

**ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL PARISH
NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

December 20, 2009

WELCOME

We're blessed because you're here!

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.

+FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT+

8:30AM – Advent Wreath Ceremony

Ritual Form of the Sacrament of Penance

Holy Mass (Traditional Rite)

†Mitchell & Helen Degorski; Int. Mitchell Chrapek

†Harold & Clara Sadowski; Int. Ronald Sadowski

9:30AM – Election of Parish Officers

9:30AM – Cake and Coffee Fellowship

9:45AM – SOCL Classes

10:00AM – St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal

10:30AM – Private Confession for Youth

11:00AM – Advent Wreath Ceremony

Ritual Form of the Sacrament of Penance

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

12:15PM – Cake and Coffee Fellowship

**4:00PM – Christmas Concert presented by Chicago Circle Choir
along with Do-Re-Me Youth Choir, Adult & Youth Handbell
Choirs**

LECTORS: 8:30AM – Loretta Esula

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

GREETERS: 8:30AM – Ronal Sadowski

11:00AM – Mary Scott

READING I: Micah 5:1-4

READING II: Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

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 21, 2009

11:00AM – Holy Mass – Prayers for Sacred Vocations .

Tuesday, December 22, 2009 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

11:00AM – Holy Mass for healing of body, heart, mind and soul .

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

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

Thursday, December 24, 2009 – Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

4:00PM – Holy Mass – Christmas Vigil Mass with Procession and Blessing of the Creche

11:30PM – Congregational singing of Christmas Carols

Midnight – Holy Mass – Mass of the Shepherds with Procession and Blessing of the Creche .

Friday, December 25, 2009 – Solemnity-Nativity of our Lord

10:00AM - Holy Mass with Asperges (Sprinkling of the people) .

Saturday, December 26, 2009 – Feast-St. Stephen. Proto-Martyr

9:00AM – Holy Mass .

+SOLEMNITY OF THE HUMBLE SHEPHERDS+ FEAST OF ST. JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist

December 27, 2009

8:30AM – Holy Mass (Traditional Rite) with blessing and sharing of wine

9:30AM – Cake & Coffee Fellowship

9:45AM – Meeting of Ladies Rosary Sodality and Election of Officers

10:00AM – St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal

11:00AM – Holy Mass (Contemporary Rite) with blessing and sharing of wine

12:30PM – Cake and Coffee Fellowship

LECTORS: 8:30AM – Christopher Bogzevitz

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

GREETERS: 8:30AM – Ed & Josephine Kolaczewski

11:00AM – Warren Sobczyk

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Nikki Wagner	12/21
Victoria Mendyk	12/23
Nicholas Scott	12/24
Dolores Gogonas	12/25
Joseph Kosowski	12/25
Michael Kosowski	12/25

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

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, Paul Gramza, Lukas Alexander Hemmer, Rev. Andrzej Bako

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

(Prayers are offered for the sick and homebound at the Mass for Health every week.)

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

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

January 6 – Solemnity-Epiphany of our Lord
Blessing of Incense and Chalk

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

January 18-25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 31 – Music Scholarship Sunday – Collection for Music Scholarships

February 2 – Solemnity-Presentation of the Lord with blessing of candles

February 3 – St. Blaise Day with Blessing of throats

February 28 – Annual Parish Meeting

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, As we approach the day on which we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we thank You for giving us the most wonderful gift of all – Jesus Christ. May our celebration lead us to a deeper appreciation of all life. Help us to cherish the gifts of family, friends, and the time to enjoy them. May we grow in gratitude for the presence of Your Holy Spirit throughout the year. Amen.

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- **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 - Glen & Maria Bialasik & Family and 11:00AM Mass - Dean & Carrie Maycan & Family.
- **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.
- **"CHRISTMAS"** comes from "Christ's Mass." Therefore, Christmas can't be Christmas without attending Mass on Christmas Eve (Christmas Vigil Mass at 4PM and Midnight Mass with congregational caroling beginning at 11:30PM) and Christmas Day ((10AM Mass). *"O, come all ye faithful!!"*
- **REMINDER** - Any contributions and/or dues which are intended for 2009 must be received in the office before the end of this year so that they appear on your 2009 contribution statement. If you have any questions as to the status of your contribution and/or dues, please contact Judie Szydowski or Lorraine Kay.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** At the end of this year, all the names on our sick list will be purged. To have someone placed on the sick list at the beginning of the year, please complete and submit a Prayer Request (green) card which can be found in the vestibule. This list will be purged at the end of each month and another Prayer Request card must then be submitted. These cards must be completely filled out.

