December 5 2021

All Souls Catholic Parish

The Communities of St. Ann, St. James, & St. John

Worship Sites

St. Ann Church
3010 Ridge Road, Lansing

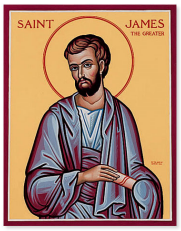
St. James the Greater Church
22400 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village

St. Ann Office

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays
Phone: 708.895-6700/Fax: 708-895-6877

St. James Office

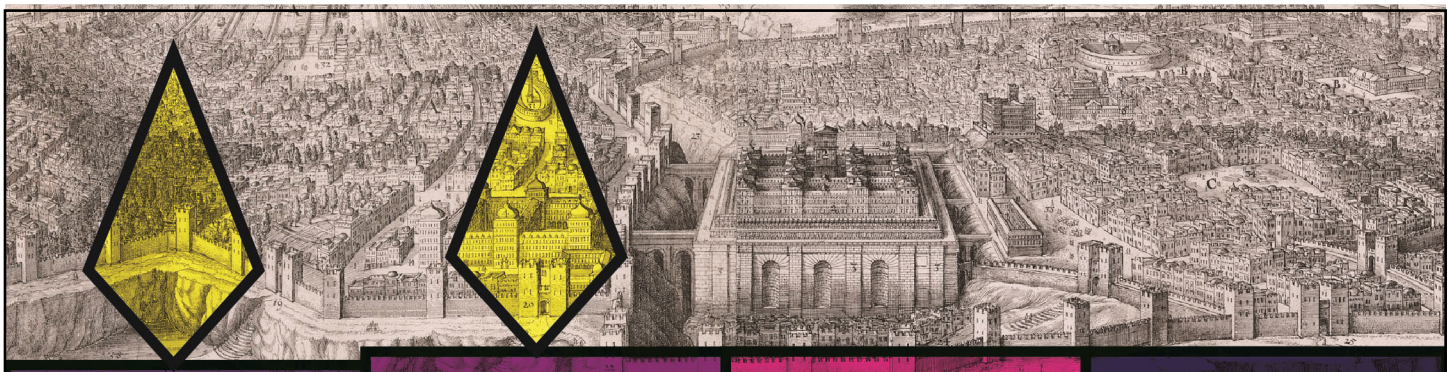
Please Call
Phone: 708-757-2170/Fax: 708-757-2176



Schedule

Tuesday-Friday Morning Masses
7:30 a.m. St. Ann ✝ 8:30 a.m. St. James
Followed by Rosary on Wednesdays at St. Ann and Fridays at St. James
Saturday Masses
4:00 p.m. Sts. Ann and James
Sunday Masses
8:30 & 10:30 a.m. St. Ann
10:00 a.m. St. James
Confessions
3:00 p.m. Saturday Sts. Ann & James

Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor



Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east
and see your children gathered from the east and the west
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God. *Baruch 5:5*

Prospect of Jerusalem
Wenceslaus Hollar
(Bohemian, 1607–1677)
1660
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 6 (St. Nicholas)
Tuesday, December 7 (St. Ambrose)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† Joan Kaim (Mr. & Mrs. Marty Nemeth)
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Special Intentions of Fr. Krolczyk
Wednesday, December 8 (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
8:30 a.m. Holy Day Mass at St. James
† Anthony Lungaro
7:30 p.m. Holy Day Mass at St. Ann
† People of the Parish
Thursday, December 9
(St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Special Intentions of Fr. Krolczyk
Friday, December 10
7:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Frank & Martha Marczak
† Edward Engel (Sherry Paschen)
Saturday, December 11 (St. Damasus I)
4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann
† James Pasyk (Barb Pasyk)
† Edward Rybarczyk (Barb Pasyk)
† Ed Wysocki (Ann Chilla)
4:00 p.m. Mass at St. James
† George Scott
Sunday, December 12
(Third Sunday of Advent)
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Elsie, Joseph, Richard, & Larry Necastro (Tom & Mary Ann Golden)
† Patricia Kranc (Family)
† Stephanie Grabarek
† Joan Kaim (Kaim Family)
10:00 a.m. Mass
† Special Intentions of Fr. Krolczyk
10:30 a.m. Mass
† Helen Merkelis (Kot Family)
† Mary Jachim (Family)
† Fran Nowakowski (Family)

