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The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception



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DECEMBER 19, 2021

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INCARNATION AND PASCHAL MYSTERY

For years, Catholic spiritual writers have drawn our attention to the Christmas liturgy's subtle—and not-so-subtle—linking of Christ's incarnation with his paschal mystery. In the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke, there are countless intimations of the Passion and cross. The saints of the Christmas octave, dubbed "comites Christi," Christ's companions in suffering, form a royal honor guard of martyrs and others who bore witness at great personal sacrifice to the Child we hail as "Prince of Peace," while the wood of the manger evokes the wood of the cross. But these days, sadly, in the wake of seemingly endless mass shootings at schools, we need no reminders of how close in real life are the cradle and the cross. May our hearts find, if not answers, at least comfort in the prophet Micah's reminder that, from the pain of a woman's labor came forth the Child who is our incarnate peace.

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BLESSED

Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God's abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth's womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God's living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the "Hail Mary": "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Why Mary is so "blessed" Elizabeth then explains: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Likewise, we may dare hope to be "blessed" for "believing that what was spoken" to us "by the Lord"—Jesus' promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God's mercy with everyone. For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—"in haste"—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service to another?

TODAY'S READINGS

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

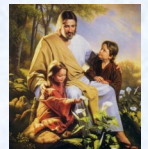


Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below. Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

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Strom, Diane Treend, Phyllis Trout, Renee Tucci, Gerald Venkus, Sophia Zabinski,

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

Damien Turrubiarres, Martin Viau



Please Pray for the Servicemen and Women of our Parish



Sean Sebastian

Andy Shreckengost

Staff Sgt. Alyssa LiCavoli



Parish Goal : \$95,000

Amount Pledged: \$164,259

Amount Paid: \$161,886

Balance Due: \$2,374

Donor Count: 581

2021 Rebate: \$46,820



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December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
 Thursday: St. John of Kanty
 Friday: The Vigil of Christmas
 Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

LIGHT

All the darkness of the world cannot put out the light of one small candle.

—Anonymous

NATURE RESTORED

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature.

—St. Peter Chrysologus

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I make known to others the Incarnation of Christ?

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LOVE NOW

Let those love now
 who never lov'd before;
 let those who always lov'd
 now love the more.

—Anonymous

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

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



BAPTISMS

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



Millie Lee Blessman
Kinsley Eleanor Namik

On December 19, 2021

WEDDING Banns

It is with joy that we announce the upcoming wedding



ANNIVERSARY WISHES

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PARISH REGISTRATION

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Or call the Parish Office at 630-323-4333 ext. 100

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October Budget: \$68,000

Actual: \$74,219

Surplus: \$6,219

November Budget: \$85,000

Actual: \$88,360

Surplus: \$3,360

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who continue to support Our Lady of Peace during this difficult time. We currently have over 375 on-line donors, please consider using the online donation portal on our parish website. Our budget is \$17,000 per week.

Copies of the *2020/21 Financial Report* may be found in the vestibule as well as posted on our parish website.
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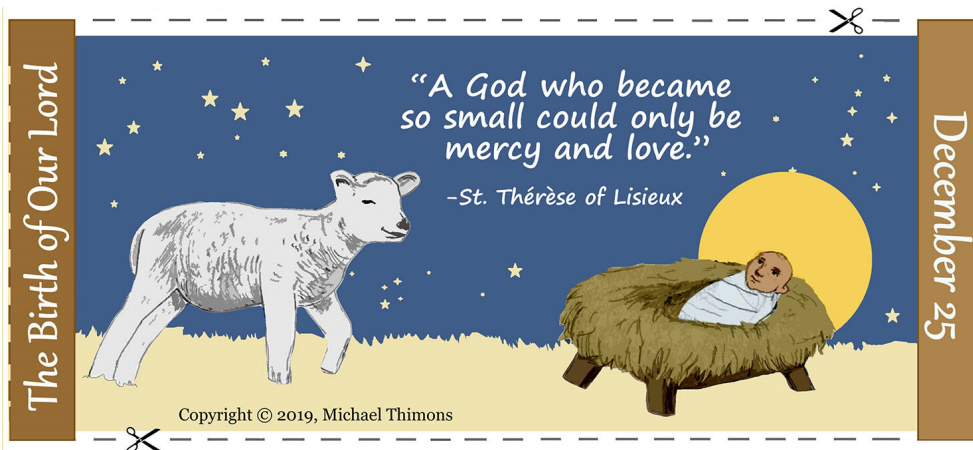
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MASS INTENTIONS December 18/19

