

# FIRST SUNDAY

OF

# Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know  
when the lord of the house is coming,  
whether in the evening, or at midnight,  
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



*Our Lady of Peace*

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*The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception*

**DECEMBER 3, 2017**



From Father Walter's desk...  
"Advent Preparation"

A common theme for each Advent season is "our need to prepare ourselves" for the birth of Christ. This theme seems simple enough to understand, but in my experience even this theme, simple as it ought to be, can get lost in a maze of alternative ways of thinking. We may blame others, finding reasons why "they" should change. We may get lost in political thoughts. We may shrug all reflections off with the thought of "the world is the way it is and nothing will change it. We may not reflect at all, ending up more concerned with our next task of the day.

Allow me to suggest, perhaps the mind reacts in this way simply to avoid looking at its own responsibility to change. It is just like meditation. Try concentrating on one point, like one's own breath, or perhaps the name of Jesus, and watch the mind struggle against your effort. Distractions will multiply amazingly, and all because the mind just does not like to be tamed. For this notable reason, any and all meditational schools, Christian or non-Christian, will recommend methods of dealing with the "monkey minds" that we have named such in honor of monkeys globally that just cannot stop flittering from branch to branch, cannot stop chattering, and so on. Some groups will advocate an ongoing discipline of meditation at the same time everyday, and for the same amount of time. When one notices the mind wandering, this school will say, gently bring the mind back to the point of concentration. Other schools will refute such a need to discipline in this fashion, recommending instead the need to cultivate a "watchful awareness," here simply watching the mind do its thing, as if one's awareness were separate from one's mind. The simple ability to exhibit such watchfulness is often enough for the mind to settle down. In either case, one has to do something! One cannot simply allow one's mind to have the last word. It is said that the mind is an excellent servant but a lousy master. Ask any participant in a 12 step program. The common sense there is to realize first that one is addicted, and then to further realize that my admitted addiction is the result of my best efforts. The concluding thought is typically, "I can't, He can, let Him." This too, is a way of bringing the mind into some sort of balance, and not allowing it to dictate to me how to live in this world. Great servant! Lousy master!

So, expect the mind to react in a similar way toward any suggestion that one ought to prepare for the birth of Christ this year. It will initially agree, and then find reasons why it does not have to- or should not have to. And, just like in any meditational effort, one has to choose to be the master, and not let the mind win out. What one must bring one's mind back to, in this context, is personal responsibility. I am judged alone before the throne of God, and it is "I" who needs to change, first and foremost. The only question left is "how?" One good place to start is consumerism. Our lust for buying, our need to evaluate the world and our reaction to it and to each other by means of finances is strong. Such questions as, "is this worth the money?" has limited meaning in any spiritual context. There is some value, I admit, in asking such a question. But when we use such a question to not help another, to not be charitable, then we miss the point of Christ who throughout Scripture begs us to love each other and to help each other. Consumerism to the extreme can act like acid on our souls. Do we really need all the things we buy? One can be addicted to buying, and discover to our horror that the 12 step program is just as applicable here as to drinking. Isn't that amazing?

For Christ to be born again in our hearts and in our world, we must be free to accept Him, and to be free means to not be addicted. It takes discipline to wrestle with such a question as what I am proposing in this essay, but then it is important to realize that discipline is foundational to our religion. It takes discipline to control our minds; it takes discipline to love; it takes discipline to be a Christian. By accepting the commitment to follow Christ sincerely, we finally find ourselves at the side of the crib, worshipping the newborn Christ-child.

