

JANUARY 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

~Matthew 2:1-2

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The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception

THEY OPENED
THEIR TREASURES
AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS
OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE,
AND MYRRH.

MATTHEW 2:11

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GIFTS

Gifts are everywhere at this time of year. Christmas gifts. Hostess gifts. Hidden gifts. Wrong-size gifts. Unexpected gifts. Unwanted gifts. Unreciprocated gifts. And in today's readings we hear about even more gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But we know intuitively (or, one hopes, eventually!) that gifts are symbols of something much deeper and less tangible. The gift of God's Son is, of course, at the heart of our Christmas festivities. We are not—and never—alone, because “God is with us.” (Thus the name Emmanuel.) But wait, that's not all! The liturgy reminds us over and over that this is a “holy exchange.” As Christ came to share in our humanity, we come to share in his divinity. The full significance of that mystery is a gift we have yet to unwrap completely.

WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THIS?

Christmas is a season of abundance. Christmas cookies and carols. Parties and presents. Mangers and mistletoe. The same is true in our church. Within a period of nine days we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, and today the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Truly an embarrassment of liturgical riches. (And we are not finished yet!)

However, for many people, Christmas is already over. Trees litter the curbside or make their way back to the attic. Presents are put away or returned. We prepare to go back to school or work. But as Christians we have barely dipped our toes into the profound mystery of a God who walks among us. What kind of a God is this whose kingdom is not limited by our borders, fears, expectations, or imaginations? Today's psalm reminds us, “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” Diversity and inclusion are not new to God's agenda.

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Psalms 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

Matthew 2:1–12



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

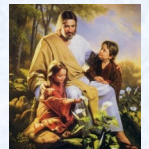


Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below. Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

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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

Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking every-
one to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese, and our parish.

This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries
our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese.
From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages
in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish
could provide on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is **\$95,800**, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over
our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the ma-
terials and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office to request one.

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JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday: St. John Neumann

Thursday: St. André Bessette

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday
Julian Calendar Christmas

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy
that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of your
sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do this week to come to know God better?

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LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean
and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes,
humble though they be,
make the mighty ages
of eternity.

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

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

Gerald Murphy

James Schiappa

Josephine Casey

Myrtice Schultz

Susana Reyes

BAPTISMS

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



WEDDING Banns

It is with joy that we announce the upcoming wedding



ANNIVERSARY WISHES



Congratulations to

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to become a parishioner at Our Lady of Peace Parish, please visit our website at www.olopdarien.org.

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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and click on the tan "**GIVE ONLINE**" box on the home page! A new page will open where you will register and choose the amount and frequency of your donation. Check it out TODAY!



Deacon Paul Brachle 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 for SLI assisted Mass locations!

MASS INTENTIONS January 1/2

Saturday 1/1	8:00am	Katherine Sawica (D)
	10:00am	Jung Families (L)
Sunday 1/2	8:00am	People of our Parish Mary Kay Furiasse & Family (L) Susan Howard (D)
	10:00am	Sam & Halina Ghaowi (D)
	12:00pm	Anna Bielski (D)

MASS INTENTIONS January 3-9

Monday 1/3	7:30am	Jerry Copeland (D)
Tuesday 1/4	7:30am	Antoinette Lazzara (L)
Wednesday 1/5	7:30am	Orlando Jamic (D)
Thursday 1/6	7:30am	Carol Vrtis (D)
Friday 1/7	7:30am	Antonio & Dedicacion Seecheung (D)
Saturday 1/8	7:30am	Bertha Sobotka (L)
	5:00pm	Emmett Shaughnessy (D)
Sunday 1/9	8:00am	Holy Name Society People of our Parish Stanley Baryk (D) Stella Stahulak (D) Eduardo Henson (D)
	10:00am	Lucjan Kostro (D)
	12:00pm	Rose Bina (D)

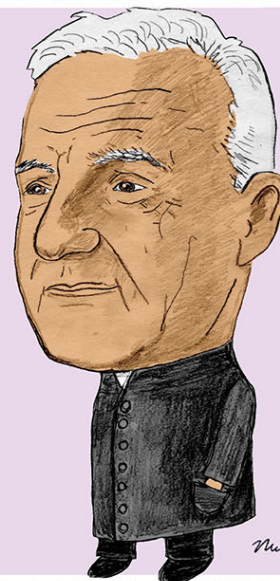
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My only ambition
is to serve God in the
most humble tasks.

St. André Bessette

*20th-century Canadian lay brother and porter.
He miraculously healed thousands through
the intercession of St. Joseph.*

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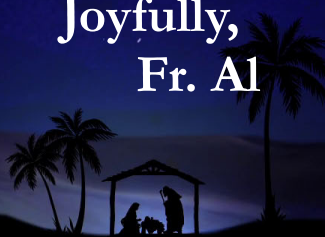
January 6

Friends in Christ,

Thank you all for the Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes.
May these Special Holidays bring you much Happiness, Love,
and Blessings from above.

