ALL SOULS CATHOLIC PARISH

3010 RIDGE ROAD, LANSING, IL | 708.895.6700 | WWW.ALLSOULSCATHOLICPARISH.ORG

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

00-

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31



December 24, 2023 All Souls Catholic Parish

The Communities of St. Ann, St. James, & St. John Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor Reverend Joseph Kaye, Associate Pastor

St. Ann Church & Parish Office

3010 Ridge Road, Lansing 708.895-6700/708-895-6877 (Fax)

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday: Closed **Confessions** Saturday: 3:00 p.m.

Adoration

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Followed by Rosary on Weekdays Communion Service Monday: 7:30 a.m. Morning Mass Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

www.allsoulscatholicparish.org

Parish email: Fr. Mark's email: Fr. Joseph's email: Operations Director: Bulletin email: Prayer Tree: Religious Ed. Office: office@allsoulscatholicparish.org frmark@allsoulscatholicparish.org jkaye@allsoulscatholicparish.org jsummerrise@allsoulscatholicparish.org jgray@allsoulscatholicparish.org debndnut@aol.com dmauch@allsoulscatholicparish.org 708-895-6700 x114 708-745-4760

St. Vincent DePaul:

Subscribe to the bulletin and have it delivered to your email: www.parishesonline.com/organization/ all-souls-catholic-parish-60438

Automate Your Weekly and Other Giving at www.givecentral.org

Click "Find Your Charity" and search for All Souls Catholic Parish, visit **givecentral.org/location/100** or scan the handy QR code here.





In these difficult economic times, know that the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann is here to assist you in your time of need. All information is kept confidential. Please do not wait until matters become insurmountable. Please call 708 -745-4760.

Please call the office:

- for baptism (2nd & 4th Sundays), marriage, anointing of the sick, quinceañeras, and RCIA/ RCIY
- for Ministry of Care to the homebound or hospitalized
- to request prayers for the sick
- if you are grieving for a loved one

New Members Welcome!

We would love to have you join us! Please fill out the information below, and place in the Offertory Collection or send to the Parish Office. You may also request a registration form at 708-895-6700 or register on our website at >About >Becoming a Parishioner

Name_____ Address _____ Street Town/Zip Phone _____ email

Once you register and have a number assigned, you will be able to receive envelopes and play the weekly 50/50.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25 (Christmas)
10:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
Tuesday, December 26 (St. Stephen)
7:30 a.m. Mass
 † Maggie Kirincic (Carol & Machiraju)
Wednesday, December 27 (St. John)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† Jim Volkman (St. Ann Friends)
† Bernice K. (Carol & Machiraju)
Thursday, December 28
(The Holy Innocents)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† Katherine Liszewski (Family)
† Dennis Kirincic (Carol & Machiraju)
Friday, December 29
(St. Thomas Becket)
7:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
Saturday, December 30
4:00 p.m. Mass
† Serio & Jennie Cavaliere
(Eddie Cavaliere)
Sunday, December 31
(The Holy Family)
8:30 a.m. Mass
† People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Mass
† Deceased Members of the Zacarias/
Martinez Family (Family)
† Jesse Ojeda (Family)
Jesse Ofeda (Lanniy)

The 2024 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Please call the office FMI or to schedule Mass intentions.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2 -3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25 -27/Lk 1:26-38 Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 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, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 **Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11 12/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Lk 2:36-40 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:16; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/

This Week's Activities

Monday, December 25		
Christmas Mass	10:30am	Church
Tuesday, December 26		
Daily Mass Followed by Rosary	7:30am	Chapel
Wednesday, December 27		
Daily Mass Followed by Rosary A.A. Meeting	7:30am 8:00pm	Chapel Parish Hall
Thursday, December 28		
Daily Mass Followed by Rosary Divine Mercy Chaplet Adoration TOPS Meeting Sharing the Scripture	7:30am 8:0am 8:00am - 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Chapel Chapel Chapel Parish Office Parish Office
Friday, December 29		
Daily Mass Followed by Rosary RCIA	7:30am 7:00pm	Church Parish Office
Saturday, December 30		
Confessions Mass	3:00pm 4:00pm	Chapel Church
Sunday, December 31		
Masses Holy Day Vigil Mass	8:30 & 10:30am 4:00pm	Church Church