Peace, Fr. Walter

## LITURGICAL ROLES

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 9

5:00pm - Chuck McMahon

December 10

7:00am - Kathy Sheridan  
 8:30am - Holy Name Society  
 10:15am - Aleta Peknik  
 12 noon - Amelia Pecora  
 6:30pm - Murphys

## OFFERING COUNTERS

December 11

Pat Debelak  
 Marlene Nedball

Shirley Barton  
 Connie Caputo  
 Richard Kuhlman  
 Mary Ellen Kuhlman

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to become a parishioner at Our Lady of Peace Parish, please visit our website at [www.olopdarien.org](http://www.olopdarien.org)  
 If you wish to register in person, please visit the Parish Office.  
 Monday - Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

December 4-10

## WEEKLY READINGS

Daily Mass: **Monday-Saturday 7:30am**

Monday 12/4 (D) Larry Labus

Tuesday 12/5 (D) Anna Kowalczyk

Wednesday 12/6 (D) Deacon Paul Brachle

Thursday 12/7 (D) Walter Koziol  
 7:00pm Vigil (L) Bishop Daniel Conlon

Friday 12/8 (L) For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life  
 9:00am (D) Madonna Tomsovic  
 7:00pm (D) Eleanore Storc

Saturday 12/9 (D) Burton White

5:00pm (D) Richard Herrick  
 Msgr. Jim

Sunday 12/10 (D) Robert & Elaine Beall  
 7:00am

Fr. Walter 8:30am Holy Name Society  
 Fr. John Larson (D) Robert Czaja  
 (D) Emily Houska  
 (D) Daniel Reyes

10:15am (L&amp;D) Lyman, Smith, Kearney Families

Fr. Barry Cole

12:00pm (D) Cipriano &amp; Lucia Raguini

Fr. Michael

6:30pm (D) Frances Platek

Fr. John Larson

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;  
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
 Mk 1:1-8

## MASS INTENTIONS December 2/3

5:00pm (D) Arlene DeFino

7:00am (D) Nicholes Ulman

8:30am (D) Deacon Paul Brachle  
 (D) Adolph Stankiewicz  
 (D) Stimetz Family Mbrs.  
 (D) Robert Duchak

10:15am (D) Joseph Przybyla

12:00pm (D) Katerina Capic

6:30pm (D) Jane &amp; Lloyd Heim



## MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY

Please help the less fortunate with a charitable gift. Your donation allows us to supply the needy with food from week to week. The recipients graciously thank you and God continues to bless you.

Hearing impaired? Search [www.deafcatholicjoliet.org](http://www.deafcatholicjoliet.org) for SLI assisted Mass locations!

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Budget: \$21,500  
 11/19 Actual: \$20,428  
**Shortfall: \$1,072**  
 11/26 Actual: \$22,670  
 Surplus: \$1,170

## BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

*Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed*

*Lois Skedd*



## BAPTISMS



*Through the Saving Waters of Baptism, we will welcome...*

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES

*Congratulations to*



*Please pray for the servicemen and women of our parish*  
**Airman First Class Alyssa Dreksler**



*Remembering Jesus' Message of Divine Mercy...*



## WEDDING BANNS

*It is with joy that we announce the upcoming weddings*



**“You shall strive to maintain a profound peace in respect to your communings with Me. I will remove all doubts in this regard. I know that you are at peace now as I speak to you, but the moment I stop talking you will start looking for doubts. But I want you to know that I will affirm your soul to such a degree that even if you wanted to be troubled, it will not be within your power...”** (Diary, 169)

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church ...*

“Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the *peace of Christ*, the messianic “Prince of Peace.” By the blood of his Cross, “in his own person he killed the hostility,” he reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. “He is our peace.” He has declared: “Blessed are the peacemakers.” (CCC #2305)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below. Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