Enjoy the Season. Happy New Year.

Joyfully,
Fr. Al



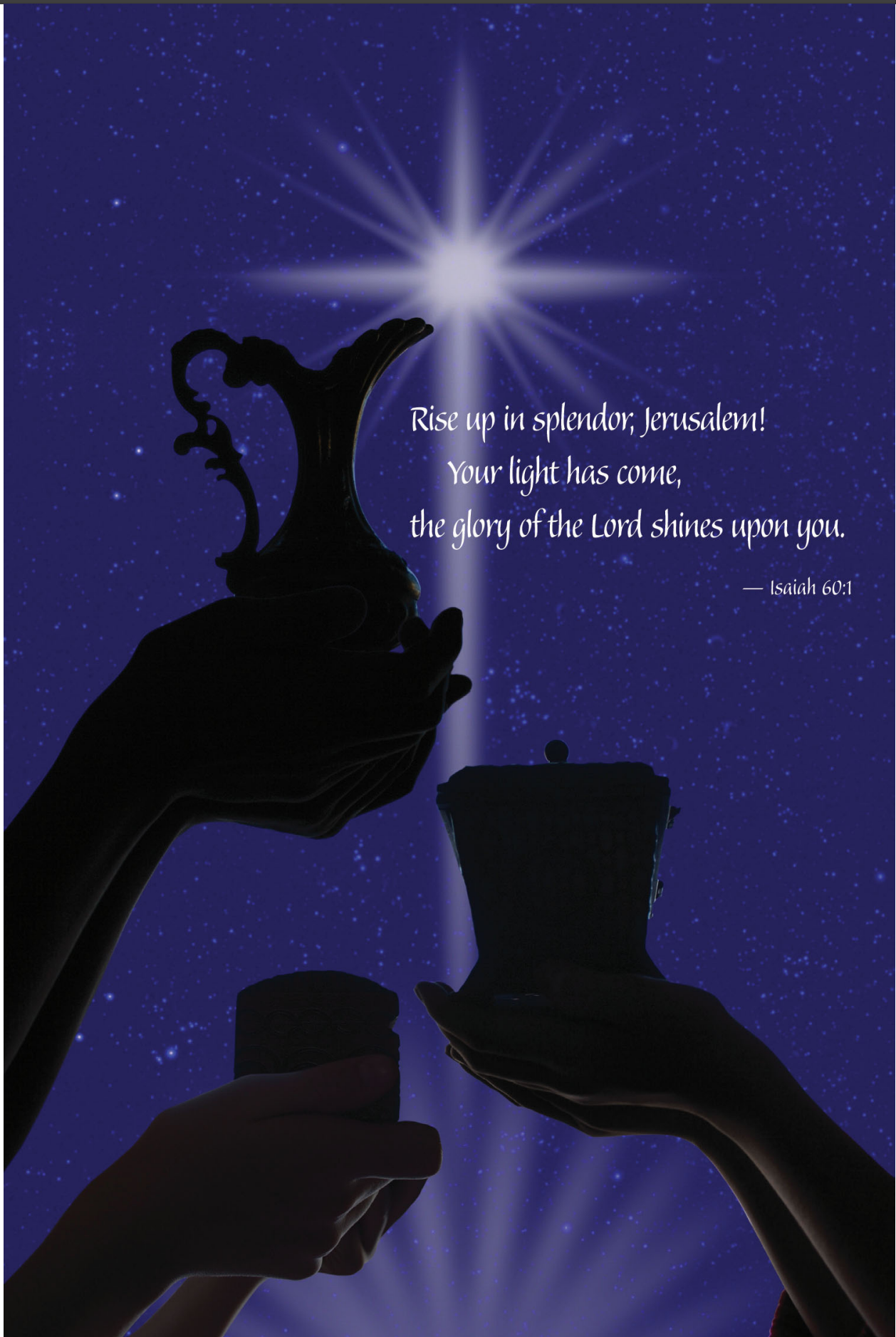
Our Dedicated Volunteers

We would like to gratefully acknowledge **Mr. & Mrs. Peknik** for the ministry work they perform at Our Lady of Peace Parish. Inadvertently, their names were omitted from the bulletin ministry "Thank You" pages.

Mr. Tom Peknik is a member of the Ministry of Ushers and Mrs. Aleta Peknik is a member of the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy and a wonderful 6th grade Religious Education catechist to our children.

We apologize for the oversight and thank you for your continued service to our parish.





*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

— Isaiah 60:1

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 Office has been drawn up and arranged in such a way that not only clergy but also religious and indeed laity may participate in it, since it is the prayer of the whole people of God. . . . [T]he prayer can be adapted to suit the way of life and vocation of different groups using the Liturgy of the Hours.”