Please call the office:

- for baptism (2nd & 4th Sundays), marriage, anointing of the sick, quinceañeras, and RCIA/RCIY
- for Ministry of Care to the home-bound or hospitalized
- to request prayers for the sick

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This Week's Activities

Monday, December 6	**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**	
Adoration	9:00am - 7:00pm	St. James Chapel
Religious Education	4:00 - 5:30pm	St. Ann School Bldg.
Advent Reconciliation for RE	6:00pm	St. Ann
Advent Reconciliation Service	7:00pm	St. Ann
Tuesday, December 7	**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**	
Daily Mass	7:30am	St. Ann Chapel
Daily Mass	8:30am	St. James
Advent Reconciliation Service	9:00am	St. James
Food Pantry	10:00am - Noon	St. James
Wednesday, December 8	**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**	
Rosary	8:00am	St. Ann Chapel
Holy Day Mass	8:30am	St. James
Adoration	9:00am - 9:00pm	St. James Chapel
Sewing Club	9:30am	St. Ann Office
Holy Day Mass	7:00pm	St. Ann
A.A. Meeting	8:00pm	St. Ann Parish Hall
Thursday, December 9		
Daily Mass	7:30am	St. Ann Chapel
Daily Mass	8:30am	St. James
TOPS	6:00pm	St. Ann Office
Baptism Parent Gathering	6:30pm	St. Ann
Sharing the Scripture	7:00pm	St. Ann Office
Friday, December 10		
Daily Mass	7:30am	St. Ann Chapel
Daily Mass Followed by Rosary	8:30am	St. James
Saturday, December 11		
Reconciliation	3:00pm	St. Ann & St. James
Masses	4:00pm	St. Ann & St. James
St. Ann Giving Tree Gift Drop-Off	4:00pm	St. Ann Chapel
Sunday, December 12	**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	
Masses (Family Mass @10:30)	8:30 & 10:30am	St. Ann Chapel
St. Ann Giving Tree Gift Drop-Off	8:30 & 10:30am	St. Ann
Religious Education	8:45 - 10:15am	St. Ann School Bldg.
Mass	10:00am	St. James
Baptisms	11:30am	St. Ann
Giving Tree Gift Sorting	11:30am	St. Ann School Bldg.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass	1:30pm	St. Ann

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From the Pastor's Pen

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PREPARING A WAY FOR THE LORD (Lk 3:1-6)

What a message for us this Second Sunday of Advent! There is a Christian song by Mr. Lloyd Larson called Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room." This second Sunday of Advent's message can be summed up in that one statement from the Gospel of Luke 3:1-6: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled and mountain hill made low. Winding roads made straight, rough ways made smooth . . ."

Perhaps we would do well to say let every heart get out the bulldozers and backhoes, the rock crushers and road graders. There are mountains that need to come down—mountains of racism, sexism, ageism, and any other "-ism" that blocks our way to healthy relationships with one another and with our Lord. There are valleys to be filled—valleys of depression, despair, loneliness, grief, pain, any of which can keep us from the rich relationship the Savior offers and from enjoying the fellowship of the faith. There are rough places to be made smooth in all our hearts—rough places that have come because of oppression and injustice. There is work to do! Bring on the heavy equipment!

No one is qualified to speak about me or yourself than ourselves! We each know in our heart of hearts the petty spites that have at times embittered us, the animosities that have set neighbor against neighbor, the silly quarrels that are kept alive, the jealousies and misunderstandings, the stubborn pride.

