

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MAY IT BE
DONE TO ME
ACCORDING TO
YOUR WORD.

— LUKE 1:35 —





Rev. Artur Sowa, Pastor

December 24, 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.

Here We Go

Every so many years, we experience this happy collision of observances: the last Sunday of Advent blossoms into Christmas Eve in a single day. Which means next week, the Feast of the Holy Family will roll into the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God by nightfall. It's a mad scramble for presiders, preachers, choirs, and liturgists to keep up with the whole, holy mess of these occasions. However, let us celebrate. May the Grace of God fill our hearts these days and beyond. Please join us for our beautiful liturgies on this 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Sunday Gospel in everyday English

God sent the angel Gabriel to the Galilean village of Nazareth to a virgin engaged to be married to a man descended from David. His name was Joseph, and the virgin's name, Mary. Upon entering, Gabriel greeted her: Good morning! You're beautiful with God's beauty, Beautiful inside and out! God be with you. She was thoroughly shaken, wondering what was behind a greeting like that. But the angel assured her, "Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus. He will be great, be called 'Son of the Highest.' The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David; He will rule Jacob's house forever." And Mary said, I'm the Lord's maid, ready to serve. Let it be with me just as you say. Then the angel left her. (from Luke 1)

Notes on the Scripture

Mary of Nazareth is the most perfect example of what happens when a human being enters fully into partnership with divine life and she is presented to us today, on this 4th and final Sunday of Advent. The doctrine of Incarnation, which we celebrate at Christmas, is about God-made-human, but it could not happen without Mary. When presented with this decision she is troubled, afraid and has questions, but she declares herself the servant of the Lord. She accepts God's Word, and God accepts hers.

One of the Greek names for Mary is *Theotokos*, or "God-bearer." As one listens to the readings, which speak about the Ark of God dwelling in a tent, and Jesus dwelling in Mary's womb, the question to ask ourselves at this point in Advent is, "Are you ready to bear Christ within? Have you made a home for him in your heart?" Are we ready to say, *Maranatha*; come, Lord Jesus!

In the early Church

Christmas was actually not a major feast, but over the centuries it grew in importance, and Saint Francis of Assisi catapulted its popularity in 1223 by creating the first nativity scene in a cave with live animals. Christmas Midnight Mass was celebrated there and it was a huge hit with the whole town. The tradition of the Christmas crèche was born. Francis loved Christmas, considering it the "Feast of Feasts," because God chose to take the humble form of a poor baby. Let the wonder of the Incarnation imbue your day. Merry Christmas to all!

Pews Project Update

It has been a while since I gave an update on our pew project. This temporary sitting in the church will continue over the 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 December 30	Sunday, 8:00 AM December 31	Sunday, 10:00 AM December 31	Sunday, 12:00 PM December 31	Monday, 10:00 AM January 1 Mary, Mother of God
Presider	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Ed Upton	Rev. Rich Young	Fr. Jay Suero	Rev. Ed Upton
Deacon	John Donahue	Mike Kiley	Brian Whiteford	Timothy McCormick	Timothy McCormick
Sacristan	Ann Czarny	Sharon McCaffrey	Marjorie Curran	Marilyn O'Sullivan	Barbara Basila
Lector	William Farrell (1) Richard Klein (2)	Gerald Saletta (1) Rich Becker (2)	Greg Moe (1) John Pacholski (2)	Irene Rodriguez (1) Warren Winker (2)	Betty Kameron (1) Irene Rodriguez (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Kathleen Biederman Robert Carlo Victoria Carlo Ann Czarny John Donahue Lisa Kacerovskis Katherine Nicholson Fr. Jay Suero	Harriet Antkiewicz Patricia Flynn Patricia Grasso Mike Kiley Sharon McCaffrey Eileen McCarthy Pat Trebe Rev. Ed Upton	Michael Curran Joan Giorgetti Mary Greenan Sharon Moe Janice Ota Sheila Pacholski Brian Whiteford Rev. Rich Young	Rita Beckwith Cathy Embach Martha Jaquez Timothy McCormick Mary Jo Noreikis Marilyn O'Sullivan Fr. Jay Suero Jeannine Witowski	Timothy McCormick Peter Piazza Valerie Piazza Frank Scellato Lynne Sparks Judee Tan Martin Terpstra Rev. Ed Upton
Altar Server	Raphael Angelo Santos Sabrina Geerdes Max Meyer	Amanda Mackowiak (sub req.) NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	John Curran Brian Curran Patrick Curran	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Raphael Angelo Santos Jayden Tan NOT FILLED
Usher	Cathy Arzbaeher (HU) Jim Arzbaeher James Calcagno	James Pedersen (HU) Mary Ann Wyman Bud Wyman	George Kelley (HU) Deborah Burzinski John Higgins	Jerry Ondrus (HU) Joan Ondrus Richard Wysocki (sub req.)	Ann Carroll (HU) Janice Ota NOT FILLED
Greeter	Renee Farrell Martin Terpstra	Harriet Antkiewicz Nancy Biggio	Gabby Bach Pat Depcik	Elaine Kucharski (sub req.) Mary Jo Noreikis	Lynne Sparks NOT FILLED

