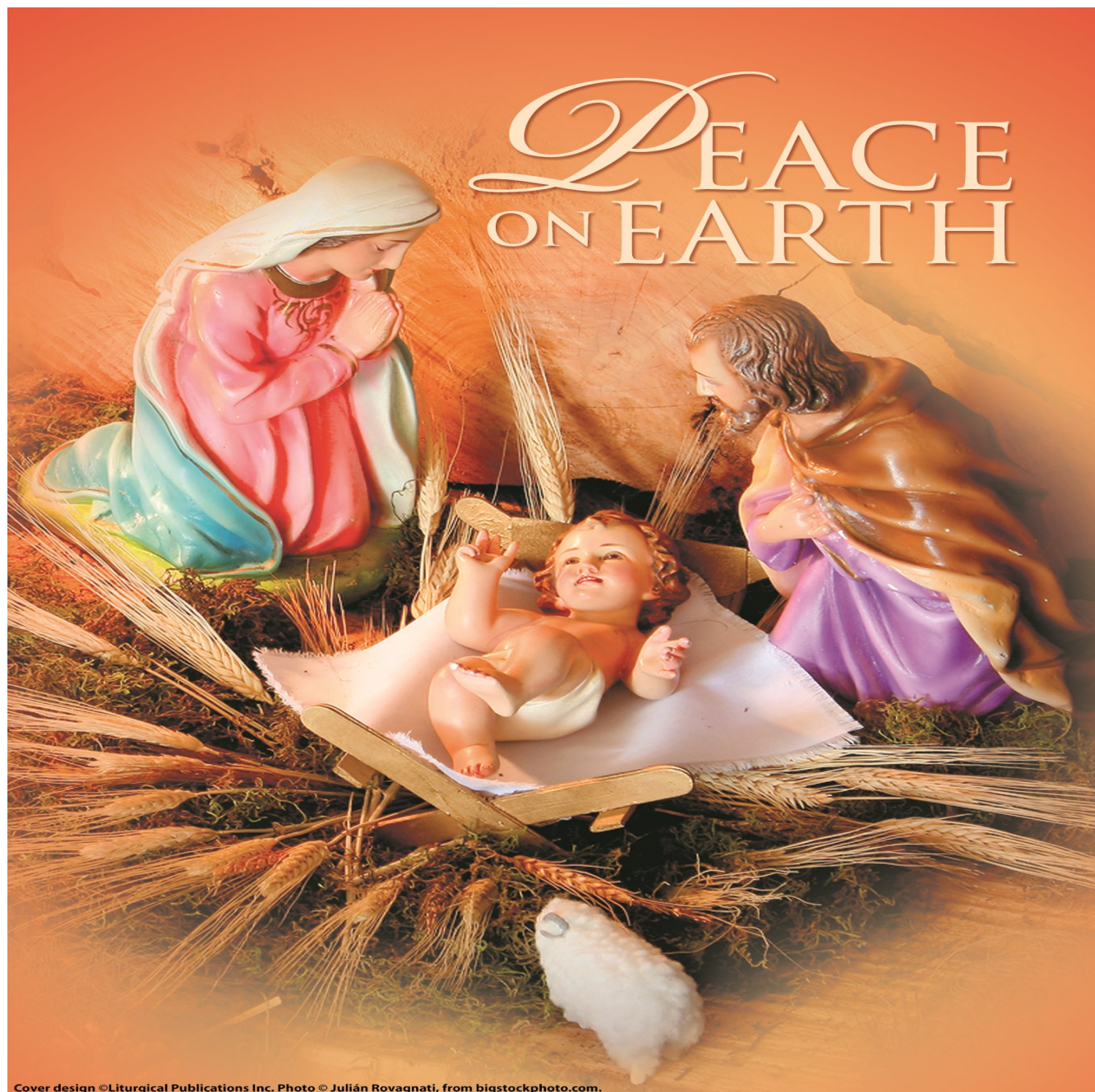


VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH  
779 S. YORK ROAD ELMHURST, IL  
DECEMBER 27, 2015



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Christmas ~ 2015

*Christmas Blessings to All  
from the Priests, Deacons and Staff  
of Visitation Parish*

