



St. Charles Borromeo Church

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*A Community of Faith since 1959, striving to grow
In our relationship with God and each other,
Fostering spiritual growth and Catholic values.*

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Sunday of Advent

They shall beat their swords
into plowshares and their
spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise
the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4



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Mass Intentions for the week

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MONDAY, December 2, 2019
8:00 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, December 3, 2019
8:00 AM † Pietro Costa

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2019
8:10 AM † Robert Olsen

THURSDAY, December 5, 2019
8:00 AM † Socorro Baylon

FRIDAY, December 6, 2019
8:00 AM † Carmela Bruno

SATURDAY, December 7, 2019
8:00 AM Intention of the Celebrant
5:00 PM † Carolyn Stoltman

**SUNDAY, Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019**
7:30 AM † Chester Kuczaj
9:00 AM † Dominick Selvaggio
11:00 AM For the People of SCB

† indicates person is deceased

COMMUNAL RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday immediately following morning Mass except for Wednesday during the school year when the Rosary will be prayed at 7:45 am prior to morning Mass and on Monday after the Communion Service.

Parish Mission Statement

A people of faith, inspired by God, called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. With praise and thanksgiving to almighty God, we are drawn ever closer to God the Father through the love of Christ Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Cherishing the traditions of our faith, we come together to encounter the risen Lord in word and sacrament as the living body of Christ in the world. Responding to our baptismal call of our discipleship and strengthened by the Eucharist, we celebrate God's love and mercy, proclaim the Good News of Christ Jesus and work to build the kingdom of God here on earth by loving and serving one another.



All are welcome to hear the beautiful Montini High School Choir perform Christmas songs here at St. Charles Borromeo Church on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 12:30-1:00pm.

Coffee and treats will be served in the Holy Cross Room afterward.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE December 7 - December 8, 2019

EMCs	Lectors	Altar Servers
5:00 PM Hugo Francisco Rosemary Maziarka Pat Delury Agnes Wenig MaryAnn Francisco	MaryAnn Francisco	Emily Tomol Adam Fennell
7:30 AM Laurie Collins Nancy Sietsema Tom Wagner Diane Godfrey Jack Winter	Francis Ramirez	Travis Steininger-Rahl Lauren Capuno
9:00 AM Laura Redden Deliciosa Ferrera Emma De Blasio Gemma Vivar	Simeon Vivar	Emilie Steinbrecher Joseph Jenkot-DelaRosa Jayden Torres
11:00 AM Kristin Karg Diane Hain Christine Pluta Peggy Delaney Connie Vorel	Jennie Barr	Victoria Lechowicz Faith Wrzeciona

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers these parishioners or loved ones who are sick and in need of God's healing grace.

Kathleen Abata	Dixie Gonzales	Debra Parent
Sandra Baker	Betty Haywood	Joan Ragona
Harold Bakos	Josephine Henek	John Rossi
Maryland Banks	Craig Hudson	Betty Rizzo
John Buczkiewicz	Brian Jefferson	Vickie Sasso
Linda Buczkiewicz	Dolly Jefferson	Ronald Schmitt
Mark Bush	Jim Jordis	David Schroeder
Ginny Ciolino	Joseph Marehese	Rosalie Scianna
Paul Coley	Lucy Mazula	Carol Sherfienski
Sis Engleman	Frank Nierman	Wanda Slupik
Ariana Fritzgerald	Robert Nierman	Kathy Solberg
Valarie Fritzgerald	Molly Novak	Shirley Zappal

** Parishioners will remain on the prayer list for 6 weeks * If you would like to remain on the list longer please call the office and give us an update. You **MUST** have the consent of the individual or their family for their name to be publicized. Thank you.*



The Pastor's Page

"For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards." - USCCB, norms

The Precepts of the Church: Observing Days of Fasting and Abstinence

This is a topic I wrote on recently, both in regard to Friday abstinence (still applicable all days of the year, unless we substitute another penance, and every Friday in Lent) and fasting in general. Still, it's always good to look at these topics again and see if we can glean anything more within the context of the Church's precepts.

First, on abstinence from meat. From the earliest days of the Church, it was common practice to abstain from meat on Fridays. Perhaps you've heard an old cliché rumor that abstinence was instituted as a part of a pact between the fishing industry and the Holy Father way back when. As much as the notion makes me smile, this practice was established long before the Bishop of Rome was in a position to be cutting deals with anyone.

Friday, of course, is the day when Christ went to the Cross, and every Friday has been set aside by Christians as a day of penance. In those days, meat wasn't as common to the diet as it is today, which meant that it was prized and valued a great deal. To abstain from meat on Fridays was to set aside a cherished good. But perhaps it's even more difficult for us, who have meat as a staple in our daily diets: the ancients would marvel at our abundance! Whatever the differences between us, the modern Church stays true to abstinence on Fridays inside and outside of Lent for the same reason, and applies to all Catholic age 14 and above. At least we can be thankful that we are not under the Lenten obligation of Christianity for most of our history: they weren't allowed to eat it at all, until Easter.