For parish updates, please visit the website & click on the Calendar tab: www.allsoulscatholicparish.org

To add to the calendar or to schedule the Narthex or other meeting spaces, please visit the Parish Office to fill out a request form. All activities MUST be on the calendar in case of emergency.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PASKO



DO NOT BE AFRAID! FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Merry Christmas to all of you dear sisters and brothers; I also wish you a prosperous new year 2024 coming up soon. Let us have no fear as God calls us each day, for nothing is impossible for God.

Despite the clear text for this weekend (Lk 1: 26-36), centuries of art have done us in. There it is in a thousand paintings: Mary, with a peaceful smile on her face, looking pious and serene toward a warm light of unknown origin, seemingly on the verge of spiritual ecstasy. So why is the angel saying, "Do not be afraid?" Why doesn't he say, "Enjoy," or add the modern conceit, "You've earned it?"

The angel greeted her with "Hail," or rejoice. That was all right. So far, so good. It was the rest that got her. "You have found favor with God." In those days—as in these, if you would but think about it—to "find favor with God" was definitely not always something necessarily to rejoice over. To be sure, "to find favor with God" meant that God had noticed you and loved you deeply—that was a plus—but it also implied that God had a great task for you, a task that sometimes, maybe often, meant sacrifice and suffering.

That's why you really didn't want God to notice you any more than a rookie wants the top sergeant to notice him for a dangerous mission. Moses tried to duck God's call by protesting that he wasn't a good leader or speaker, and would Yahweh consider sending his brother, Aaron, instead, and let him off the hook? No sale. The prophet Isaiah, suddenly finding favor with Yahweh, said, "No, don't notice me, please; don't send me, I stutter." And God said, "No problem" and sent angels with burning coals to correct his impediment, leaving Isaiah struggling to come up with another excuse.

I make a point of all this to remind you that at one time, perhaps long ago, each of us had his or her own annunciation. That annunciation is called baptism, when we, having found favor with God, were called, chosen. Perhaps, like the others we mentioned, had we been of age or had our parents fully realized what all this meant, we, too, would have been afraid and asked for an extension, like some of the early Christians who put off baptism because they felt they were not quite ready for all that it entailed. The fact is, to say yes to the mighty and wonderful God is both liberating and fearful, but we treat it so lightly. Today, because familiarity breeds contempt, the call and response of baptism are taken on easily, almost casually. The transaction has become merely an ethnic or social affair separated from commitment. This commitment is to be fulfilled with love and not fear because He is with us.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, falling on December 24, holds a special significance as it marks the final moments of anticipation before the arrival of Christmas. This day is a time to reflect on the journey we have taken throughout Advent and to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

As we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, we are reminded of the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love that have guided us throughout this season. Each candle represents a different aspect of the Advent journey, and on this day, we focus on the candle of love. Love is at the core of the Christmas story. It is the love of God that brings forth the miracle of the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus Christ. This love is not limited to a specific time or place but is a universal gift that is offered to all humanity.

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we are called to reflect on the love that God has shown us and to share that love with one another. It is a time to reach out to those in need, to offer a helping hand, and to spread kindness and compassion. In doing so, we become vessels of God's love, shining a light in the darkness, and bringing hope to those around us.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas. It is not just about the presents, the decorations, or the festivities, but about the love that came down to earth on that holy night. May this love fill our hearts and guide us in all that we do, not just on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, but throughout the year. Amen

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor



Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

WEEKLY MONEY 12-10-2023 MATTERS

ONLINE/GIVE CENTRAL	: \$	870.00
DROP OFF/MAIL IN:	\$	6,815.36
	\$	7,685.36
50-50 Club:	\$	535.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	\$	1,240.00
IMMAC. CONCEPTION	\$	1,098.00
Our Lady of Guad.	\$	813.00

Thank you for your continued support!