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 28

6:15 A.M. Violet Janousek  
8:15 A.M. Mary Ann Weber

### Tuesday, December 29

6:15 A.M. Lavo Cardozo  
8:15 A.M. Daniel McGovern

### Wednesday, December 30

6:15 A.M. Julie D'Agostino  
8:15 A.M. Edsel Spradlin

### Thursday, December 31

8:15 A.M. Francis Padalik  
5:00 P.M. Leslie Koczur

### Friday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:15 A.M. Beatrice Herman  
10:00 A.M. James Noland  
12:00 P.M. Intentions of the Celebrant

### Saturday, January 2

8:15 A.M. Leslie Koczur  
5:00 P.M. James Carter

### Sunday, January 3

7:00 A.M. Gloria Phillips  
8:15 A.M. LaVerne Stella  
Jean Gregory  
10:00 A.M. People of the Parish  
12:00 P.M. Robert Caroso

### Flame of Faith Intentions

Candles will burn perpetually this week before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel of Our Lady, Mother of the Eucharist, for the following intentions:

#### For the intentions of Ryan Hanrahan

*By: Evelyn Hanrahan*

#### In memory of Violet Janousek

#### For my family and friends

*By: Isabelle Rodriguez*

#### For prayer that God shows some way out of the legal problems with obsessive neighbor.

#### Graces and blessings for Guy Murphy

*By: A sister in Christ*

#### James Bauer, for a quick recovery

*By: Nancy O'Toole*

### Armed Forces Prayer List

The following men and women will be remembered in prayer as long as they continue to serve in our Armed Forces. We pray that God will watch over them and bring them home safely.

#### United States Army

CPT Joseph Doyle (Ft. Bliss, Texas)  
CPT Patrick Leen (Italy)

#### United States Marine Corps

LCPL David Byrne (Africa)  
PVT Nicholas Acevedo (California)

#### United States Air Force

MSGT Kevin M. James (Italy)

#### United States Coast Guard

CPO Patrick Kirby (Texas)

If you would like to add a name to this list, please call the Rectory Business office at 630-834-6700. Thank you.

May the blessings of  
this Holy Season  
be yours in abundance.  
A joyous Christmas!

### Church Vigil Candle Intentions



Before the statues of Our Lady and St. Joseph in the church, vigil candles burn for requested intentions. If you would like to have either candle lit, please contact the Rectory office. Intentions will be listed in the bulletin. This week candles will burn for the following intentions:

**For the protection of the men and women of our armed forces, especially those serving the Middle East.**

### Please Pray for Our Sick

If you or a member of your family is ill or hospitalized and would like to be placed on our Prayer List, please call the Rectory office and let us know.

Due to privacy issues we will only honor requests made by **you or a family member**. Your name will remain on the list for two weeks. If you wish your name to remain on the list after two weeks, you or a family member will need to call again to request that we continue to include it. Thank you.

## PARISH BUSINESS

### 2015 Christmas Season Liturgical Schedule

Thursday, December 31

Morning Mass

8:15 A.M.

Vigil Mass—Mary the Mother of God

5:00 P.M.

Friday, January 1, 2016, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, New Year's Day

Masses

8:15 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

12:00 P.M.



**Friday, January 1, 2016**

**Solemnity of Mary,**

**The Holy Mother of God**

This Solemnity reminds us that Mary is Mother of God, as she gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God and Prince of Peace. Mindful of this, let

us renew our commitment as Good Stewards to foster peace in our homes, local communities and places of work. If we truly want a more peaceful world, we must each do our part.

**The vigil Mass for the holy day will be celebrated on Thursday, December 31, at 5:00 P.M. and Masses on Friday, January 1, are at 8:15 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon.**

### Visitation Little Samaritans Program

The Little Samaritans program accepts children walking to five years of age during the 8:15 and 10:00 A.M. Masses. **Little Sams will not meet on Sunday, January 3.** Sessions are held in the Parish Center.

If you have any questions, please call Donna Monaghan at 630-834-5383.



**Wishing You A New Year**

**Full Of Blessings**

The Rectory business office will be closed on Monday, December 28, Thursday, December 31, and Friday, January 1, in observance of the New Year holiday. We will return at 8:30 A.M. on Monday, January 4.

### The Yearning



Dear Parish Family

During the season of Advent we are blessed not only with the timeless beauty of the scripture readings but also with the richness of the traditional texts that are sung during the season. Here are some selections that have been sung at the 10 A.M. Choir Mass for your reflection.

#### *The Yearning*

Words by Susan Bentall Boersma.

Music by Craig Courtney.