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day
Mass at 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00

Tuesday, December 26th
Mass at 8:30AM, Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 27th
OA Mtg., 9:30AM (GR)

Friday, December 29th
AA Mtg., 7:00PM (NR)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Monday, January 1st
10:00AM

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.

“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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THE EUCHARIST

REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS OR A SYMBOL

A PEW research study revealed in 2019 that only 30% of Catholics believe in the Real Presence. Fully two-thirds of those questioned held that the Eucharistic elements are merely symbolic of Jesus’ presence. Would you like to join a small study group that will give you the information you need to spread the word that the Church’s official teaching is true? Jesus is really, truly and substantially present under the appearance of bread and wine.

Groups of six to seven people or more meet in our Church or in private homes to discuss Bishop Robert Barron’s book **This is my Body**. Groups can meet during the day or evening. The discussion usually lasts 1-1/2 hours. We have five groups that are meeting currently or have recently completed the six weeks.

We have another group meeting after the first of the year. Busy with the holidays now? You can join a group after the holidays in January.

Here are comments from three parishioners who have recently completed the study:

From Kathleen Kocianski

Most of my Catholic formation was done prior to Vatican II. I was taught that when I went to Communion I received Jesus, but nothing about the Real Presence. I was a Sunday/Holy Day Mass-attending Catholic out of habit and obligation, and I received the Eucharist reverently, but not struck with wonder and awe.

Bishop Robert Barron’s book **This is my Body** (a short but mighty book) was very helpful in providing evidence in Scripture and through Church scholars as proof of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The people in my group were very open and willing to share their thoughts. Our host could not have been more welcoming and gracious. I looked forward to our meetings every week, and I feel blessed that I was invited to participate.

I feel the Lord in my life every day and I know and believe that when I receive the Eucharist, it is food for my soul that sustains me. I hope and pray that the Eucharistic Revival awakens all Catholics to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

From Maureen Niswonger

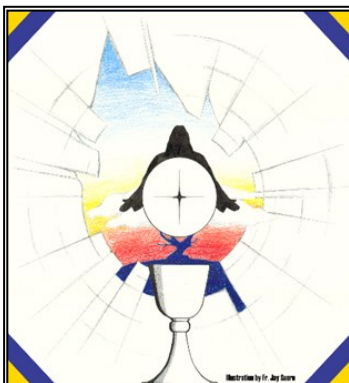
The small study group was a very positive experience for me. Although the book **This is My Body** could be a challenge, we all got through it and had some very open discussions about our beliefs. It was not uncommon for those who were not “cradle Catholics” had more difficulty in believing that the Eucharist is actually the Body of Christ. It seems that this has been a topic of discussion for centuries.

For me personally, as a result of the group study, I find my self really paying attention to the words during the Consecration. Sometimes I have chills or sometimes am moved to tears. It truly is a miracle that “I Believe.”

From Debbie Lipien

Participating in a small group to discuss our faith is very rewarding. We form small faith communities, get to know fellow parishioners, and learn more about our wonderful faith in a way designed for adult faith formation. I always learn new things that help deepen my awe at the depth of God’s love for mankind given the opportunity, I hope you will accept the invitation to join a small faith group.

Please contact Trisha Goldberg at: trishagoldberg1@comcast.net to sign up for a group or for more info.



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.