ALL SOULS SPLIT \$ ~ 50/50 CLUB ~ \$

Our December 10 winning number was #1248. #1248 WOULD HAVE WON \$540.00. 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**.

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.

> A NEW CHANCE TO WIN EVERY WEEK!

Today's Readings

First Reading: Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.'" (2 Sm 28:16)

Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading: The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

Gospel: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. ©LPi

CHRISTMAS

We are still accepting In Memoriam donations for the beautiful Christmas decor that adorns All Souls/St. Ann during the holiday season—there is a donor envelope in your December packet, or you may indicate on a plain envelope in whose honor you are making your gift. If you prefer to give electronically, there is a link on our Give Central site:

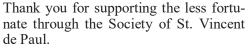
www.givecentral.org/location/100/allevents

Be sure to call the office or email pamlep3010@gmail.com with the name of your memorial intention. Likewise, the link for Christmas offerings is live at the same Give Central site. Thank you for your generosity.

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness. With your generous donations, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has brought light into the darkness surrounding the hearts of those facing financial need. In the past month we were able to help a senior with her utilities after a car accident led to unexpected bills, and a young working mother whose work hours had been cut back.

For those donating through the monthly envelope, please make your checks out to <u>All Souls</u>. For those who prefer

placing your donation in the Poor Box, please make any checks out to <u>St. Vin-</u> <u>cent de Paul</u>.





Do you wish to have a Mass said for someone, but find it difficult to come into the office during business hours? Simply call us at 708.895.6700 to schedule your times, dates, and sites, and you may send your donation in through the

collection basket or Give Central. The requested donation is \$10 per intention.



Miss Me—But Let Me Go

In Loving Memory of Jeronimo Morelos Dennis Synowiec



- Squares sales will resume for post-season games after the holidays. Thank you so much for your support—all proceeds go to the Furnace Fund.
- All Souls Parish is in need of youth to join our Altar Servers Ministry and assist at each of our Masses. Being an Altar Server is a wonderful way to gain a deeper understanding of the Mass while also giving back to the Church. Please call the parish office or send in the form on page 8 if you or someone you know is ready to join us.
- Never miss a bulletin! Visit <u>www.parishesonline.com</u> and search for All Souls Catholic Parish. Subscribe and you will receive a link to our bulletin delivered straight to your inbox every Saturday. It's fast, easy and free!



Oplatki Christmas wafers are available for purchase in the Narthex after all Masses, or you can ask a sacristan before Mass. A \$2 donation is suggested. We had a beautiful Mass and celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Special thanks to the All Souls OLG crew and Fr. Gary Graf for keeping this annual tradition alive here. Pictured below is the OLG "Dream Team." We appreciate all the work you put in on this!



Thank you, thank you to all who baked, worked the sales table, and purchased treats and raffle tickets from us at our annual All Souls Religious Education Cookie Walk and Bake Sale. The weekend was a huge and festive success! We took in \$879 from the baked goods, and an additional \$274 from the raffle baskets.



We are grateful to Cindy Hope and the Giving Tree crew for pulling off another successful gift collection and sorting, readying Christmas presents for pick-up. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we provided gifts to 41 families this year!



Thank you also to our sponsors: OMG Pastries, Calumet Bakery, and Munster Donut. Congratulations to basket winners, Joan Clare and Sandy Jahnke, and gift card winners, Dora Jablonski and Lena Martinez!