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief,  
And centuries of sorrow.  
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide  
And in the shades of death abide,  
A yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One,  
The Firstborn of creation.  
There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own,  
And by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait  
The day of His appearing.  
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased  
And we shall see the One who placed within our hearts  
the yearning.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

Sing out Christ's Nativity  
**Barb Masters**

**LECTOR, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF  
THE EUCHARIST, MUSIC MINISTER\* AND  
ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS FOR  
JANUARY 2-3**

	<b>Lectors &amp; Music Ministers*</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Saturday Jan. 2 5:00 P.M.</b>	Joe Falcone	Elaine Ryba Mary Ann Santucci Linda Swieton Bob Kaminski	Adam Stevenson Stephen Taylor
<b>Sunday Jan. 3 7:00 A.M.</b>	Laura Kern	Mary Ann Arazan Marty Moran Lilia Zamar Maria Zamar	Tyler Lavin Cecilia Passarelli Nick Mayfield
<b>Sunday Jan. 3 8:15 A.M.</b>	John Hoffman	Pamela Clink Velma DuRocher Jane Klenck Kevin O'Reilly	Dominic Carillo Jack & Matthew Kavanaugh
<b>Sunday Jan. 3 10:00 A.M.</b>	Brendan Moriarty	Karen Boozell Mary Ellen Grisim Terry Grisim Rosalie Ward	Nina Brucci Paddy Toole Regan Toole
<b>Sunday Jan. 3 12:00 P.M.</b>	Kelley Fowler	Monica Hammerschmidt Ray Hill Susan Maloney Mary Ohm	Christopher Fosnacht Alex Torres Erica Torres

**Daily Altar Server Assignment**

**Monday - Saturday December 28 - January 2 8:15**

Monday	Nicholas Renfro, Maggie Wisniewski
Tuesday	Cecille and Paul Nemeth, Jr.
Wednesday	Sophia Hohman, Nora Kenny
Thursday	Billy Fromelt, Jack Ryan
Saturday	Jenna Dolsen, Edwin Espinosa, Jr.



*Rest in Peace*

Aidan Shea  
Payton O'Brien

**LECTOR, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF  
THE EUCHARIST, MUSIC MINISTER\* AND  
ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS FOR  
DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 1**

	<b>Lectors &amp; Music Ministers*</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Thursday Dec. 31 5:00 P.M.</b>	Kevin Fowler	Lorene Bryan Dianne C. Carter Bob Kaminski Rufo A. Lacsamana	Sophia Alvarez Dominico Gaudio Giovanna Gaudio
<b>Friday Jan. 1 8:15 A.M.</b>	Joe Falcone	Mary McCann Bob Kaminski Not Filled Not Filled	Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled
<b>Friday Jan. 1 10:00 A.M.</b>	Tony Cuzzzone	Rufo Lacsamana Rob Bennett Joyce Bennett	Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled
<b>Friday Jan. 1 12:00 P.M.</b>	Dorothy McCabe	Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled	Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled

**Reading for the Week of Dec. 27, 2015**

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28	96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40
or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 84:2-3, 5	Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1
-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or	-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41	Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,
-52	5-6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2	Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-
-5, 7-8/Mt 2:13-18	4/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-	Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1
3, 5-6/Lk 2:22-35	-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps	Mt 2:1-12

**Please remember Visitation Parish  
in your will and estate planning.  
Please call the Rectory at 630-834-6700  
for more information. Thank you.**

**Wedding Banns**



**III. Katherine DeVries and Michael Zamar**



## FAITH FORMATION

### *Faith Matt-ers*

By Matt Pozen—Director of Parish Faith Formation

#### Faithful Citizenship

Many of you may have heard that Pope Francis has declared a “Jubilee Year of Mercy”, which began on December 8 (The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary) and will continue until November 20, 2016 (The Feast of Christ the King). The notion of jubilee years goes back to the Old Testament, when, according to Jewish law, a jubilee year was celebrated every 50 years. During such years, debts were forgiven, slaves were freed, and land that had been consolidated by the wealthy was redistributed to the poor. This regular practice of jubilee was meant as an act of human mercy, which was to reflect the divine mercy that God had shown to Israel throughout her history. In the year 1300 AD, Pope Boniface VIII declared the first papal jubilee year, when Christians were encouraged to engage in acts of piety and mercy, and to make pilgrimages to various historic churches, especially St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Ever since 1300, a papal jubilee year has been celebrated every 50 years: these are known as “ordinary” jubilees. Occasionally, a pope will declare an “extraordinary” jubilee year between the ordinary ones. This is what Pope Francis has done for the current Year of Mercy. In the coming months you’ll be hearing more about how we can celebrate this jubilee year.