We can think of the times we have been bitter and unbending. The time we have refused to forgive and forget. In all this we must remember that life is too short to harbor grudges and resentments. Let us pray during this second week of Advent, whose theme is Peace, let us pray for mutual tolerance and understanding.

Dear brothers and sisters, as we reflect on these words of the Gospel—"Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight"—let us remember that it's not the Lord's paths that need to be straightened out but ours.

We let misunderstandings run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day. We keep quarrels alive because we cannot quite make up our minds to sacrifice our pride and end them.

We pass people sullenly, not speaking to them out of some silly spite, and yet knowing that it would fill us with shame and remorse if we heard that one of them were dead tomorrow.

We let our neighbor starve, till we hear that he is dying of starvation; or let our friend's heart ache for a word of appreciation, which we mean to give him some day.

If only we could realize that "the time is short," how it would break the spell. How we would go instantly and do the thing which we might never have another chance to do.

I repeat: It's not the Lord's paths that need to be straightened out but ours. So, if there is some crooked attitude, or some crooked way of behaving, or some crooked relationship that needs to be straightened out, let us straighten it out. Then we will truly be preparing a way for the Lord to come to us.

How difficult things are for the one who walks a crooked path. But how easy things are for the one who walks the straight path—the path of truth, honesty, and goodness. But to walk a straight path, one needs strength, wisdom, and single-mindedness.

God doesn't abandon us when we stray from the straight path. He keeps calling us back from our crooked ways to the straight path. Advent is an excellent time to aim ourselves in the right direction, and to commit ourselves to the right path. We must ask the Lord to take the blindness from our eyes, the weakness from our wills, and the hardness from our hearts, so that our lives may be flooded by the grace of His coming not only during Christmas, but let us be steadfast until we meet Him in glory. Amen.

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

Advent & Christmas Season 2021

Advent Reconciliation Services:
- December 6: 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann
- December 7: 8:30 a.m. at St. James

Advent Mission: December 13
- 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann

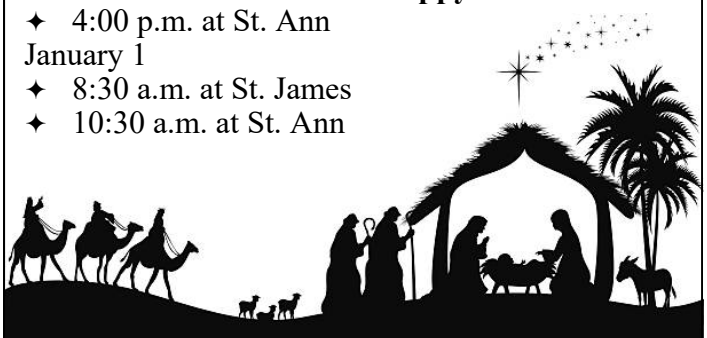
Christmas
December 24
- 4:00 p.m. Shepherds & Angels Mass at St. Ann
- 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass at St. Ann

December 25
- 8:30 a.m. at St. James
- 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann

Solemnity of Mary
December 31
- 4:00 p.m. at St. Ann

January 1
- 8:30 a.m. at St. James
- 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!



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St. James ● 22400 Torrence Avenue ● Sauk Village

- Since the St. Ann Giving Tree gift sorting is scheduled to take place the same day as the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, sorting will take place in the school instead of the Chapel. You may still bring your gifts to the Chapel before all Masses the weekend of Dec. 11-12, but the gifts will then be transported to the first floor classrooms for sorting. Volunteers are welcome!
- The 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will begin a half hour later than previously announced, now 1:30.
- There are still a few grocery bags left in the vestibule at St. James to help replenish the food pantry for the winter months. A list of staple items used in our giveaway bags is on each bag. Thank you for your continued support.