Advent & Christmas Season 2023

Christmas

December 24

- + 4:00 p.m. Shepherds & Angels Mass
- + 11:30 p.m. Preludes 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
 December 25
 + 10:30 a.m. Mass
 Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Solemnity of Mary December 31 + 4:00 p.m. Mass

4.00 p.m. Mass
January 1
10:30 a.m. Mass



St. Ann • 3010 Ridge Road • Lansing • 708-895-6700 www.allsoulscatholicparish.org



New Year Resolution

Men of All Souls Parish, if you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, and growing in your faith, make your new year resolution to join the Knights of Colum-

bus, Lansing Council 3540. Joining is easy, and you will receive 12 months of free online membership. Go to

kofc.org/joinus from your home PC, or use QR Code, (Remember to include promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY). Any questions, feel free to call Martin Liszewski at 708-474-1742.



ALL SOULS PARISH Holy Souls Bereavement Ministry Will Meet in the Day Chapel JANUARY 10 & 27 Every Second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Every Fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Our Bereavement Ministry is a faith-based group that provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved

one to deal with their grief in an atmosphere of care. Let us join you on your grief journey to offer comfort, encouragement, and understanding. All are welcome and no registration is required.



Please call 708-895-6700 FMI.

Upcoming Events

RE Parents' Gathering: January 7 Family Mass/Children's Liturgy: January 7 Furnace Fund Early Bird Drawing #2: January 28 Scout Sunday: February 4 RE Parents' Gathering: February 4 Family Mass/Children's Liturgy: February 4 Furnace Fund Grand Prize Drawing: March 23



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIFT SOMEONE YOU LOVE A RAFFLE TICKET!

Wish someone a happy new year with the gift of a Furnace Fund raffle ticket. And THEN, be sure to put the next Early Bird Drawing on your calendar: Sunday, January 28. We plan to take the drawing off-campus and have a little social fun together, so stay tuned for details!

We are pleased to announce that we are nearly a third of the way to our sales goal. FMI about why we are raising funds for the furnace, see page 8 of the bulletin. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to chat with your Furnace Fund Raffle committee members: Ted Cap, Jennifer Gray, Dan Podgorski, and Janice Summerrise. Looking for more tickets? They are always available by calling the office at 708.895.6700. Thank you, thank you for your support and participation. Together we will Warm All Souls!

CHECK OUT A PACKET OF FIVE TICKETS!

Stop by the Football Squares table after the holidays or call the office to pick up an extra ticket or two or a five-pack to buy, sell or gift to your friends and family. No pre-payment is required. At the final drawing, you will have an extra chance at \$500 for every five tickets you have sold.

4th GRADERS - HIGH SCHOOLERS: CAN YOU ANSWER THE CALL?

Becoming an Altar Server is an honor and an important part in the offering of the Mass. Altar Servers assist the priest in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is the cornerstone of our faith. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please discuss it first with your parents or guardians, as you will be making a commitment, much like being on a team. You will be able to indicate your preferred Mass time and any dates that you are unavailable. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office or in the collection basket at Church. We will notify you when the next training is scheduled after the

holidays.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cindy Hope at 708-474-2914 or Mr. Dan Mauch at 708-895-6700.



I approve of my child,

becoming an altar server at All Souls/St. Ann Church.

Please contact me with further information at:

.

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

email_____

Parent Name

Parent Signature



Remember, you will NEVER receive an email from Fr. Mark or anyone on staff asking for you to send gift cards or bank information or to rescue us from any dire situations. If you receive an email "from" Fr. Mark saying, "I need your help, please email me back," or something like that, rest assured, it is NOT from him. Hover over the name of the sender so that you can see the email address it came from. It will likely be a long string of gobbledygook, or it will be something generic like pastor1234@gmail.com. It's very easy for people to create these fake email addresses and impersonate someone you trust. Please don't fall for it! If you ever have a question, please call the office at 708 -895-6700 so we can clear it up.

ALL SOULS PARISH 2023 FURNACE FUND

We are proud to warm the more than 800 souls in our parish community by keeping the flame of faith burning. But we need to keep our bodies warm (and cool!) as well.