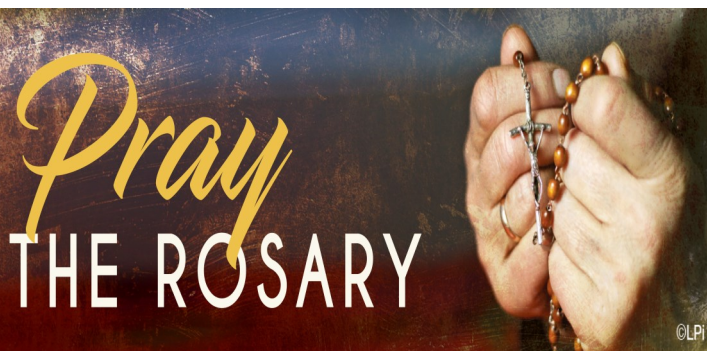
Come to our 8:30 AM Mass at St. Francis of Assisi. A brief time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (adoration) will follow Mass. It will include the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

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."**

"Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory! Jesus is a 'person,' always alive and present with us! Love Jesus present in the Eucharist. He is present in a sacrificial way in holy Mass, which renews the sacrifice of the cross. To go to Mass means going to Calvary to meet him, our Redeemer. He comes to us in Holy Communion and remains present in the tabernacles of our churches, for he is our friend."

— Address to the Italian youth

Nov. 8, 1978



ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join us for the Rosary for Life the first Saturday of each month. This coming month we will meet at 10:00AM on Saturday, January 6th.

We will pray at the Eucharistic Chapel at the base of the bell tower.

Hope to see you then!

EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION

JUICEBOX

on  YouTube

A **new**

Catholic kids show is here!

Grow in

the faith while having fun!

Juice Box is a new online children's show and YouTube channel designed to entertain kids and grown-ups alike while teaching the Catholic faith.



www.SpiritJuiceKids.com

This web series uses popular toys, stories, games, crafts, and more to introduce faith-based topics on a level that young children understand, engage with, enjoy, and (most importantly) remember. This is a safe Youtube channel that you can finally feel good about your kids watching.

 **YouTube**

@SpiritJuiceKids



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Save the Date:

Men's Feb. 3/4, 2024

Women's Feb. 24/25, 2024



Hi, my name is Rhonda Okleshen, and I have been a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi since 1997. Over the years I listened to many announcements of the CRHP retreat weekend, and the many encouraging words from former participants speaking at the Pulpit in the weeks leading up to the event. I was always curious, but hesitant to sign up. Also, there was always an excuse not to go. Life is busy and I had something scheduled nearly every year. Then in 2019 while attending mass it hit me, my schedule was clear, and I felt like something was missing in my life. I signed up after mass. I do not regret a single minute I spent that weekend. The experience enriched my connection with God and the parish, and I have a whole new set of women in my life with whom I share a special bond. Please consider signing up for this weekend. It is truly a gift that keeps on giving.



**YOUR PARISH SCHOOL WISHES YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a
BLESSED NEW YEAR**

As we approach the end of our advent journey and enter the blessed Christmas season, we are prepared, heart, mind, and soul, for the coming of Christ in our world. Let us rejoice and take comfort in the knowledge that prayer can bring us closer to Christ and to one another. Prayer can bring our world together.

Be assured that the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students extend prayers of peace and wishes for good health and abundant joy to our fellow parishioners!

May your Christmas be filled with the Joy of the Christ child and may each day of the New Year bring blessings that strengthen your soul and renew your spirit.

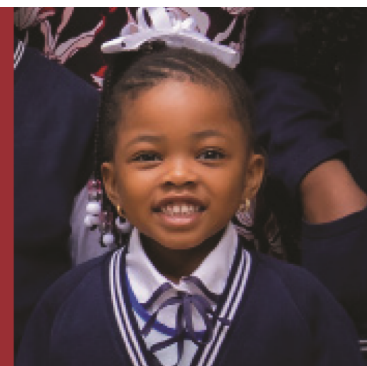
Mrs. Jeanne Pagliaro

Principal

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



**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 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**
archchicago.org/scholarships



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.