New Mass Times for All Souls Catholic Parish

Beginning the weekend of Saturday January 8 and Sunday January 9, the new Mass schedule will be as follows:

St. James:	***Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m.***
	Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.
St. Ann:	***Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m.***
	Sunday Masses: 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

These changes to the Mass schedule are being made to accommodate our Pastor, Fr. Mark Kalema's availability to serve at each worship site. The Archdiocese has been informed of these changes, which were based on our asking all parishioners for their input/votes this past summer. The final decision was made through discussions with the Pastoral Council and ultimately Fr. Mark.

Although three parishes have formed All Souls Catholic Parish, currently our new parish will function with Fr. Mark serving both the St. James and St. Ann worship sites. The finances of the new parish are being reconciled, which will result in a new budget from the Archdiocese that will determine future priest staffing.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).
Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

A Deep Change of Heart

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

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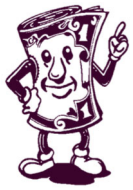
Beginning this weekend and all through Advent, Oplatki Christmas wafers will be available for purchase in the Narthex after all Masses at both churches, or you can ask a sacristan before Mass. A $2 donation is suggested.

Money Matters

11-21-2021

Weekly Budget:	$	12,000.00
Drop Off/Mail In:		7,632.00
Online/Give Central:		895.00
	$	-3,473.00
St. Ann 50-50 Club:	$	505.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	$	993.00



Thank you for your continued support! Figures include all collection basket, mailed-in, dropped-off, and online contributions.

St. Ann's 50-50 Club

Our November 21 winning number was #1927.
#1927 WOULD HAVE WON $993.00.
DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

To be eligible, both your 50-50 ($5.00) and weekly collection envelopes (no limit, but at least $5) with separate payments **must be in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. Monday**.

★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★
You may make your 50-50 donation at Give Central, along with your weekly and other contributions!
If you donate by check, you need to write two separate checks.

St. James'

Weekly Financials, Nov. 21

Weekend Collection: $2,028.00
50/50 Raffle Collection: $195.00
#712 would have won $97.50
ROLLOVER!

Remember to qualify for the raffle, you must turn in your Sunday AND 50/50 envelopes.
If you donate by check, please write separate checks for weekly and 50/50 contributions.

Miss Me—But Let Me Go

In Loving Memory of
John McIlreevy
Anne Brandt
Marilyn Meyer

It's not too late to make a donation to our **#GIVINGTUESDAY** campaign to raise money for All Souls maintenance needs for the two sites of our unified parish. If enough people could make just a $30 donation, or whatever you are moved to give, we could prevent the maintenance necessities from becoming maintenance calamities!

Three Ways to Make Your Giving Tuesday Gift:

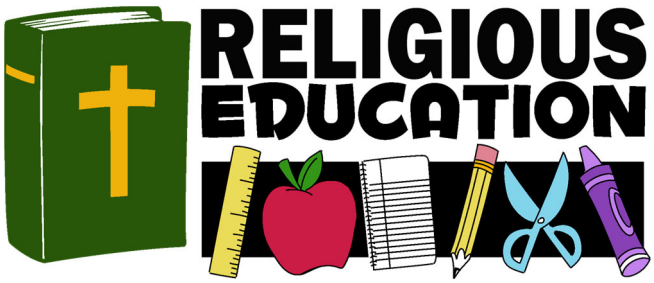
- Visit www.givecentral.org/location/100/event/14494
- Text GivingTues to 847-201-4236
- Donate by cash or check and submit in an envelope marked **#GIVINGTUESDAY**

Be sure to follow us on Facebook at All Souls Catholic Parish for more information. And stay tuned to next week's bulletin where we will report on our Giving Tuesday success (the print deadline was before the end of the day, so we are not yet sure of the outcome.)

The Knights of Columbus of Lansing Council 3540

Annual Memorial Mass
Sunday, December 12, 8:30 a.m.
at St. Ann

At the 8:30 a.m. All Souls Sunday Mass, we will remember our Brother Knights and Sir Knights who have passed away this last Fraternal Year. Members and relatives, please plan to attend this Mass of reflection for those who have moved on to eternal rest.