— 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)
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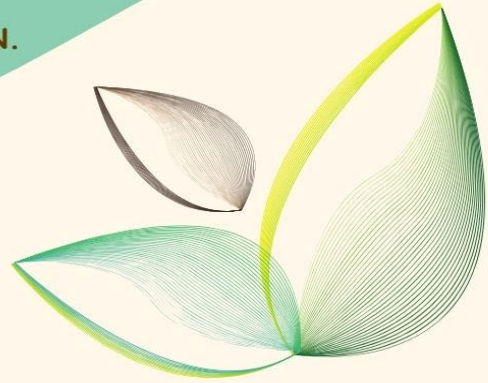
“What a gift from God that He would want to talk to us! God will correct you. He will teach you. He will even give you the words to thank and praise Him. Have patience and a little perseverance and in time your relationship with God will flourish.”

— Karen, Kenosha, WI

ANNULMENT SUPPORT DAY

A DAY OF SUPPORT AND REFLECTION.

DATE: Saturday, January 22, 2022
TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Blanchette Catholic Center
Crest Hill, IL.



Working on annulment papers alone without support can be emotionally overwhelming and frustrating. Papers may be placed in a desk drawer and/or not completed. In an effort to help petitioners complete their part of the process, the Office for Family Ministry, in collaboration with the Joliet Diocesan Tribunal, is once again offering an **OPTIONAL** Day of Support for Annulment Petitioners on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm In-person at the Blanchette Center for a \$15 fee.

This workshop is designed for divorced persons who have already started the annulment process by petitioning the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, have submitted their Matrimonial Fact Sheet and have a current case in process but have not yet completed the Marriage Summary Long/Questionnaire. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to attend, whether remarried or not.

The day will include time for prayer and reflection, a witness talk, and time for questions related to the long questionnaire. Pre-registration is required by January 17. Please register online at <https://bit.ly/2Bv0drA>.

The Office of Family Ministry
(815) 838-5334
familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org



The Women's Centers Of Greater Chicagoland

5116 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, IL. 60630 (773) 794-1313

BRANCH OFFICES: 9730 S. Western Ave., Ste. 318, Evergreen Park, IL. 60805

and 2720 S. River Rd., Ste. 234, Des Plaines, IL. 60018

THE WOMEN'S CENTER IS HIRING! (Please see our website, www.GoTWC.org, for further details)

- **CLIENT ADVOCATE (Evergreen Park Office):** Polish or Spanish is a plus. Please send resume and cover letter to pbrunk@gotwc.org.
- **CLIENT ADVOCATE (Cicero Avenue Office):** Polish speaking preferred. Please send resume and cover letter to pbrunk@gotwc.org.

SEEKING DONATIONS:

ALL NEW:

- Baby hooded towels and washcloths
- Baby toys/teethers
- Baby wipes, shampoo and lotion
- Kids toys
- Lanolin
- Nursing pads
- Nylon/cotton hats
- Post-partum products
- Receiving blankets
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Sleepers: All sizes, especially 0-3m & 3-6m

NEW OR GENTLY USED (pre-cleaned):

- 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.



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

The magi set out. And behold, the star that they had seen preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place ...

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E	H	E	W
W	R	A	S

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Answer: *where the child was*

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Parish offices will be
closed from
December 23, 2021-
January 3, 2022.

Please call if you need to
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**Full -time Business Office Administrative Assistant
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St. Raphael Catholic Church and School is seeking to hire an individual to aid and assist the Business Manager in managing the financial business. The candidate must have the ability to work independently and maintain strict confidentiality. Will oversee Sunday collection process and prepare bank deposits. Assist with school tuition billing and collection process. Experience in Microsoft Office, Google Docs, and accounting software needed. Bachelor's Degree and Bookkeeping experience a plus. Ability to learn new software related to financial processes necessary. If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to Marian Johnston at mjohnston@st-raphael.com.

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The Diocese of Joliet in Crest Hill is seeking to hire a full-time Database and Systems Specialist. This person is responsible for supporting, implementing and training software/systems including Microsoft 365, Microsoft Teams, Microsoft SharePoint, and other technologies. In addition, this position will support MS-Access databases and report writing. Proficiency with core Microsoft products including Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, SharePoint, and Forms. Three (3) years' experience in MS-Access, SQL, and report writing required. Experience with computer graphic and multimedia design. A Bachelor of Science Degree in Information Technology or related field preferred. If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to the Human Resources Department at humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00pm

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

Weekday Masses

Monday- Saturday 7:30am

Liturgy of the Hours

Saturday 6:30pm, 8:15pm

Sunday 9:15am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm 8:15pm

Holy Days of Obligation

Please refer to website

Confessions

Friday 5:30- 6:30pm

Saturday 8:30- 9:45am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday from 3-7pm

PARISH REGISTRATION

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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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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 pkenny@olopdarien.org**



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