Michael Abrahamson, Alan Amann, Joseph Barberio, Celedonia Bi-la, Joseph Bielaga, Dcn. Frank Bina, Bill/James Bleacher, Linda Bronstader, Judy C., Katy Counihan, Mario/Ann Cristofaro, Anne-Ellie Deutsch, Frank Dipodiva, Brooklynn Drab, Fran Goodell, Mark Herwaldt, JoAnne Hug, Mary Johnson, Dan Kieras, Donald Klemz, Bro. Leonard Konopka, MIC, Robert Leverence, Rev. David Lord, Amy Lynch, Sylvia Malicki, Camille Manz, Laverne Marchese, John Matt, Donna Menard, Eusemia Mesina, Ronald Molfese, Joan Novak, Marilyn Pallardy, Charles & Gloria Pavesich, Rose Marie Pedryc, Helen Peschel, Agatha Piwcwicz, J. Pisarczyk, Stanley H. Ploskonka, Joan Ritzert, Laura & George Rossano, Dan Sackett, Charlie Sanders, Maria Santos, Tony Sekera, Joyce Smith, Karlton Smith, Bertha Sobotka, Jim Sobun, Marylyn Sobun, Patricia Soukup, Gerald Tampier, Diane Treend

**And for the seriously ill children of our Parish:**

Emma Tucker, Damien Turrubiarres, Joey Ventimiglia, Martin Viau



Parish Financial Reports The 16/17 year-end financial reports are available on our website at [www.olopdarien.org](http://www.olopdarien.org). Please take time to review the parish, school and religious education year end results and 17/18 budget reports. Hard copy reports are also available in the church vestibule. Contact our parish business manager, Kellie Moore, at [kmoore@olopdarien.org](mailto:kmoore@olopdarien.org) if you have any questions. Thank you again for your commitment and dedication to our parish. Your ongoing support allows us to offer all the wonderful ministries at Our Lady of Peace.



### Younger Than Ever Seniors

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!**

**Monday, December 11th**

### **ALPINE BANQUETS**

**Luncheon at 12 noon Tickets \$26**

**Call Charlotte at 630-964-4422**

### **BOARD MEETING**

**Monday December 4th**

**11:30 at the Darien Park District**

**Fairview Avenue**

**Board/Committee Members,**

**Please Attend**

**Friday, December 8th**  
*The Feast of the  
 Immaculate Conception  
 of the Blessed  
 Virgin Mary*  
**Holy Day of Obligation**



**Mass Times:**

Thursday, December 7, 2017

**Vigil Mass 7:00pm**

Friday, December 8, 2017

**7:30am, 9:00am & 7:00pm**

### Holy Name Society News!

~Our Lady of Peace Holy Name Society meetings are **Wednesday, December 6th** in the Church Hall. Board Meeting from 6:30pm -7pm & General Meeting from 7pm-9pm.

~ The HNS Mass will be on Sunday, December 10th at 8:30am. Coffee and rolls will be served in the Church Hall after mass.

~All men over the age of 21 are invited to attend.



**Parish  
 Reconciliation  
 December 14th  
 at 7:00pm**

**Donut Sunday is ~~CANCELLED~~ for today!**

**Please plan to join us on December 17th**

All parishioners are invited to attend the Sunday Donut Program in the Church Hall from **7:30am until 12:00 noon.**



Additional volunteers are needed, both adults and teenagers. Please email [blockwalter@hotmail.com](mailto:blockwalter@hotmail.com)

### **Easter Pilgrimage To Poland and Prague**

Join Fr. Bill Hayward, a Marian Father, on a pilgrimage to Poland in April. This pilgrimage will visit the places where the Founder of the Marian Fathers – St. Stanislaus Papczynski – began the Marian Fathers. We will visit shrines such as Czestochowa, the Divine Mercy Shrine and the famous shrine in Lichen. We will pray at Auschwitz and conclude this 13 day pilgrimage in Prague. The cost is \$3400. The pilgrimage begins on April 17. For further information, please contact Judy Adamowicz at [judy\\_adamowicz@yahoo.com](mailto:judy_adamowicz@yahoo.com)





All are invited  
to a  
**Christmas Concert**  
as  
**OLOP Music Ministry**



*“Proclaims the Joyful Message!”*



Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

2:00<sub>pm</sub>

In the church



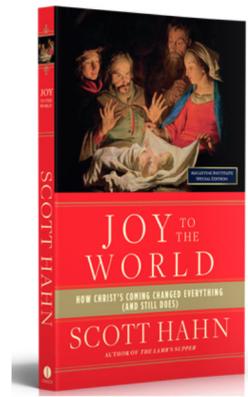
'TIS (almost)  
THE  
SEASON

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you'll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

TO SIGN UP, VISIT  
[BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope](http://BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope)

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Joy to the World by Scott Hahn is available for a suggested donation of \$5 in the back of church today. Reading this book will get your advent off to a great start. Please deposit the money in the book rack money slot. Enjoy!