Shifting gears a bit, the year 2016 is an election year, which means that we as citizens of the United States will have the opportunity to vote for who will lead our country for the next term, at the executive level and at the legislative level, at the national level and at the state level. For the next several weeks I will explore an important document issued every four years by the bishops of the United States - “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility” (visit <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship> to view it). This document is meant to help Catholic citizens to discern how their faith can and should enlighten their voting decisions. I realize that I am venturing into what can sometimes be a very volatile and divisive topic, but I simply offer this series as a way of encouraging you to read the bishops’ document and carefully reflect on its meaning. Like the bishops themselves, I will stay focused on issues rather than political candidates or parties, and I will attempt to help you to sort through and weigh these various issues.

As Catholics, our decisions about who to vote for are never merely political decisions, but rather are profoundly *moral* ones, grounded in our vision of what a *good* society should look like. Our vision of the good society is grounded in our understanding of the dignity of the human person, created in the image of God and redeemed in Christ. A good society is one which does all that it can to protect, defend, and promote the full human dignity of *all* of its members, especially those who are most vulnerable and least able to do this for themselves. We believe that this *full* appreciation of the dignity of the human person can only be grasped through faith in God, who has fully revealed himself in the incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. As fully human and fully divine, Jesus Christ reveals to us **both** the deepest mystery of who God is, *and* the deepest mystery of who we are called to be as human persons. However, this is not to say that only those who believe in Jesus will have a good appreciation of human dignity and the common good. As Catholics we can celebrate the common ground that we share with other Christians, with Jews and Muslims, and with the members of all the various world religions that have found their way here to America. We can even build bridges with agnostics and atheists who are committed to human flourishing and the common good.

To begin with, though, if we want to contribute in a vigorous way to public discourse and the political process, as Catholics we must first be clear about our starting point and our basic convictions. We believe that the Church founded by Christ, through its living Tradition and its inspired Scriptures, continues to hand on and faithfully interpret the deepest truth about God and humanity that is revealed in Christ. Jesus formed and commissioned the Church to proclaim to the world, in word and deed, the Good News (Gospel) of salvation. This message and mission of salvation is not just a “spiritual” or “religious” message, but a profoundly *human* one, for through it God seeks to draw our whole human reality into his healing love. Thus, this message will not just touch our “spiritual” lives, but our moral, communal, cultural, political, and economic lives, since to be human is always an embodied and communal act, not just a spiritual and individual act.

As Catholics we also believe that this Good News of Jesus Christ, as handed on through Tradition and Scripture, requires a living and continuing teaching office in order to assure its faithful transmission and interpretation. We’ll explore this further next week.

## MANNA

### Visitation Tuition Assistance Program

You can visit the school website ([www.visitationelmhurst.org](http://www.visitationelmhurst.org)) to view or print our most recent updated MANNA Order Form. For additional information or to place a large order, please call David James at 630-834-0967 before 6:00 P.M. Sunday evening.

## SCHOOL

### Visitation Students Win ICCP Junior High Dodgeball Tourney and Donate Proceeds to the Annie LeGere Foundation



On November 7, IC Catholic Prep hosted its Annual Junior High Dodgeball Tournament. Sixteen teams participated in this year's charity event, representing schools in Elmhurst and surrounding communities.

Members of the 2015 ICCP Dodgeball Championship team, The Snakes, included Tommy Ryan (Visitation), Daniel Klysh (Visitation), Will Sebastian (Visitation), Gabi Zanoni (Visitation), and Paddy Rauen (Visitation). The Snakes have chosen to donate the night's cash prize, totaling \$515, to the Annie LeGere Foundation – To the Moon and Back.



### Scholarship Opportunity For Visitation Class of 2012

The Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund (BEWSF) invites Visitation alums to be recognized as leaders in the Elmhurst community.

Vis Grads from 2012 are eligible to apply for a one time college scholarship.

**This year's award is estimated at \$2,000.**

Carry on the tradition and honor of being the next BEWSF scholarship recipient!

#### Qualifying Criteria

Must have graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from a school in Elmhurst, IL. or be currently enrolled as a Senior at a high school in Elmhurst, IL.