The “Angel Fund”

Each year, across the nation, Catholic schools are recognized at parish masses and with special school events during “Catholic Schools Week.” This year, the celebration for our parish school, **Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School (CJB)**, will begin with liturgies on January 27 and 28. CJB staff and students will also welcome visitors for our Open House and Personal Tours on **January 28 from 11am until 1pm**. (If that timing doesn’t fit your schedule, please call Mrs. Devlin at 708-403-6525, extension 127 to make alternative arrangements.)

Throughout “Catholic Schools Week” special events will be held at CJB – beginning with a mass on January 29 which will recognize and celebrate our volunteers. Additionally, we will celebrate the strong program of faith formation at CJB, our nationally twice-recognized blue-ribbon academics, and the selfless involvement of students and staff in a variety of service projects.

Nine years ago, CJB’s founding parishes (St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, and St. Julie Billiart) began a special collection known as the “**Angel Fund**.” This collection is taken up one weekend during the year at the start of Catholic Schools Week. The Angel Fund is meant to assist parishioner families who may need a bit of help in sending their children to CJB. Last year, nearly 20% of our students received some type of financial aid from various sources. As you would understand, many families are in need.

CJB is so very grateful to our sponsoring parishes who subsidize qualified parishioner students. With the recent defeat in the Illinois House of the extension of the *Invest in Kids Program*, our school will lose over \$40,000 in tuition assistance for current students who hope to attend CJB next year. **No donation is too small. Any donation you are able to make is truly appreciated! This special collection will take place, in person, during the weekend of January 27 and 28. We do accept donations to the Angel Fund year round, at the school office, and with our new online donation option on www.cjbschool.org**

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS!

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.

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 167th 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 4th to: 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 7th!

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





Raymond Kowalski

Diane Semprevivo

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 Lejawa
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 Gill	Danuta Sowa
Tori Goytia	Chuck Steffens
Carol Grunow	Kimbery Trochuck

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep those listed below in your daily prayers

Saturday, December 23rd

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

Sunday, December 24th: 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 24th: 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 25th Christmas Day

8:00AM John, Mary B & Mary T Foley rq. by Family, Casimir (Casey) Kowalkowski rq. by Lorraine Kowalkowski, Gail Saternus 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

Tuesday, December 26th

8:30AM Daniel O'Rourke rq. by Sally O'Rourke, Cyndi Gardeakos rq. by Sue Campagna, Maryanne Terpstra rq. by Family

Wednesday, December 27th

8:30AM Robert Gorz rq. by Family, Anna Deliowska rq. by Bob & Sharon Smith, Virginia Zbos rq. by George & Eva Lopuszynski, Jimmy & Hieu Phan (healing)

Thursday, December 28th

8:30AM Linda Huckabee rq. by Rich & Linda Misiorowski, Rita Bruening, Lucy Phan (healing)

Friday, December 29th

8:30AM Rita Stark rq. by Donna, Don & Ron Egan, John Egan rq. by Donna & Pat Egan, Kay & Him Bernash (healing) rq. by Carol Colby

Saturday, December 30th

5:00PM Mary Young rq. by Sue King, Edward Kasan rq. by Jimmy & Lucy Phan, Beddow/Westphal Families rq. by Patricia Westphal, Nany Ryan rq. by Mary McDermott

Sunday, December 31st

8:00AM The People of St. Francis

10:00AM Philip & Bernadette Cederstrom rq. by The Cederstrom Family, Mariano Centeno (healing) rq. by The Candelaria Family

12:00PM JoAnn Jancosek rq. by Gina Vitucci, Anna Sroka rq. by Maryann & Nancy

Monday, January 1st

10:00AM John, Mary B. & Mary T. Foley rq. by Family, Jack Martarano rq. by Family, Mary Castronovo rq. by Family, Santa Grassadonia rq. by Family, Joseph Doan rq. by Family

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Website: <http://www.sfaorland.org> Parish office e-mail: parishoffice@sfaorland.org Parish phone: 708-460-0042

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

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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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Coordinator: Jackie O'Malley, ext. 242 (jomalley@...)
Office Manager: Maureen Krzyminski, ext. 244 (mkrzyminski@...)

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.

CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN (CJB) SCHOOL
9250 W.167th St., Orland Hills, IL 60487
Phone: 708-403-6525
Principal: Jeanne Pagliaro
Web page: www.cjbschool.org

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.