**BURYING THE DEAD** is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Becoming a Bereavement Minister is one way of fulfilling this obligation. Because of the normal changes in peoples' lives, the ample number of ministers has been reduced and I need a few new ministers. You will have personal contact with families who are mourning the death of a loved one and will be helping them plan the funeral liturgy.

Is God calling you to this very fulfilling and worthwhile ministry?

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact:

Deacon Larry Fudacz 630-323-4333 Ext. 20 LFJF7930@prodigy.net

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year making it a regular Sunday Obligation. Christmas Day is a Holy Day of Obligation as well. So in order to make it easier for you to fulfill your obligations as Catholics, we will celebrate the following Masses as scheduled:

### December 24th regular Sunday Mass schedule

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:15am & 12 noon

### December 24th Christmas Vigil Mass Schedule

4:00pm, 6:00pm & 10:30pm

### December 25th Christmas Mass Schedule

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:15am & 12 noon



## Extra, Extra, Read All About It!

We are delighted to announce the Food Pantry Ministry of OLOP, will be re-named to honor the memory of the late Deacon Paul. It will thus be named: **Deacon Paul Brachle Food Pantry Ministry of Our Lady of Peace Church**. A banner reflecting the new name of the ministry will be blessed following the blessing of a plaque which currently hangs above the gym, **recognizing Fr. Al and the first operational church here as St. Mary's, later renamed Our Lady of Peace.**

**Join us for special ceremony in the school gymnasium after the 12 noon Mass on December 17, 2017**

All are welcome to attend! Light refreshments to follow.

Please rsvp to Len Benes at [lkbenes@aol.com](mailto:lkbenes@aol.com)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR MASS INTENTIONS

In order to follow the directives of the Diocese regarding Mass intentions based upon Canon Law 953, changes are needed to comply with this law. Canon 953 states that no Mass intention may be taken that cannot be fulfilled within one year. The following changes allow the parish to be more responsive to the spiritual needs of our parishioners by having a Mass said in a timely manner and follow the law.

- 1. Effective immediately, no Mass intention will be taken more than one year from the current date.** For example, on October 1 2017 the parish may schedule a Mass for October 1, 2018. All Masses that have been scheduled for 2018 will be honored, but the new policy is effective immediately for Masses requested after the current date, 2018.
- The Sunday 8:30 am. Mass will now be a COLLECTIVE INTENTION MASS. This means that this Mass may have multiple intentions. This MAJOR change gives the parish the flexibility to have intentions prayed for within 6 days of the request. All intentions for the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass will be announced. Having multiple intentions does NOT DIMINISH your intention, in fact, God's infinite grace and mercy is endless and you will be showing great compassion and understanding for another person who is in need of immediate prayers.
- Con-celebrated Masses are also a good option to have a Mass said for someone's intention close to the request. This can take place when we have 2 or more priests at a weekday 7:30 a.m. Mass. The exact day of the request cannot be determined, because of the variability of Masses with a concelebrant. The name of the intention will be announced along with the one you see in the bulletin. We hope that these new procedures will ensure your intention will be in a timely manner.



## Crusader Chronicles

### December 3, 2017



#### THIRD GRADE MATH

The third grade students are learning how to create a multiplication sentence using manipulatives: Skittles! For example, the students were asked to create a visual representation of  $3 \times 5$  – which would be 3 groups of 5 Skittles. They are learning the basics of multiplication and how to solve multiplication sentences using groups and counters.

#### ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The state of Illinois has created a tax credit program for those individuals and corporations to donate to scholarship granting organizations (SGO) and receive a tax credit on their state taxes. The SGO will use this money to grant scholarships to qualifying students. An individual or corporation will receive a 75% credit on their donation. This means that if a donor were to donate \$10,000, they will receive a tax credit of \$7,500. Individuals and corporations will be able to begin making these donations in early January. Individuals can choose the school that they would like their donation will go to and we would love it if you would choose Our Lady of Peace School.

Families can apply for this scholarship money beginning in the middle of December. The scholarship is based on financial need. These scholarships are open to current as well as incoming families to Our Lady of Peace School.

The Diocese of Joliet has created a website, [weteachmore.org](http://weteachmore.org), that will help you through the process of donating for the tax credit or applying for the scholarship. You can also call the school office and speak with Mr. Wilkinson, our principal (630-325-9220).

#### OH CHRISTMAS TREE

This will be the third year that our school and parish join together to decorate Christmas trees. If you would like to sponsor and decorate a tree the cost is \$50. This is a great activity for a family, a group of families, or any other group to do. Remember that ornaments need to be weatherproof to withstand the Chicagoland weather. If you have any questions about sponsoring a Christmas tree please contact Wendy Gugora ([wendygugora@gmail.com](mailto:wendygugora@gmail.com)).

## OH CHRISTMAS TREE PART II

Come check out the Our Lady of Peace School Christmas tree by the Darien clock tower (75<sup>th</sup> Street/Cass Ave.). The students created handmade ornaments to decorate our school's Christmas tree. The city will have its tree lighting ceremony this Sunday at 4 PM.

## OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Our school will host two different open houses in January. The first one will take place on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> (6:00-7:00 PM). This open house is for families interested in learning more about our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs. The all school open house is scheduled to take place on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM).

As parishioners, we would like to invite you to come over to see our school and some of the wonderful things that our students do here. Please feel free to invite people that may be looking at schools as well.

### Upcoming Dates

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass (9 AM)(8<sup>th</sup> grade)

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas program (1:30 and 7:00 PM)

December 15<sup>th</sup> – School Mass (8:30 AM)(7<sup>th</sup> grade)

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Band concert (2:30 and 7:00 PM)

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – School Mass/Breakfast in Bethlehem (9:00 AM),  
11:30 dismissal

December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Vacation

January 8<sup>th</sup> – School resumes



## You're Invited to Sponsor a Tree in the Our Lady of Peace Christmas Tree Display!

Pre-lit Christmas trees will again be displayed on the parish and school grounds this season for the community to enjoy. We need your help to make our forest really sparkle!

The cost to sponsor a Christmas tree is **\$50.00**.

Each tree sponsor will be asked to decorate their tree however they wish and a sign will be displayed with your group or business name so all visitors will know who is responsible for your beautiful tree. Trees can be decorated at your convenience any time after Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Gather your family, scout group, co-workers, or just a bunch of friends and reserve your Christmas tree today by contacting Wendy Gugora via email at [wendygugora@gmail.com](mailto:wendygugora@gmail.com).

\*\*\*Trees are assigned on a first come first serve basis with 40 total trees available. Reserve yours today!  
Decorating guidelines along with decorating dates and other information will be sent upon reservation.\*\*\*

# ~ Religious Education ~

## What can we pray for you?

Please help us teach students about intercessory prayer? Complete this form and drop it in the collection basket OR in the black mailbox at school Door #3. Anonymous requests are welcome – God will know who you are! ☺

### Angels, Shepherds and Volunteers Needed! for 2017 Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Inviting School and Religious Ed. students grades K thru 4 to play a part in the Nativity Story at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass.

Third and fourth graders will be selected to play roles. The younger children will be angels and shepherds.

