & Pauline Ciarrocchi rq. by Family, Anna Deliowska rq. by The Ciarrocchi Family

**4:00PM (Church)** Jack Oleskiewicz rq. by The Topolski Family, Joe Sankey rq. by Sankey Grandkids, Ernie & Barbara Horvath rq. by The Horvath/VanKampen Families, Cecilia Wolf rq. by Family, Joseph Czuk rq. by R. Stonier, Larry Kucharski rq. by Family

**4:00PM (Hall)** Bishop Kevin Birmingham rq. by The Carlo Family

**10:00PM (Church)** Michael Weber rq. by Maria Weber, Nancy Heebner, Barbara Boscarino & Amanda Stanton rq. by Family, William & Antoinette Rafferty rq. by Family, Mary Ann Hughes rq. by Family, Jacobucci & Piazza Families rq. by The Zoladz Family

### **Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

**8:00AM** John, Mary B & Mary T Foley rq. by Family, Casimir (Casey) Kowalkowski rq. by Lorraine Kowalkowski, Gail Saturnus rq. by Family, Edward Calgaro & James Guerino rq. by Christine Calgaro

**10:00AM** John & Virginia O'Farrell rq. by Family, George & Mary Hellmann rq. by Family, Joseph & Cecilia Wolf rq. by Marianne, The Zavodny & McKane Families rq. by The McKane Family, Matthew Cwyl rq. by Family

**12:00PM** The People of St. Francis

## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday - 5:00 PM; Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**  
**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM**

REV. ARTUR SOWA, **Pastor**  
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REV. JAY SUERO, **Associate Pastor**  
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REV. EDWARD F. UPTON, **Pastor Emeritus**  
([edfupton@aol.com](mailto:edfupton@aol.com))

REV. RICH YOUNG, OSA, **Weekend Presider**

DEACON DANIEL CARROLL, **Permanent Deacon**

DEACON JOHN DONAHUE, **Permanent Deacon**  
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DEACON MICHAEL KILEY, **Permanent Deacon**  
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DEACON TIM McCORMICK, **Permanent Deacon**  
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DEACON MICHAEL PINDELSKI, **Permanent Deacon**  
([mpindelski@sfaorland.org](mailto:mpindelski@sfaorland.org))

DEACON BRIAN WHITEFORD, **Permanent Deacon**  
([bwhiteford@sfaorland.org](mailto:bwhiteford@sfaorland.org))

The Parish offices are located in the lower level of the church. Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building. Hours 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Chapel is located at the north-east corner of the Church.

**ADMINISTRATION Phone: 460-0042, Fax: 460-0136**  
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**Director of Facilities:** Jim Hahn ([jhahn@...](mailto:jhahn@...))  
**Parish Accountant:** Kathleen Biederman ([kbiederman@...](mailto:kbiederman@...))  
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The Religious Ed Offices are located in the St. Francis Center, up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays.

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Our elementary Catholic Regional school is located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th & 94th Ave.

**REGISTRATION** Become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

**BECOME A CATHOLIC - R.C.I.A.** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office at 708-460-0042

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Baptisms can be arranged by appointment. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 9:00 - 9:30 AM to allow time for sanitizing the church before Funerals and Weddings.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** Weddings need to be scheduled at least 4-6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Couples are reminded to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please check our website for more details.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed. A priest is available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 708-460-0042. Anointing will also be offered on Mondays after Morning Mass.