The HVAC system in the church was installed when it was built in 1997. The furnace and a/c unit servicing the west side of the church has failed and is obsolete. We must replace the west

unit entirely in order to keep our congregation comfy year-round.

Replacement Cost: \$40,000 Installation: \$10,000

I

L



The former school building will soon become a source of rental revenue and houses our 140+ Religious Education students. We have been advised to maintain the current boiler with the following necessary updates.



Burner Unit for Boiler: \$21,000

Replacement Vacuum Unit: \$9,000 Installation: \$20,000

I. OF REDATRS & REDI.ACEMENTS:

TOTAL OF REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS: \$100,000

Help us fuel our future by purchasing/selling raffle tickets, making a donation at www.givecentral.org/location/100 or by mailing a check to All Souls Parish,





Christmas 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate the birth of our hope. When he came among us as one like us in all things but sin, he lifted us up to new and transformed life. In fact, he opened for us the way to share in the very life of God. One of the prayers of the Mass gives us these words: "...may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

The struggles that we face in our personal lives and in our wounded world do not have the last word. We are meant for more. We are meant for full and eternal life. I pray that our celebration of the Lord's birth will remind us of the glory that will carry us beyond the challenges, sometimes truly significant challenges that mark our lives and our world.

We must also remember that the Lord did not just come among us once and long ago. He continues to walk with us as we walk with each other. Our celebrations of the Eucharist remind of that. And he will never abandon his people. He is now and always Emmanuel, our God with us. Our journey is his journey. And this year, having celebrated the first of two synods of the Church, we are especially aware that he accompanies us as we accompany one another.

In this holy season, I invite you to pray. Take time, create a quiet space, look on the creche, read the gospels, and allow yourself to know that he is near and that he walks with you. If you do so, I can assure you that you will know his peace. Then, take what you learn from him to your family, to your workplace, to your community, and to entire world. The gift of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, is not something we can hold for ourselves. We are called and destined to share it with others.

As I celebrate the Eucharist, I will remember you and pray that you will have a living sense of the Lord among us, the one who walks with us and draws us forward into the fullness of his life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago



A Children of the second secon

4th Sunday of Advent • Luke 1:26-38

God, help me to trust you like Mary and

Draw a picture of three people you trust.

PRAYER

Elizabeth did.

DRAW



🖸 GOSPEL

Think of the people you trust. These are people you can count on, no matter what happens. Both Mary and Elizabeth were amazed to learn that they were pregnant. God had surprised each of them with a special miracle - a baby. God trusted them both to take care of their babies. Mary and Elizabeth trusted God to help them. You can trust God, too.



Complete the picture.





Name three reasons you can always trust God.

You Are Invited on a 14-Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome, May 6-19, 2024

The \$4,950 per person package includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Entry fees to all sites
- 5 Star hotels
- Air-conditioned motor coaches
- Two meals per day
- Catholic tour guides
- Farewell dinner

This inspirational journey with Msgr. Joseph Ntuwa (from Hampstead, NC) and Fr. Mark Kalema



NC) and Fr. Mark Kalema will strengthen your faith and help you feel closer to God while walking the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will celebrate daily mass at the major sites.

Day by day itinerary brochures are available in the Narthex. Questions and concerns may be directed to our tour operator: 708-307-5875 ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

FALL & WINTER VISITING HOURS

October 16th - February 28th

CEMETERY VISITING HOURS 8:00 am-5:00 pm, 7 days a week

MAUSOLEUM VISITING HOURS 9:00 am-4:00 pm, 7 days a week

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Closed Sundays





Honor Flight Chicago's mission is to thank and pay tribute to senior war veterans by bringing them to Washington, D.C., for a day of honor and remembrance at no cost to them. Do you know someone who is a senior

war veteran? Visit <u>www.honorflightchicago.org</u> to learn more about how you can refer them for an upcoming flight, volunteer your time or donate to the cause.



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

All Souls, Lansing, IL

Ľ



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

All Souls, Lansing, IL

A 4C 01-4048