Attendance is required at two rehearsals in church:

**Rehearsal: Thu., 12/21 - 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Dress Rehearsal: Sat., 12/23 - 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

Costumes: Girls are angels: white gown or dress, a halo and wings.

Boys are shepherds: tunic-length robe (or solid color bathrobe) and headpiece - can be a towel with a rope tied around it.

Costumes can be home-made (search the internet for How to make a shepherd or angel costume) or store-bought. Check Party City, or online Oriental Trading (watch shipping time).

Or you may check our supply of costumes, contact Religious Ed. office. First come first served.

H: 630.986.8430 EMAIL: ReligiousEd@olopdarien.org

***If your child would like to participate, please complete form below and return (or email) to the Religious Ed. office by December 11th.***

*Students will be notified of their roles by December 18<sup>th</sup>*

**Questions? Contact Debbie Amolsch (630) 330-4190 Email: damolsch@comcast.net**

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_, Grade \_\_\_\_ will participate in the Christmas Eve Mass. I will provide a costume and they will attend both rehearsals. Photos and videos may be taken. Signing below constitutes permission for publication of photos and videos.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My child is a student in **(circle one)**: OLP Religious Education    Our Lady of Peace Catholic School

Be a volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Duties: Under Debbie's direction, help direct children at rehearsals and Mass.

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@Pontifex

#### Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!

"Let us work together to ensure that children continue to smile: their faces serene, filled with joy and hope." 20Nov2017



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Listen to daily mass readings and reflections on podcast. download LAUDATE on your smartphone. Listen to Catholic talk-radio on AM950 Relevant Radio Like music? FM 94.3 K-Love – or download app.



# Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. It is not only the first day of the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar, but it is also the beginning of the four-week season of Advent that precedes Jesus' arrival on Christmas Day. Sometimes people mistakenly think that Advent is part of the Christmas celebration but, actually, Advent is a time of preparation all its own.

The word Advent means "approach" or "coming." The Scripture readings at Mass during Advent remind us of all the prophecies that point to the Lord's coming. We are called to keep watch and to leave behind our sinful ways. We also hear the recurring theme of a light shining through the darkness. Isaiah 60:19 reminds us of this promise: *"No longer shall the sun be your light by day, nor shall the brightness of the moon give you light by night; rather, the Lord will be your light forever, your God will be your glory."*

In our current culture, we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas. This is a great tragedy. Stressing the joy alone denies a crucially important truth: that the Christ Child is Our Lord and Savior, Who will suffer and die for our salvation. So this season is given to us by the Church as a time to prepare our souls not only for the coming of the Lord on Christmas Day but also for His anticipated return at the end of time.

Advent has been around for a long time, long before it was actually called "Advent," and possibly as early as the 2nd century. Originally, it was celebrated for 40 days, just like the Lenten season. This has now been adjusted to four weeks, but the symbolism remains. For this reason, some still refer to Advent as "Little Lent" and both seasons share the liturgical color of violet (purple) to signify that they are times of penance, sacrifice, and prayer.

You may notice another similarity to Lent when you attend Mass during this Advent season. Although we still sing the Alleluia before the Gospel reading, we no longer sing the song of the angels: the Gloria. We will wait to sing this song anew with the angels on Christmas day, just as they did over two thousand years ago.

## First Sunday of Advent~ December 3, 2017

**Standing Watch. Always ready.** We are challenged not to slide easily into this new liturgical year. We must be on guard. We must be ready to act in the ways Saint Matthew laid out last Sunday (Matthew 25:1-13). Simply stated, Christ the King says heaven-worthy acts are works of mercy. These spiritual and corporal works offer needed guidance for weekly behavior.

~What work of mercy needs doing? ~What will I do this week to work on it?

~How can I engage others to help?