Participated in a minimum of three extracurricular activities throughout time spent in high school.

Submit a copy of your official high school transcript.

Submit two letters of recommendation from a: teacher, coach, boss, community leader, etc. with whom you have interacted within the last five years.

Fulfilled 25 hours of volunteer outreach service with an organization that supports a cause you'd like to commit and contribute to.

Submit proof of acceptance to a college, trade school or institution of higher learning and enrollment for the fall semester of 2016-17.

Visit our website to apply [www.BrianEWagnerFund.org](http://www.BrianEWagnerFund.org). Click on the Scholarship Tab.

## MINISTRIES

### This Christmas Season Contemplate the Lives of the Holy Family

Advent and Christmas are one of my favorite times of the year. Every year I look forward to opening the door to the Adoration Chapel and seeing the nativity set up beneath Our Savior, Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament. You can certainly feel the warmth of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—when you step inside the Chapel after coming in from the bitter cold.

I also feel that my prayer life is probably the most fruitful at this time of year as well. At this sacred time of year, it is easier for me to meditate upon the lives of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Whenever I go to the Adoration Chapel, my eyes are always drawn to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but I remember a few years ago, I experienced something different during the Christmas season. I felt a little unfocused and should I say “guilty” at first for not keeping my eyes on the Blessed Sacrament, but I felt drawn to something as if a very strong magnet was pulling my eyes in a different direction. As my eyes gazed upon the nativity statue of Our Blessed Mother, I thought how different matters would have been without her “yes” and total trust and submission to God. Then I prayed, Dear God, may I be more like Mary, obedient and trusting and always say “yes” to Your Will.

And then my eyes drifted toward Joseph. I have always felt that sometimes we forget or ignore his important role in the whole nativity story. Maybe this is because Joseph was such a humble man. But yet, he was given the graces of faith and strength to be able to endure every thing that was put in his path. He was the ultimate protector of his family. Then I prayed, Dear God, may I be more like Joseph, humble in my ways, but yet filled with great faith and strength to endure any adversities given to me. Help me to protect my family.

Then I gaze upon the Baby Jesus, who possessed both His Mother's and stepfather's blessed gifts of grace. He was humble, yet strong and faithful just like Joseph. He was also obedient and trusting of His Father's Will just like Mary. Then I prayed, Dear God, may I be more like Jesus, in every way.

My eyes then are lifted up to His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. I then can visually and spiritually see God's plan right before my eyes. Jesus, the Son of God was made flesh as a baby, and as I look upward, He then became our spiritual nourishment in the Eucharist at the Last Supper. And as I gaze up above the Blessed Sacrament, I see Jesus' ultimate gift of love for all of us—being crucified, suffering, and dying on the cross to save us from our sins.

Next, I look upward again to the light above the crucifix, and the brightness of the heavens and I can visually and spiritually see God's plan for Jesus' life right before my eyes; Jesus' birth, Jesus becoming Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist, His Crucifixion, and my goal, being with Him, the Light of the World, in Heaven for eternity.

Come out of the cold and feel the warmth of the Adoration Chapel today. You, too, can experience Heaven on Earth with the Holy Family.

## Rosary Makers Ministry



Are you interested in learning how to make a ladder rosary? Bring a friend and learn how to make a beautiful, unique rosary to honor our Blessed Mother. more details to follow.

Please call the rectory to sign up. (630) 834-6700

## Visitation Parish Casserole Ministry

Here's the schedule for the distribution and collection of casserole tins for the next few months:

Thanks again for helping feed the homeless at the Franciscan Outreach soup kitchen in Chicago. Cash donations are converted to a Jewel gift card for the soup kitchen to supplement their pantry.

Month	Tin Distribution	Casserole Return before Mass
January	Jan. 9-10	Jan. 23-24
February	Feb. 13-14	Feb. 27-28
March	Mar. 5-6	Mar. 19-20
April	Apr. 9-10	Apr. 23-24

## Monday Evenings

On Monday evenings at 7:00 P.M. we pray for our ordained. Please take some time to pray with us and bring your rosary. If you need a rosary, I will provide one.



