

**ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL PARISH  
NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**9201 West Higgins Road  
Chicago, IL 60631**

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**December 13, 2009**

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**WELCOME**

*We're blessed because you're here!*

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of All Saints Cathedral Parish is to create an atmosphere where everyone can develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, worship, and active participation in sacramental life.

***WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS:*** We're glad you chose to share in the worship of Our Lord with us. Please introduce yourself to the clergy after Mass, sign our guest register in the vestibule, join us for refreshments in the lower level fellowship hall after Mass – and most important, come again. Please remember that you are always welcome at All Saints Cathedral Parish.

## **+THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT+**

**8:30AM – Advent Wreath Ceremony**

**Ritual Form of the Sacrament of Penance**

**Holy Mass (Traditional Rite)**

†Very Rev. Martin Wachna, Stanley & Gertrude Jilka; Int.  
Judy Wachna & Family

**9:30AM – Birthday Party for Jesus**

**10:00AM – St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal**

**11:00AM – Advent Wreath Ceremony**

**Ritual Form of the Sacrament of Penance**

**Holy Mass (Contemporary Rite)**

†Franciszek & Anna Schwichtenberg (M.F.)

**12:30PM – SOCL Christmas Party**

**LECTORS:** 8:30AM – Christopher Bogzevitz

11:00AM – Christine Wachna

**GREETERS:** 8:30AM – Elmer & Dolores Ustas

11:00AM – Ed Hansen

**READING I:** Zephaniah 3:14-18

**READING II:** Philippians 6:4-7

**GOSPEL:** Luke 3:10-18

## MASSES, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES

**PLEASE NOTE:** Weekday Votive Masses will be offered either at 8:45AM or 11:00AM. Please refer to weekly bulletin for scheduled times.

### **Monday, December 14, 2009**

11:00AM – Holy Mass – Blessings for Joel & Katherine Overby

### **Tuesday, December 15, 2009 –**

11:00AM – Holy Mass – Blessings for Donald & Joan Pagels

### **Wednesday, December 16, 2009**

11:00AM – Holy Mass – In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### **Thursday, December 17, 2009**

11:00AM – Holy Mass – Blessings for Adolph & Lorraine Papish

7:00PM – Bible Study

### **Friday, December 18, 2009**

11:00AM – Holy Mass – Blessings for Christina Papish

### **Saturday, December 19, 2009**

9:00AM – Holy Mass for healing of body, heart, mind and soul with anointing

## **+FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT+**

**December 20, 2009**

**8:30AM – Advent Wreath Ceremony**

**Holy Mass (Traditional Rite)**

†Mitchell & Helen Degorski; Int. Mitchell Chrapek

†Harold & Clara Sadowski; Int. Ronald Sadowski

**9:30AM – Cake & Coffee Fellowship**

**9:45AM – SOCL Classes**

**10:00AM – St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal**

**11:00AM – Advent Wreath Ceremony**

**Holy Mass (Contemporary Rite)**

†Richard Urban, Joseph & Frances Urban; Int. Dolores Urban

†Walter Cieply; Agnes, Walter & Vincent Niedzwiecki; Christopher Collinet; Daniel Nickey; Int. Dorothy Nickey

**12:30PM – Cake and Coffee Fellowship**

**LECTORS:** 8:30AM – Loretta Esula

11:00AM – Stephen Scott/Cantor: Gary Kurzynski

**GREETERS:** 8:30AM – Ronald Sadowski

11:00AM – Mary Sowinski

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** are extended to the following parishioners who are celebrating their birthdays this week:

Andrea Heath	12/13
Diane Hughes	12/16
Deacon David Rowinski	12/16
Carol Stermer	12/16
Lauren Esula	12/18
Joann Kubinski	12/18
Irene Migdalek	12/18
Marissa Bialasik	12/19

May God bless you and grant you all a very Happy Birthday!

**PARISHIONERS:** Stephanie Woytowicz, Eleanor Kubinski, Elizabeth Anton, Kathleen Piotrowski, Jean Lamberg, Adele Kaldunek, Irene Belland, Lorraine Fanslow, Dorothy Nickey, Elmer & Bee Skore, Vic Kay

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Father Sr. Ed Meus, Father Joseph Brzek, Rick McCallister, William Nickey, Robert Rogala, Diane DeSantis, Luann (Kolwicz) Lednovich, Susan Hawel, Lenora DeSantis, Kathleen Margevich, Janie Buckley, Paul Sowa, Chuck Repede, Joseph & Irene (Serwinski) Santoro, Lauren Gramza, Pam Smith, Sonny Dobrovolskis, William Milbrandt, Michael Paprocki, Gayle Kamberos, Kathy Zulewski, Kenneth & Lynn Berg, Lydia Hohn, Henry & Ronnie Kaliszewski, Becky Nystrom, Jeff Felski