***Corporal Works of Mercy...*** Feed the hungry~ Give drink to the thirsty~ Shelter the homeless~ Clothe the naked~ Visit the sick~ Visit the prisoners~ Bury the dead~ Give alms to the poor~ Care for the Common Home ***Spiritual Works of Mercy...*** Counseling the doubtful~ Instructing the ignorant~ Admonishing the sinner~ Comforting the sorrowful~ Forgiving injuries~ Bearing wrongs patiently~ Praying for the living and the dead~ Caring for our Common Home

**HOLY** NAME SOCIETY OF OUR LADY PEACE, DARIEN

**CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017**

Sunday, DECEMBER 10th

**ALPINE BANQUETS**

8230 Cass Avenue, Darien, IL 60561

630-964-4154

Music by: Edison Dayao - Pianist / Singer

Attire: Formal DONATION: \$50.00 per person

(\$5.00 WILL BE DONATED TO THE BOY SCOUT TROOP 101)

Cocktails/OPEN BAR: 5:30-6:30pm Dinner: 6:30 -7:30pm

Open Bar: 7:30- 10:00pm Family Style (3/3)

For more Information, please call:

Frank Modelski 630-464-3660; Luis Ferrer 630-244-1173 ; Dave Mueller 630-663-4479

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## Springtime in Poland and Eastern Europe

12 days, April 30-  
May 11, 2018

Warsaw, Krakow, Auschwitz, Budapest, Prague, Vienna hosted by veteran tour leader Father John Vakulskas. \$3749 from Omaha; \$3699 from Chicago. Price includes roundtrip airfare, First Class Hotels, most meals, daily Mass, tours, portorage and admission fees, transfers as well as all government taxes and fuel surcharges. First come first served. For more information: 712.490.8047 johnvakulskas@gmail.com

# Catholic Sports Camp Fitness Circuit Challenge



December 20, 2017

6-8:30 p.m.

Bulls/Sox Training Academy  
Lisle, IL

**Join Us for Faith & Fun!**

Fr. Burke Masters, Vocations Director & Chicago Cubs Chaplain, invites kids in the Diocese of Joliet to an exciting event kicking off the 2018 season of Catholic Sports Camps! He will begin with celebrating Mass at 6 p.m., followed by a variety of sports, and interactive team-building activities. Cost is \$10/child, adults free.



**160 Max. - Lock in your spot!**

Register at [www.2018CSC.eventbrite.com](http://www.2018CSC.eventbrite.com)

**2018 Summer Camp Registration Opens December 20th  
Makes a Great Christmas Gift!**



**SOCCER**  
June 10-13

**New!**  
**FOOTBALL**  
July 8-11

**HOCKEY**  
July 16-19

**BASEBALL**  
July 22-25

**Igniting Faith, Building Leaders**

The Lending Closet  
The Lending Closet is available to parishioners who are in need of canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs and transport chairs. These items are free of charge. We kindly ask that they be returned to us when no longer needed. Contact Dan Sackett (630) 852-4330 or (630) 247-9483

*Save The Date!*

**Welcome.**  
There is **More to Life**

**Christ Renews His Parish is now called Welcome**, and all are invited to join us for a wonderful renewal experience at OLOP. **The Women's weekend is February 24 and 25 and the Men's is March 3 and 4.** Please plan on joining us.

We believe that Welcome is the first step in helping people make sense of life. You see, people often have this nagging feeling that something is missing in their lives. They want to work this out, but they have no idea how or even where to start. Visit our website at [www.olopdarien.org](http://www.olopdarien.org) and click on 'Welcome' under the 'Learn' for more information.

**Our Lady of Peace Catholic School  
Technology Coordinator-Coach  
Part time position**

**Our Lady of Peace Catholic Grade School in Darien is seeking a qualified self starter to manage the daily technology needs of the school and assist staff in implementing technology in their classroom environment. This position is a part time hourly, non benefited position requiring up to 29 hours per week.**

**ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

1. Support Windows, Google Chrome, Apple iPad Ecosystem environment.
2. Assist teaching staff with implementing any program changes and/or new software application introductions.
3. Assist with facilitating professional learning for teachers.
4. Exhibit high quality communication with all staff, students and families.
5. Support end user requests and act as liaison between end user and technology resources.
6. Manage front line tech support help desk in the way of diagnostics and triage of issues.
7. Assist with technical questions regarding instruction and operational technology issues.
8. Responsible for the continued functioning and maintenance of all Smart Boards, ceiling mounted projectors, laptops, printers, Eno Boards, iPADS including ordering all necessary supplies.
9. Create and maintain test environments for all new network wide programs as well as local programs.
10. Oversee user and data management of all PreK-8 online testing software such as MAP.