God bless you.  
**Deacon Jim Eaker**  
630-530-7596

## VISITATION PARISH GROUPS

### St. Monica Prayer Group

Come pray with us for your loved ones who have drifted away from the faith or who are outside of the Church. **This fellowship group will meet the first Tuesday of every month.**

#### Visitation Parish

779 S. York Rd. Elmhurst, IL

Fireside Room, Parish Center

Tuesday January 5, 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Questions, call Bonita @ 630-279-0816 or

Sheila @ 630-329-1867

“...if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” Mt18:19.

## Trivia Night Friday, January 8th

**Q.** When and where?

**A.** Friday, January 8, at 6:30  
for a 7:00 P.M. start at Visitation Gym.

**Q.** Who?

**A.** You! Teams Max of 8.

**Q.** How much?

**A.** \$10 Per Person.



Send your team name for this challenging and fun night to [courtney@braafharts.net](mailto:courtney@braafharts.net).

Money due by Monday, January 4. Money can be dropped off at the Frost home, 875 S. Chatham. Or if you have a child at school send to Brandy Frost via Peter Frost, room # 107.

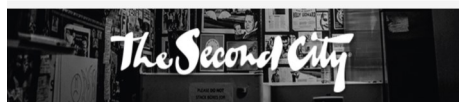
Contact Courtney or Brandy for more information.

Prizes for winning team.

B.Y.O. Nibbles and drinks.

## Second City Bus Trip

Saturday, January 23rd



We will have a charter bus taking us there and back.

Cost of this event has not yet been confirmed.

You can contact Dina Kwit for more information:

[dkwit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dkwit@sbcglobal.net)  
(630) 430-6735

This night promises to have you LOL-ing as we are entertained by Chicago's own and very talented cast of Sercond City! Please join us January 23rd for a night out on the town with your spouse, friends and family  
Show will be starting at 8pm.





JANUARY  
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This cost of this event  
will be \$25.00, which  
will include dinner.

Please

RSVP to Mary at:  
[mmcann3@me.com](mailto:mmcann3@me.com)  
630-605-8817



AN EVENING OF EMPOWERMENT & CONVERSATION WITH

**STACY NADEAU**

All young girls ages middle school and above are  
welcome to come. We will have great  
conversations about body image and self esteem.

**Sunday Night, January 10th, 6pm-9pm in the  
Hospitality Room, Vis Parish Center**

Join us tonight for an evening of conversation between mothers and daughters.  
Learn about the beauty of women and loving who you are, just the way you are.  
Stacy has been a nationally recognized advocate for women of all ages who are  
trying to be their best self and finding true happiness in that!

PLEASE CONTACT MARY MCCANN WITH ANY QUESTIONS/RSVP:  
[MMCCANN3@ME.COM](mailto:MMCCANN3@ME.COM)



## DIOCESAN

### Be Christ to Someone This Year

Christmas is here and the Year of Mercy has begun! Do you want to make it more meaningful in the coming year and be able to extend the mercy and compassion of Christ to others? If so, please consider volunteering for The Upper Room Hotline services. Classes to prepare you will begin on January 21<sup>st</sup> and end on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes are held at the University of St. Francis from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. People willing to imitate the compassion of Christ are needed for the people of all faiths who are lost or wanting to find their way back to God. If you are willing to “be” Christ to someone this year, please call Sr. Mary Frances Seeley at 815-341-9124, or [turch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:turch@sbcglobal.net). You can check us out at [catholic hotline.org](http://catholic hotline.org). Thank you and God bless.

### Childcare Volunteers

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is seeking childcare volunteers to help out at the “Winter Out of Poverty” series that starts Jan. 4-Feb. 29, 2016 every Monday night from 6:30–9:00 P.M. at Marian Park Apartments 2088 W. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton, IL. 60187. Anyone who is interested should contact Robin Poage at 630-495-8008 ext. 2122 or [rpoage@cc-doj.org](mailto:rpoage@cc-doj.org).

To learn more about the programs and services Catholic Charities provides in DuPage County, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).

### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

## OUTSIDE EVENTS

### The Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Church Open House

On December 12, our Diocese began the Celebration of the Holy Year of Mercy. At the request of the Holy Father, Catholics around the world will be celebrating a special time of recognition of the Great Mercy of God. A Holy Year features special celebrations of pilgrimages with calls for conversion and repentance. In our Diocese, nine Churches have been designated as Pilgrimage sites. Immaculate Conception Church in Elmhurst is the Pilgrimage Church for the Eastern DuPage Deanery. In recognition of the start of this Holy Year, an Open House for all in our Deanery will be held on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 3, from 2:00–4:00 P.M. at Immaculate Conception Church, 132 Arthur St., Elmhurst. Like the Wise Men who went forth to view the Lord, you are invited as pilgrims to come and pray before the Lord. This will be a time for silent prayer as we recall the Great Mercy of God.