Saturday 12/18	5:00pm	Daniel Reyes (D) Ramona Reyes (D)
Sunday 12/19	8:00am	Bernice Gancarz (D) Dr. Joseph Discipio (D) Tekla Zarycka (D) People of our Parish Block & Streck Families (D)
	10:00am	Santo DiNovo (D)
	12:00pm	John P. Deutsch (D)

MASS INTENTIONS December 20-26

Monday 12/20	7:30am	Roniel Gerona (D)
Tuesday 12/21	7:30am	Milly Kalisik (D)
Wednesday 12/22	7:30am	Tatarata Jan (D) & Katarzyna, Anna (D)
Thursday 12/23	7:30am	Tatarata Anna (D) Gosia Smolka (D)
Friday 12/24	7:30am 4:00pm 6:00pm 10:00pm	Carol Vrtis (D) Jenny Fiolka (D) Wendy & Carla Victoria (L) Thomas Murphy (D)
Saturday 12/25	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Dalka & Zulaski Families (D) Demetrio Vea (D) Clarence J. Dykes (D) Eugene (D) & Bertha (L) Sobotka
Sunday 12/26	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Anna Bielski (D) Barmes Family (L) Evelyn Lyons (D) Fr. John Sima, SJ Robert Kasjanski (D) People of our Parish (D)





FALL FOOD DRIVE



While the weather started a bit chilly, it didn't stop parishioners and our neighbors from coming out to support our Second Annual Fall Food Drive. With lots of busy bees, the day was filled with the hustle and bustle of smiling volunteers, both young and old, accepting donations for our food pantry ministry. This year, over 200 families made their way through our "family food drive circle" to offer gifts of food and share the common desire to help serve needy families in our community.

The turnout was overwhelming, and OLOP collected over 4,000 food and personal care items, in addition to \$5,500 in cash and \$500 in gift cards in just two hours!

The generosity and dedication of this parish community continuously shine through difficult times.

We want to thank the Darien Lions Club for teaming up with us again this year.

The club offered both energetic volunteers and many donations that contributed to the success of this ministry drive. In addition, we received a big surprise with the gift of over 1400 food donations from our neighbors at Kingswood Academy. The students had a contest to see which grade could collect the most items, and we were overwhelmed by their generosity.

We hope to continue our partnerships with both the Darien Lions Club and Kingswood Academy on future service projects.

We also want to recognize the dedicated volunteers of our Dc. Paul Brachle Food Pantry. They work year-round every week to shop, stock, pack, and deliver food to so many families without fail. Rain or shine, they are outside each week, making sure OLOP can provide meals for families who need a little extra help. You are truly appreciated and valued for your work in serving our community for over 30 years.

We gratefully acknowledge the Food Pantry Ministry

Len Benes, Dave Bertram, Fredene & Rick Biagi, David Clark, Frank Conaghan, Arlene Enochs, Jose Espinosa, Dan Faloona, Susan Faretta, Bob Gillie, Trish Gurtner, Sue Kalisik, Eric Koranteng, Dave Klima, Sheila Larson, Cathy Loftus, Judy McMahon, Shawn O'Farrell, Fe Pangan, Mike Riordan, Art Solverson, Patricia Tarczewski, Arlene Tistle, Diane & Ken Thompson, Dorothy & Vito Urbanowicz, Betty Uzarowicz and Dc. Frank & Mary Vonesh.

When a needy person stands at your door, God himself stands at his side.



A EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER

Adoration ~ Confession ~ Special Eucharistic Blessing

Tuesday, December 21st 7-8:30pm
Our Lady of Peace Darien, IL



EXPERIENCE TRUE PEACE AS YOU PREPARE TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Fridays 5:30–6:30pm

Saturdays 8:30–9:45am

Tuesday, December 21st 6:30–8pm

Friday, December 24th 10am–Noon



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th

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

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm



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- Shampoo and conditioner
- Sleepers: All sizes, especially 0-3m & 3-6m

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- Baby swings
- Bassinets
- Combo strollers
- Clothes: All sizes, especially Boys 7-8 & 14-16 and Girls 14-16
- Exersaucers
- High chairs
- Infant car seats/carriers (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old)
- Lightweight dressers
- Single strollers
- Toddler beds

In-kind donations are accepted at our Cicero Avenue location on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-4:30pm. Please call 815-504-5059 when you arrive to hand your donations to an employee. Please also find the most up-to-date list of what we accept on our website www.GoTWC.org.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

Have spare time on Saturdays and want to make a big difference for Life?! The Women's Center is in need of volunteers! If you can donate a few hours on Saturdays, please email csanchez@gotwc.org.