Greetings Parents and Guardians,

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming! Preparation for Christmas is an important theme of Advent, but there is more. This reflective season gives us a vision of our lives as Christians. In these few short weeks, we take in the sweeping view of time – from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ. It is also our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus, we are preparing not only for Christmas but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when He comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.

As we prepare ourselves during this season, there are many ways we can keep track of Advent. The most important liturgical item is the Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is represented in the lovely Four Weeks of Advent Wreath:

Advent Week One - **Hope**
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. Is. 9:2

Advent Week Two - **Peace**
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27

Advent Week Three - **Joy**
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Gal. 5:22-25

Advent Week Four - **Love**
I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35

WELCOME TO FAMILY MASS

Sunday, December 5 @10:30 a.m.
and Every First Sunday of the Month

ADVENT ESSENTIALS AT HOME

These are some tips that we practice during classes on Religious Education Formation.

Display an Advent Wreath in a prominent place. If you don't have one, put together any four candles with elements of purple, pink, and evergreens.

Pray and talk with your kids about faith. Attend Sunday Mass. If it isn't part of your weekly routine, can you commit to participating in Mass each Sunday of Advent?

Have a time of daily prayer and conversation around your wreath – maybe it's part of a mealtime or before bed (evening darkness makes the symbolism of the candles come to life).

Make your Christmas preparations. Schedule shopping, decorating, baking, etc. with a mind to making them fun family activities that bring joy and peace.

Live love at home and share love beyond home. This idea has family members show with acts of love for each other, some suggestions are helping to set up the table, or helping out younger siblings with homework, helping parents with extra chores at home, etc.

Remember that Christmas is a whole season and Christ is the center of it!

God's blessings,

Sandra Bustamante
Director of Religious Education/PA

If you took a tag from our Christmas Giving Tree, please purchase your $20-25 gift (no gift cards please), wrap it, secure the provided tag to it, and return it to the St. Ann Chapel on December 11 or 12 **no later than at 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday**. This is very important, as our volunteers will be sorting them for pickup right after Mass. Please note: **We can accept your gift AT CHURCH the weekend of December 11 and 12 only, and not before.** ***If you cannot get to the Chapel that weekend, please bring your gift to the Parish Office the week of December 6-10.*** If you would like to help sort presents and ready them for delivery, please come to the St. Ann Chapel after the 10:30 Mass on December 12. Thank you for your participation in this wonderful holiday tradition!

Upcoming Events

Family Mass: December 5

Advent Reconciliation: December 6 (Ann) & 7 (James)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: December 8

Giving Tree Gifts Due: December 11 & 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: December 12

Advent Mission: December 13

Dining Day at J.J. Kelley's: December 15

Family Mass: January 9

First Communion Meeting: January 9

Mark Your Calendar for our Holiday Dining Day at JJ Kelley's, December 15, Noon-9pm
- 20% of all All Souls' supporters dine in and carry out purchases will be donated back to us!

St James' Giving Tree is up in the back of Church. We are collecting new bath towels, wash cloths, soap, and fleece throws for children and adults. Monetary gifts can also be put in the small brown envelopes that are on the tree.
We are again working with the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa's order) in Gary. Please bring your donations and place them in the box by the tree. They will be delivered to the nuns.

CELEBRATE WITH US!
THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1:30 P.M. MASS

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE ROSE PROCESSION & BLESSING. MASS WILL BE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

HOSPITALITY IN THE NARTHEX WILL FOLLOW MASS. PLEASE BE OUR GUESTS!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

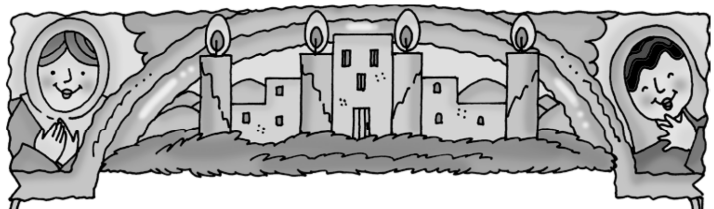
FMI, CALL SUE AT 219-810-7414

ALL SOULS PARISH

ADVENT MISSION

ST. ANN CHURCH
3010 RIDGE ROAD, LANSING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
7:00 P.M.

Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation! Join us as we welcome our presenter, Fr. Gary Graf, pastor of the combined Chicago Heights parishes, for an inspiring evening.
All are welcome!
Please bring your friends!



Second Sunday of Advent

In his letter to the Philippians (1:4-6, 8-11)
Paul tells the people that God has begun good work in them.
Below are nine words describing the good work of Christians.
See if you can find and circle them in the scroll
by looking up, down, across, and diagonally.
When you finish, see if you can think of any other words
that describe good works.

share help pray kindness love
gentleness honesty give care

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'Prepare the way of the Lord'
Luke 3 : 4

CATHOLIC CORNER

IN THIS TIME

Last week we learned some things about John the Baptist. In today's Gospel and next week's we learn what John did when he became an adult. He began to teach people about how they should prepare for Jesus, telling them what they needed to do to change their lives. He told them Jesus would come to teach us about God's kingdom and our part in it.

While you and your family are busy getting ready to celebrate Christmas, don't forget to include the things John spoke about in your preparations. In addition to all the decorations and presents, what else do you need to do to prepare your heart for Jesus? How can you show and tell others about Jesus?

Today's Gospel (Luke 3:1–6) begins with the names of several important people. They tell us exactly when in the history of the world John the Baptist lived and worked. John's work was telling people to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

You are like John. You live in a different time, but like all Catholic Christians, you have the same job—to help others know Jesus. Fill in the lines with the names of the people who are our leaders today. Then write your message about Jesus on the last lines.

In the second year of President _____ ,

when _____

was Governor of _____ (your state)

and _____ was

Mayor of _____ (your town),

during the time when _____ was

pastor of your parish, called _____ ,

the Word of God came to you and you listened. This is your important message telling people how they can prepare for the coming of Jesus in this time and place.

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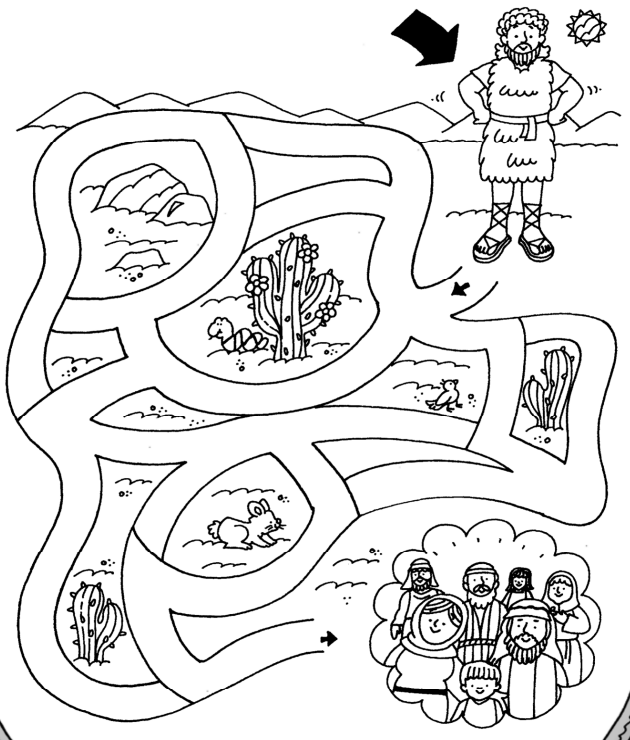
Help John the Baptist
through the desert maze and down to the people.
He wants to tell them about Jesus.



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