**It is possible to obtain a plenary indulgence during this Holy Year.** An indulgence is the remission in the eyes of God of the temporal punishment due to sins, the guilt of which has been absolved through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Christian faithful who are rightly disposed and observe the definite, prescribed conditions gain this remission through the effective assistance of the Church. A plenary indulgence frees a person from all of the temporal punishment due to sins and may be gained only once on any one day. Indulgences are only applicable to oneself and to the dead.

**How can one obtain a plenary indulgence during the Holy Year of Mercy?** By having the intention of acquiring the indulgence – while also having the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; going to confession (before or after the visit); receiving Holy communion; making a profession of faith; praying for the Holy Father and for the intentions that he bears in his heart for the good of the Church and of the entire world while doing any of the following:

The faithful; by visiting one of the diocesan pilgrimage churches;

The sick and people who are elderly and alone: by receiving Holy Communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer (even through the various means of communication);

Those who are incarcerated: by visiting the chapel in the prison;

The faithful: by personally performing one or more of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

The faithful by remembering the deceased at Holy Mass and praying that they be freed from every remnant of fault and thus be embraced by God in the blessedness of life eternal.

## Christmas Flowers 2015

### *Flowers donated by:*

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Lopatka  
 Erin Dunne  
 Thomas Lenz  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Sacksteder  
 Mr. & Mrs. William Poole  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Saccamanno  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Prinske  
 Ms. Geraldine Sczygiel  
 Mr. & Mrs. Marlan Schreiner  
 Mr. & Mrs. Craig Davelis  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Gearen  
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 Mr. & Mrs. J. Terrence Grisim  
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 Ms. Ingrid Lindblade  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Curtin  
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## Parish Activity Calendar December 28 - January 3

**Monday, December 28**

Prayer for Priests 7:00 P.M. C

**Friday, January 1**

New Year's Day

**Tuesday, December 29****Saturday, January 2**

Confession 4:00 P.M. C

**Wednesday, December 30**

MANNA 7:30 P.M. PC

**Sunday, January 3**

RCIA 9:30 A.M. PC

**Thursday, December 31**

New Year's Eve

**C=Church****S=School****PG=Parish Grounds****PH=Podesta Hall****VC=Valentino Center****PC=Parish Center**

## Visitation Mission Statement

*Visitation Parish, a Roman Catholic Community in the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois, seeks to draw all to Jesus Christ, revelation of the Father and font of the Holy Spirit, by celebrating the Sacraments, educating people of all ages in the Truths of the Catholic Faith, and reaching out to those who are physically, emotionally or spiritually in need.*

**New Parishioners, Welcome!** Call or stop in the Rectory Office to register as a member of Visitation Parish.

**Baptisms** Most Sundays at 1:30 P.M. Parents are required to take a Baptism Preparation Class beforehand. Classes are held every other month, so please plan ahead. Call the Rectory for information.

**Marriages** Arrangements must be made at the Rectory at least six months in advance. Catholic parties must obtain a NEWLY issued certificate of their Baptism and then contact the Rectory before making any other arrangements. Weddings scheduled at 12:00 or 2:00 P.M. on Saturday. NO Sunday Weddings.

**Funerals** It is the responsibility of the parish to bury their dead. The funeral director will contact the parish regarding arrangements. No specific offering is required for the parish in connection with the funeral liturgy.

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel** The Perpetual Adoration Chapel of Our Lady, Mother of the Eucharist, is available 24 hours a day for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed on the Altar. The Chapel is located in the Convent building (south of the church).

**St. Peregrine Novena** Devotions in honor of Saint Peregrine, the patron saint of those who suffer with cancer are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in the church.

**Visits to the Sick** Due to changes in hospital admitting policies, it is necessary to inform the Rectory when hospitalized parishioners would like a visit from a priest or deacon.

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Mrs. Barbara Masters  
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Marcia Lane-McGee  
**Business Manager**  
Mrs. Debbie Johnson

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday 7:00, 8:15, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon

**Daily Masses**  
Monday–Friday 6:15, 8:15 A.M.  
Saturday 8:15 A.M.

**Confession**  
Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. or by appointment

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