And now, on to fasting. Christians fast as another form of penance, a form that is meant to be more intense than merely abstaining from meat. We fast in acknowledgment of our sins, but also to "make room" for God. As I relayed on this subject not too long ago, when we practice fasting, we begin to understand that the body quiets down. It asks for less, and frees us up to focus on God.

In my opinion — big disclaimer here — the modern fasting rules held by the Church won't really get us to this point. Two smaller meals that do not equal one larger meal, all of which we are permitted to consume? I only eat one meal a day to begin with, so by the Church's definition I am in a state of perpetual fast. My waistline disagrees. Still, this is the standard to which we are held, for all between the ages of 18-59. Those above 59 are exempt from fasting, though they are still obligated to abstain from meat. The rules being what they are, I challenge you to think about what fasting might really look like in your own circumstance, just as a friend once challenged me to do the same, such that you too might experience the freedom that comes from this practice.

Above all, what I love about fasting and abstinence is that it urges us *to look beyond ourselves*. Why are we not eating meat today? Why are we limiting our food intake? Because of Christ, in acknowledgment of all he has done, and in acknowledgment of all the times we've looked the other way.

Abundance

I spent this past Thanksgiving at the family home of a very good priest friend. We ate, we drank, and the conversation was good. Every need was met, as is fitting on such a holiday.

Please remember in your prayers those for whom this was not the case. We do our best as a parish to provide for them, but we know there are many in our community we miss. May we not forget them when we bring ourselves before God.

In Christ,



2019 ANNUAL FUND SIGN UP NEXT WEEK

**Your Chance to Support
Holy Family Catholic School**

NEXT WEEKEND during masses donor envelopes will be in the pews and you will have the opportunity to make your donation or pledge. Whether you pledge an amount and pay over a 10 month period or offer a one-time gift, **NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL!**

INVEST in our children! For example, a pledge of \$10.00 per month over a 10 month period can renew a 3-year Math Textbook contract for one student. \$15.00 per month over a 10 month period can provide *Imagine Learning* software for one English Learner. And \$100.00 per month over 10 months can provide a classroom set of Leveled Reading Books. Our laptop computers, Smartboards, and iPads are aging. Any donation will help us replace these necessary technology resources.

REMEMBER: We will all have the convenience of signing up and dropping our gift in the collection basket at all Masses on Dec. 7-8. Thank you for considering a pledge or gift to the 2019 Holy Family Catholic School Annual Fund!

The Holy Family Catholic School Annual Fund is worthy of your support. Please be generous and thank you for remembering the ministry of Catholic Education in your prayers!

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS



Please join us as our students do a special procession before Mass on Thursday December 12 (8:10 am), to honor our Lady of Guadalupe. Some students wear traditional attire and present roses to our Lady.

SOUNDS OF THE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY: *JESUS IS COMING!*



Thursday, December 19 at 7pm
St. Charles Borromeo Church

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM

While all the baptized are called to holiness, some men are called by God to holiness through the diaconate. This call must be carefully discerned through a process set forth by the Diocese of Joliet in accordance with the *National Directory for the Formation and Ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in the United States*. Applications are being accepted for the Diaconate (Deacon) Program. Please see below if you meet the Diaconate application requirements:

- A fully initiated Catholic and a practicing member of a parish within the Diocese of Joliet for at least four years,
- At least 31 years of age, but not more than 60,
- A high school diploma or its equivalent and capable of Freshman college level work
- At least three years of significant involvement in some aspect of parish ministry
- If married, be in a valid Catholic marriage and have the consent of his wife,
- If unmarried, be living a celibate lifestyle,
- Demonstrated stability in life situations: marriage, family, employment, residence, physical and emotional health.
- Legal U.S. Residency Status

If so, please contact the Diocese of Joliet with any questions and for access to the on-line application form(s).

Contact information for the Office of the Diaconate:

Diocese of Joliet
Office for the Diaconate
Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403-8719
(815) 221-6174

Good luck and God Bless!

Coming Up in January.....

Adult Learning Series

"The Catholic Faith Explained"

with Fr. Josh

Thursday evenings from 7pm-8pm in the
Holy Cross Room



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| Jan. 9 - | THE JOURNEY OF FAITH |
| Jan. 16 - | DIVINE REVELATION |
| Jan. 23- | THE BIBLE |
| Jan. 30 - | THE STORY OF SALVATION |

Each presentation will include a 30 minute DVD talk by Dr. Edward Sri, popular Catholic speaker and theologian, followed by questions for consideration and ideas from Fr. Josh.

Refreshments will be served.
Come for one or for all sessions!



St. Charles Borromeo Parish

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

1959 - 2019

In Celebration of our 60th Parish Anniversary, the following events have been planned:

February 9th- There will be a Winter Social with hot chocolate and cookies after all Masses.