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- **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 your 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 Blaszcak, 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.

- **THANK YOU** - The Chicago Circle Choir would like to thank the following members and friends who baked and packed the cookies for the recent Cookie Sale: Chris & Michaela Bogzevitz, Janet & Frank Calabrese, Carole & Ron Cummings, Roger & Teri Heath, Gary & Krysta Kurzynski, Bob & Dian Maycan, Norrine Mycke, Warren & Connie Sobczyk, Donna Stroder, Judie Szydlowski, Dolores Urban, Lisa & Joe Urban. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of the delicious homemade cookies, they will be available for sale following the concert today at 4PM.

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- **DEACON PROGRAM** - They were ordinary men, the first men who were ordained by the Apostles as deacons. Through Christ, ordinary men like Stephen - the first Christian martyr, who was killed because of his faith - became extraordinary men when they became deacons. Jesus Christ - Who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow as we read in God's Word - does the same for us today. Those who are called by Christ can study, pray and train to step out of the pews and into the sanctuary to preach, or to take the Body of Christ to the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, or to bring in adult converts or families with babies to be baptized. Those are the sacramental functions by which Christ empowers deacons as they bring Christ to those to whom our priests need help in reaching or ministering. For most information on what deacons can do and how men can become deacons, see Bishop Anthony or Deacon David; or e-mail wdeaconprograms@yahoo.com.

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CHRISTMAS DAY

In the last week before Christmas, you will have a lot to do, but perhaps all the more, you will need some time for prayer. Each evening, as you reflect on how you are awaiting the coming of Christ, pray for Him to come into your heart.

On Christmas Day, your season of Advent has come to an end. You are celebrating the joy of the birth of Jesus. How will you celebrate this wonderful happening? Will you be so wrapped up in the secular aspect of the day that you forget to remember that “Jesus is the reason for the season”? Or will you begin the day by participating in one of the Christmas Masses and share in the joyful celebration with your fellow Christians?

As this days draws to a close, take a few moments to write down your memories of Christmas Day this year. How did it speak to you in the midst of your longing? Hopefully you will still long for God to be a part of each and every day of your life. While you live, you will breathe an eternal Advent (the coming of Christ into your life). But for this one day, think about the people, the events, the goodies, the gifts, the prayer, and the songs that made it so special. Rejoice that Christ our Savior is born.

How has this Christmas Day answered the longing of your Advent?

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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 Szydlowski 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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All I want for Christmas is . . .

For all members of every family: to cherish and value each other and their time together, using the time to build one another up and to express appreciation to those who are striving to make this time special;

For all close friends: to make time for each other and to make the most of that time by expressing or showing how meaningful it is to share friendship;

For the faithful of every parish: to be soulfully thankful to God for His gift of Christmas—the birth of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ—and to be active as witnesses to, participants in and representatives of Jesus' sacred Presence in the Eucharist, the Word and the Church;

For those on the fringe of the Church and for reachable non-members: to be touched and eventually drawn to faithful membership in the Body of Christ by the love, grace, peace, joy, mercy or acts of the Spirit of Christmas shown or shared by the faithful of Christ;

For me and all bishops, priests, deacons and clerics: to remember why we were set apart when we were tonsured, to regain the passion we felt with each Holy Order we received, and to faithfully and confidently utilize the grace and blessings bestowed upon us in order to carry out the mission and ministry that the Lord entrusted to us for the glory of God, the building up of His kingdom on earth and the benefit of His faithful people.

For all of you and yours: to have a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Sincerely yours in the Anointed One, born our Savior,

Bishop Anthony D. Kopka

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

Sunday, December 27, 2009 - 8:30AM - Barbara Radicek/Roger Heath
11:00AM - Dean Maycan/Don Pagels

PARISH INFORMATION

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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.