**HOME-BOUND:** Jacqueline Bannach, Loretta Bekier, Joseph Kosowski, Anna Andrewski, Elizabeth Reinowski, Helen Pojack, Marcella Schweda, Helen Stark, Virginia Klukowski, Dorothy Rogala, Natalie Paprocki, Jim Mueller, Cathy Kaminsky, Lorryayne Zeman

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING FREEDOM** but especially for: Shawn M. Hoffmann (US Army), Franklin Jez (USAF in Italy), Samantha Chevopulos (USAF), Joseph Opala (USAF), Andrew LaRoy (USAF in Okinawa), Luke Sobiechowski (USMC), Rob Kurowski (USMC), Anthony Prindle (US Army in Iraq), Adam Boyd (US Army), Sergio Gingerich (USMC), Scott Krasko (US Army), Vincent Chernesky (USN)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events listed below and watch future bulletins for more information –

Every Wednesday in Advent, the Holy Mass at 8:45AM will be in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary according to ancient custom

December 20 – 9:30AM – Election of Parish Officers

December 20 – 4PM – Chicago Circle Choir Christmas Concert

December 24 – 4PM – Christmas Vigil Mass with Procession –  
Contemporary Rite/Hippolytan Canon

11:30PM – Congregational singing of Christmas  
Carols

Midnight – Christmas Eve Mass of the Shepherds  
with Procession and Blessing of the  
Creche – Contemporary  
Rite/Traditional Canon

December 25 – 10AM – Christmas Day Mass-Traditional Rite  
with Asperges

December 27 – Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

January 1 – 10AM Mass followed by Open House and caroling  
by the Choir to the homebound

January 10 – 10AM Mass followed by the Annual Parish  
Christmas Dinner & the SOCL Christmas Program

### ***PRAYER FOR THE WEEK***

***Dear God, when we are tempted to seek  
comfort elsewhere during this Advent  
season, restore our hope in You who alone  
gives us true comfort. Amen.***

## PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY** - School of Christian Living families will participate in this ceremony each Sunday of Advent with the lighting of the Candle and offering of a prayer. The participants for today are: 8:30AM Mass - Diane Hughes & Family and 11:00AM Mass - Joe & Lisa Urban & Family. We thank Jennifer Kulczak and her daughters, Karen & Carlie, for filling in last week.
- **CHRISTMAS WAFERS** (Oplatki) are available in the vestibule for a free will offering; however, a minimum offering of \$2.00 per envelope is suggested in order to cover the cost. We should all strive to uphold the beautiful tradition of breaking of the "oplatek" at the Christmas Eve Vigil and on Christmas Day with our family and friends.
- **ADVENT COMMUNION CALLS** will be made by Bishop Anthony and Deacon David to all of the sick and homebound of the Parish during the month of December.
- **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - To beautify our Cathedral for Christmas, contributions for Christmas flowers may be added to your weekly envelopes by Sunday, December 20. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- **ADVENT BOOKLETS** containing meditations and daily readings are now available in the vestibule. Please take one and use it daily as part of your personal preparation for Christmas.
- **HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS COOKIES** are once again being offered for sale by the Chicago Circle Choir of the United Choirs. The cookies are \$8.50 per pound and may be ordered by contacting any member of the Chicago Circle or Dian Maycan at 847-318-7975. Deadline for placing orders is December 9 with pickup on December 12 or 13.
- **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - The Chicago Circle Choir has been busy preparing for their Annual Christmas Concert which will be held at 4PM on Sunday, December 20 at the Cathedral. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend and enjoy an afternoon of enjoyable music.

## PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORMS** - To date, approximately 28% of the forms mailed have been completed and returned and represent annual contributions of approximately \$33,900. Realistically, it is not feasible to operate our parish on this commitment. Most, if not all households would not be able to manage on this amount. The Budget Committee needs to have 100% commitment from the parishioners to set a budget for the year 2010. So, if you have not as yet returned you form, the Parish Committee will be making follow-up phone calls to parishioners who have not responded with a completed form. Please save us a phone call and submit your commitment form.