Adult Catechism Opportunities

Want to grow in knowledge of your faith? Then take advantage of one or more of these four opportunities to learn about the teachings of Christ and the way of life to which He calls us:

1st Sundays: Divine Revelation and the Creed

2nd Sundays: Liturgy and Sacraments

3rd Sundays: Human Flourishing and the Ten Commandments

4th Sundays: Christian Prayer Life and the Lord's Prayer

There is no homework and no preparation required for participation. Just bring your *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (available at most bookstores) and together we will read and reflect. You will be invited to ask questions and share insights as you feel comfortable.

Gather at 2:45 pm in the school
(following 2:30 pm Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours)

Began 11/21

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

“The hymn of praise that is sung through all the ages in the heavenly places and was brought by the high priest, Christ Jesus, into this land of exile has been consumed by the Church with constant fidelity over many centuries, in a rich variety of forms.

The Liturgy of the Hours gradually developed into the prayer of the local church, a prayer offered at regular intervals and in appointed places under the presidency of a priest. It was seen as a kind of necessary complement to the fullness of divine worship that is contained in the Eucharistic sacrifice, by means of which that worship might overflow to reach all the hours of daily life.”

— Paul VI, *Laudis canticum*

SATURDAY

6:30pm Vespers (Evening Prayer)
Compline (Night Prayer)

SUNDAY

9:15am Matins (Office of Readings)
Lauds (Morning Prayer)
2:30pm Terce, Sext or None (Daytime Prayer)
6:30pm Vespers (Evening Prayer)
8:15pm Compline (Night Prayer)

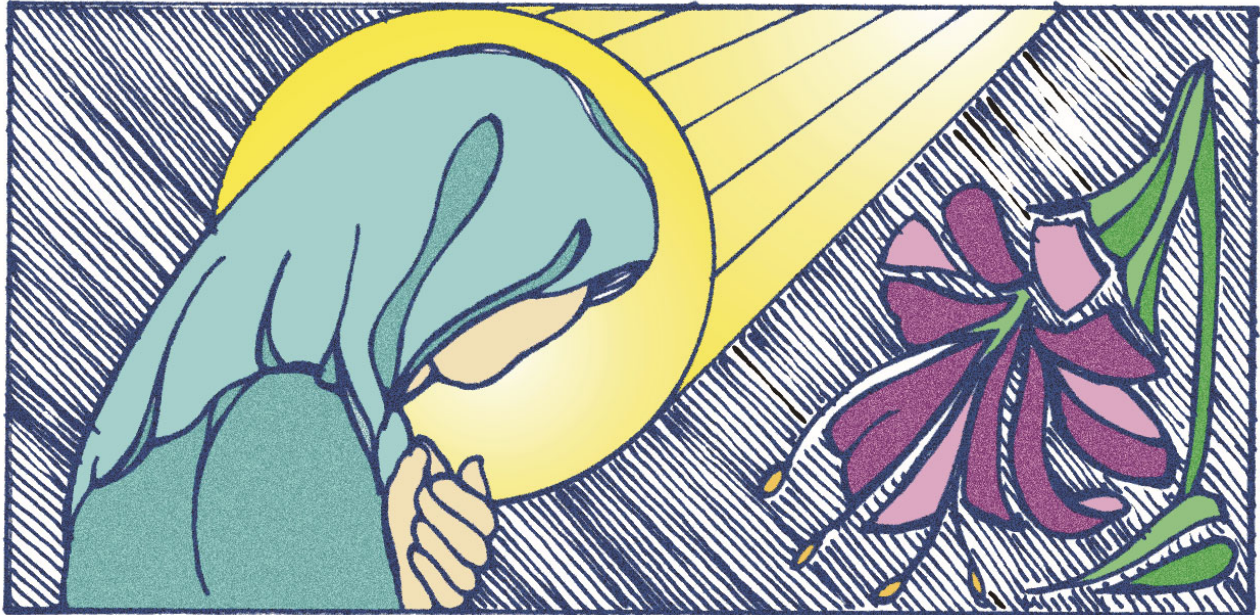
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— Karen, Kenosha, WI

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!

Your priests, deacons, and staff of
Our Lady of Peace

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*December 24 &
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CONFESSIONS

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Saturday 8:30- 9:45am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday from 3-7pm

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religious@olopdarien.org

Dc. Larry Fudacz – RCIA & Marriage Prep.
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PARISH WEBSITE

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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. 104.**

BAPTISM:

Beginning October 3, 2021, Baptisms will be celebrated every Sunday immediately following the 12 Noon Mass. 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 7p.m. in the School Library. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken before the birth of the child.

Please contact **Deacon Frank Vonesh** for more information at **708-793-3505**.

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