TBD- Join us we culminate the year with a special 60th Anniversary Mass and dinner.



The Women's Group is having a Christmas Craft sale the weekends of 12/7-8 and 12/14-15 in the Narthex.

Please invite your family and friends to come and purchase their holiday gifts. Sales will take place before and after all Masses. All crafts have been designed and made by members of the Women's Group who appreciate your support. Merry Christmas!!

Thank you to all those who so generously helped out with the Thanksgiving food drive. We were able to fill boxes for each of the 15 families we are working with this year.

We quickly move right into Christmas and so this year's giving tree is up and the tags are on! It seems early but Thanksgiving is very late this year!

Please take an ornament off the tree at the back of the church today to help make Christmas special for one of our neighboring families.

Each tag has some suggestions on it for one of the people in the family or someone at the nursing home. You do not have to buy everything on the tag and everyone always appreciates a gift card.

One other change - This year the nursing home has requested lap blankets or throws for each of the residents. They can be knitted, crocheted, tied or bought!

Remember presents are due back at church by December 7th and 8th. Presents should be wrapped with their tags attached. If you have a gift receipt please attach it to the present.

Thanks once again for all your help and generosity.

Nancy Sietsema



FIVE MORE FOR THE FAITH!

Thanks to all who have increased your giving in support of the parish! We greatly appreciate your wonderful sense of stewardship. You are making a difference!

-Fr. Josh & the Finance Council

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:40pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:15pm. Participation in our Parent Preparation Program, held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, is mandatory before the baptism of the child. Call the Parish Office to schedule a baptism.

WEDDINGS

All weddings are scheduled by the Pastor and will be confirmed. Couples desiring to be married need to speak directly with the Pastor BEFORE reserving a hall. Only the Bride or Groom may request a date for their wedding. Diocese policy requires that a 6 month (minimum) preparation process be completed prior to the celebration of all weddings. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously ill or have surgery scheduled should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Call the Parish Office to request this sacrament. Hospitalized or homebound parishioners desiring a pastoral visit should call the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who would like to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. Call the Parish Office for information.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! You may register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 5:00 pm,
Sunday at 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	8:00 AM
Wednesday during school year	8:10 AM
Wednesday during the summer break	8:00 AM
Monday - Communion Service	8:00 AM
Tuesday at The Grove Elmhurst (Elmbrook)	9:30 AM
First Thursday of the month at Bridgeway	
Independent Living	11:00 AM

Due to the early Bulletin deadline, the offertory for November 24, 2019 is not available.

St. Charles Borromeo's SPRED Program is in search of a new Chairperson:

SPRED, which stands for Special Religious Education Program, needs someone to take over the Chairperson position. After 30 years of running the program, John W. Ainsworth has moved out of the Parish and retiring from the position at the end of this program year. If we do not find a person to assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson and take the training, the program as we know it will have to come to an end here at St. Charles Borromeo. The training, which is required consists of five training sessions that are taught by the SPRED Center. Please call John at (630) 337-4861 to discuss the details.



ANNOUNCEMENT & INVITATION THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER REQUEST FORM IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE EASTERN DUPAGE DEANERY WEB SITE

The Divine Mercy Ministry at Christ the King Parish in Lombard prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet during Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays for the Sick, Suffering and Dying within the Hour, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and for all those for whom a Chaplet was requested.

We invite all Parishioners, including those who are homebound or in a Health Care Facility, to participate in the graces of this very powerful prayer by requesting a Divine Mercy Chaplet to be prayed for yourself, a friend or loved one, living or deceased. Simply go to: easterndupagedeanery.org and follow these steps:

1. Depending on the device you are using & once the site opens;
 - a. tap 'MENU' and then select 'Divine Mercy Chaplet' on the list or
 - b. if the Main Page opens with topics listed, select 'Divine Mercy Chaplet' & the next page will automatically open
2. in the NAME Box, type in the **FIRST NAME** of the person you wish us to pray a Chaplet for &
3. then click 'Submit'.

Bless you!

Apostles of Divine Mercy

For further information, please contact Mary Jones at 630-702-5689 or mwjones@comcast.net.



Cozy Feet Campaign



Imagine what it is like to be homeless and be living through the winter months without any socks to keep your feet warm! As part of our efforts at PADS, we are collecting as many new socks for the homeless shelter as we possibly can, and we need your help. If you can please remember the homeless people this holiday season and pick up some new socks for them it would go a long way in brightening someone's day. If you do not have time to shop, a gift card that can be used to purchase socks would also be greatly appreciated. We have volunteers to shop for the socks. Please note: the socks we are looking for need to be **brand new** in order to be distributed to the people at the shelter so that issues such as athlete's feet are prevented.

Please put the new socks or gift cards in the big box located in our narthex labeled "Cozy Feet Campaign."

Thank you from the DuPage Public Action Delivering Shelter (PADS) organization.

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