To date, the following parishioners have submitted their stewardship forms: Elizabeth Anton, Lottie Augustyn, Irene Belland, Tim & Helen Blaszczak, Barbara Bratkowski, Dave & Dorothy Catinella, Ronald & Carole Cummings, Joanne Gramza, Roger & Teri Heath, Dennis Izdepski, Victor & Lorraine Kay, Mary Kokot, Edmund Kolaczewski, Jr., Edmund & Josephine Kolaczewski, Sr., Chester Kopacz, Bishop Anthony & Darlene Kopka, Richard & Jennifer Kulczak, Gary & Jean Kurzynski, Joan Maluchnik, Doris Matuszewski, Robert & Dian Maycan, Irene Migdalek, Don & Joan Pagels, Adolph & Lorraine Papish, Gene Paprocki, Lottie Pilarski, Barbara Radicek, Stephanie Rowinski, Ron Sadowski, Stephen & Katy Scott, Nicholas Scott, Helen Stark, Richard & Sylvia Stark, Donna Stroder, Judie Szydlowski, Dolores Urban, Joe & Lisa Urban, Elmer & Dolores Ustas, Marty & Christ Wachna, Virginia Wietrecki. Thank you to these parishioners.

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- **DEACON PROGRAM** - It is five steps for a man, then one major leap in a man's walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. That is, there are five minor orders, then the first major order of Christ's holy priesthood, which is the diaconate. In the Western Diocese men may study, pray and train to become deacons. At the end of each six-month semester, which consists of academic and practical education for an average of four hours a week, men may progress from Porter to Reader to Blessor to Acolyte to Subdeacon and finally, Deacon. Ask Bishop Anthony or Deacon David for a handbook on the Deacon Program. They also have applications and a list of qualifications. You may also request those materials by e-mail: [wddeaconprogram@yahoo.com](mailto:wddeaconprogram@yahoo.com)

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- **CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS** - All Saints Cathedral Parish and its organizations take part in so many activities that we would like to submit to God's Field. Along with articles, photos are a plus. Therefore, we are looking for several volunteers who would be interested in taking photos at our various activities to contact Bishop Anthony. Camera will be furnished.
- **DO YOU HEAR THE CALL . . .**
  - . . . to serve in the ministry of being a greeter on Sundays or at special services. This carries the responsibility of commitment for time and promptness. Your friendly greeting will welcome parishioners and guests and show them that we care. Please contact Joanne Gramza at 847-923-0429 for further information.
  - . . . to convey the Word of God to the faithful during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by serving as a lector? Please contact Bishop Anthony or Christine Wachna for training information.
  - . . . to serve the parish by being a collection counter? Please contact Judie Szydowski or Lorraine Kay for further information. Assistance is needed in both areas for both Masses. Please give consideration to either or both, pray about it, and then make the necessary contacts.
- **ONE MINUTE OF PRAYER** - Every parishioner is reminded to set aside one minute for prayer every evening. During the month of December, offer prayers for all those serving in the Armed Forces who will not be home for the holidays and for their families. Everyone, no matter where they are or what they are doing, no matter what the age, is asked to participate. With everyone praying at the same time for the same reason, we can generate a tremendous amount of prayer power.

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## THE LONGING OF ADVENT

For thousands of years, people longed for the coming of a Savior. The birth of Jesus fulfilled their yearning. During Advent, we recall the history of that longing and the historical moment of its fulfillment.

Now we long for Christ to come again. Longing has its own spiritual quality. It finds life in the midst of emptiness, hope from traces of beauty, and faith from an awareness of the presence of God. In Advent, we remember the longing of our ancestors, and at Christmas we remember its fulfillment. But during Advent we also encounter our own longings that have not yet been fulfilled. These look forward to another day of the Lord, a time when Christ will come to deliver on the promise of redemption.

As you celebrate this Advent, think about your own longings. Become more aware of what is absent. There you will find promise, not yet fulfillment. But even in promise swells the presence of God.

What is your longing? For what are you waiting? What is it that you don't have? Ironically, the secular world is urging you to ask this question and to answer it with merchandise and increased activity, being in debt, and being busy. But money won't buy everything. What is your deeper longing?

Some waiting is positive. We wait for something good to happen, such as the birth of a child. This kind of waiting brings its own joy, even before the time of waiting comes to an end. But some waiting is negative. We wait for something unpleasant to pass. Or we wait for a fearful future to arrive. Things kind of waiting is intolerable and brings pain.

Illness brings its own kind of longing. It can fill time with great discomfort, changed moods, with physical, mental and spiritual weakness. Still, it can fill time with grace. The sick and those who love them instinctively turn more readily to God. They pray for healing, and the sickness triggers hope for the complete healing we seek at the end of our days. Our words "save" and "salve" come from the same root. Our wounds need to be salvaged. Our lives need to be saved. What are you experiencing with disabilities, disabilities or aging? For what are you yearning?

We live in constant anxiety – poverty, war, civil strife, starvation, malnutrition, both at home and abroad. We do not know when ill fortune may befall people we love or even ourselves. Jesus promised a kingdom of justice and peace. What are you yearning for?

What do you do to endure this longing? How do you comfort yourself? Do you turn to secular or carnal activities? Do you devote yourself to prayer? Are there some positive actions you take? How are you advancing the kingdom of justice and peace?