Perform other duties as assigned.

**SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES:**

1. Maintain high standards of ethics and integrity.
2. Knowledge of applicable federal and state laws regarding education, students, and staff.
3. Organize and coordinate work.
4. Develop and implement projects.
5. Work collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders with various communication methods.
6. Prepare oral or written communications for distribution to the Principal, School Board and other stakeholders.
7. Organize multiple tasks and conflicting time constraints.
8. Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with others contacted in the course of work.
9. Assist with the implementation and delivery of professional development for teaching staff.
10. Anticipate and address problems that may arise in a resourceful and consistent manner.
11. Use computer network system and software applications as needed, including Microsoft Office products and Google Apps for Education.

**PHYSICAL ABILITIES:** Works in standard office and school building environment

**EDUCATION/LICENSURE/QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE:**

Bachelor's degree preferred

Solid and diverse support experience

Prior successful experience working in web-based applications or systems

Prior successful experience in working in an online space preferred

**EQUIPMENT:** Use standard equipment such as personal computer, printer, iPad, Chromebook, Eno board, Smart Board, document cameras.

**Please email resume to Kellie Moore, Business Manager at [Kmoore@olopdarien.org](mailto:Kmoore@olopdarien.org)**

## **MARIAN COMMUNITY**

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**Rev. Al Micka, MIC - Pastor Emeritus**  
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## **EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:15 AM & 12:00 Noon & 6:30PM

Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 7:30 AM

## **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Vigil Mass (Evening before Holy Day) 7:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:30 & 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

## **CONFESSIONS**

Immediately Following Saturday Morning Mass

## **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Visit on-line: www.olopdarien.org

Click On: Welcome & Registration

Or Call Office: 630-323-4333 Ext. 10 or 17

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Jeanne Waliczek – Coordinator**

630-986-8430 – jwaliczek@olopdarien.org

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**Dc. Larry Fudacz – RCIA & Marriage Prep.**

630-323-4333 – Ext. 20 – lfjf7930@prodigy.net

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630-487-1507; rloucks@olopdarien.org

**SCHOOL FAX** 630-325-1995

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To schedule an **Anointing of the Sick** or a **priest visit only**, please call our answering service at **630-323-4391**. Calls will be returned in a timely manner, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 9:30 PM, **based on priest availability**, and arrangements will be made to assist your request. No other calls will be handled by this service. Thank You.

## **DIOCESE OF JOLIET WEBSITE**

www.dioceseofjoliet.org

## **MARRIAGE:**

Our Parish is a wonderful setting to celebrate your Sacrament of Marriage. Couples must make arrangements at least 1 year before your proposed wedding date to allow for ample time for Marriage Prep.

Please contact **Deacon Larry Fudacz at 630-323-4333 Ext. 20.**

## **BAPTISM:**

We ask that the parents be registered members of the parish. First time parents must attend one hour (plus) of Pre-Baptismal instruction held on 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken before the birth of the child.

Call **Deacon Frank Vonesh** for more information and to schedule, at **630-323-4333 Ext. 25.**

## **EUCHARISTIC HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITATION MINISTRY:**

Our PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS are available to bring Communion to Shut-Ins at home, in hospitals and nursing homes. Request CARDS for PASTORAL CARE VISITS can be found in the Church Lobby and may be placed in the weekend collection basket OR, please contact **Deacon Pat Kenny at 630-323-4333 Ext. 19.**