You will not live to see the fulfillment of all your dreams. Many dreams will be fulfilled after your lifetime. Moses reached the mountaintop and saw the Promised Land, but he never entered it together with his family and friends. Are you willing to live now in a way that builds a future you will not see?

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## WHAT SHOULD I DO?

We must prepare for the coming of Christ. We know that He will come again. We believe that we will face Him when we die. If you knew that your life would end soon, what would you do differently? What would you want to accomplish? What can you do this Advent to prepare for the coming of that day?

Advent is a call to action. With Isaiah, we pray that God will rend the heavens and come to our aid, but do you really expect anything to happen? You should. Just as we are seeking God to come to our aid, God is seeking us to come to the aid of the kingdom. When John the Baptist sent some of his disciples to follow the Lamb of God, Jesus asked them, "What are you seeking?" They answered, "Where do you live?" He said, "Come and see." Throughout this season, we are asking Jesus to come, but He is asking His disciples to come as well.

John the Baptist called his disciples to turn away from sin. In repentance, they would prepare for the coming of the Messiah. How about you? What must you turn away from? What must you turn toward? What must you do right now, this Advent, to prepare for the coming of Christ?

## HOW SHOULD I WAIT?

Advent is not a time of anxious waiting. It is not a time when we wait for something awful to pass. Rather, it is a time of joyful waiting, a time to wait for goodness.

Mary the mother of Jesus is the best example. In the day leading up to the first Christmas, she waited with the greatest joy of all. Expecting a child, awaiting a Savior, she knew that Jesus was already here. Just as she was waiting for Him to be born.

The kingdom is here. We await its fulfillment, but it is already here. We live without all that we long for, but we live in joyful hope, as a mother expecting a child.

In the northern hemisphere, the change of the seasons affirms this hope. Advent embraces the last of the days that grow shorter. It absorbs the winter solstice, and springs us into the coming of the light, just as we are about to welcome the birth of Christ.

His name is Jesus, which means "Savior." He was prophesied as Emmanuel, which means "God-is-with-us." Indeed, God is with us, and His presence fills our longing with joy.

## MY ADVENT STRATEGIES

Think again about your list of customs. How will you bring your longing and your hope into your experience of Advent this year? Among the many tasks and festivities of the season, what activities will you choose to pursue this Advent? What attitude will you bring to them? How will they help you discover your deepest longing? How will they help you live? In the midst of the holiday season, how will you observe Advent?

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**2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES** - *2009 parish dues are now due as well as any past unpaid dues. To register as a member, please see Financial Secretary Lorraine Kay or Bishop Anthony.*

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES** - *\$100.00 per year per adult. A membership should be taken by those who are age 21 or older or have reached the age of 18 and are no longer in school. If you have questions about your contribution statement or your current membership status, please call or see Lorraine Kay, Financial Secretary, for information. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.*

- Have you made up your contributions from the Sundays that you were not able to worship? Our parish depends on your financial support to operate. Please contribute your “make-up” offerings now. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.
- For all contributions, please make your checks payable to All Saints Cathedral Parish and use your envelopes, so that your membership account will reflect all donations. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.
- Please notify the parish office of address changes.

### **COLLECTION COUNTERS**

Sunday, December 13, 2009 - 8:30AM - Bill Papish/Gordon Bialasik  
11:00AM - Bob Maycan/Warren Sobczyk

Sunday, December 20, 2009 - 8:30AM - Teri Heath/Jean Kurzynski  
11:00AM - Mary Scott/Karl Wilke

## PARISH INFORMATION

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### **PARISH /CEMETERY OFFICE:**

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Chairman: Gary Kurzynski  
Vice Chairman/Cemetery Trustees: Steve Lindenmuth  
Treasurer: Judie Szydowski  
Financial Secretary: Lorraine Kay  
Assistant Financial Secretary: Hilda Nickel  
Cemetery Secretary: Jill Lindenmuth

Cemetery Visiting Hours: 8:00AM - 5:00PM  
Spring & Summer Decorations April 1 - September 30  
Fall & Winter Decorations November 1 - February 28

**SUNDAY MASSES:** 8:30AM (Traditional Rite)  
11:00AM (Contemporary Rite)

*SUMMER SCHEDULE:* First Sunday in June thru Labor Day  
Saturday- 5PM (Contemporary Rite) and Sunday-9AM (Traditional Rite)

**DAILY MASSES** are held at 8:45AM or as announced. Intentions may be offered at most Masses. Examples of intentions are: For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries. To make arrangements, please contact Bishop Anthony directly.

**HOLY DAY MASSES** are held as announced in the bulletin.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Arrangements should be made with the Pastor as soon as possible or at least 30 days prior to the ceremony.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

**EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS AND DEATH** should be reported to the Pastor immediately.