

St. Laurence Parish

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Saturday - 4:00 PM, Spanish - 6:00PM
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Daily Mass - 8:00 AM Monday - Friday

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Wednesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM
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My House Shall Be Called A House of Prayer
Please help us keep a prayerful and reverent atmosphere in the Church before and after Mass.

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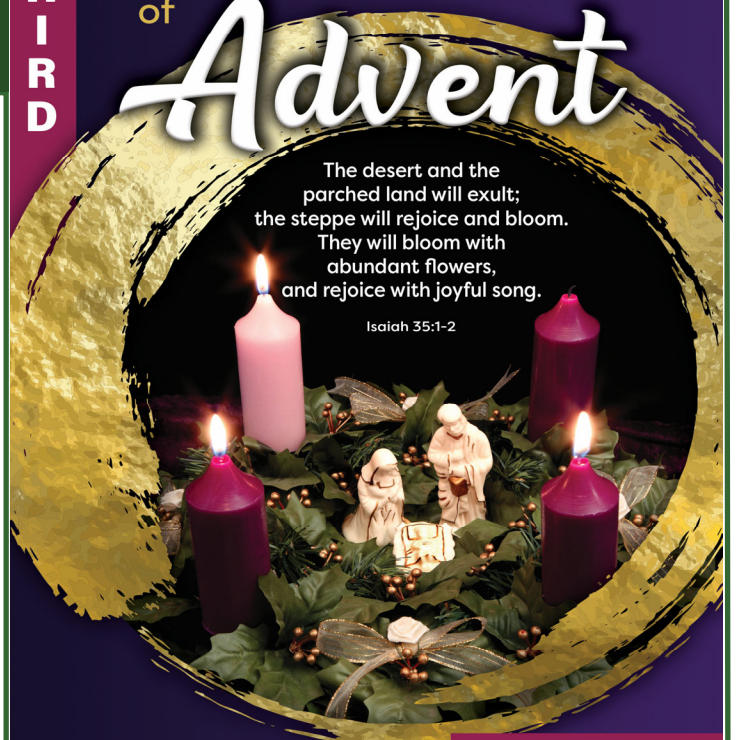
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THIRD Sunday of Advent

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

Isaiah 35:1-2



December 15, 2019

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Please Pray for:

For the strengthening in faith of all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit please pray for:

Cheryl Benson, Benjamin Blanca, Robert Borofsky, Kathleen Camarena, Stephanie Castner-Archinal, Melanie Childs, Alexandra Collovati, Karen Crosby, John Duffy, Elberta Einwich, John Giuliano, Kay Hogan, Mary Jones, Nancy Kacer, Rosalie Kehoe, Lane Kobus, John G. Kolakowski, Connie Kunold, Irene Liszkiewicz, Gin Lossau, Gary Mahoney, Marian Marty, Veronica Mata-Mendez, Kimberly Morate, Mark Mumbly, Tim Neal, Bev Nordmeyer, Elizabeth Obradovic, Bonnie Penera, Deacon Bob Plazewski, Paula Portis, Anna Pyrich, Adrian J. Ramirez, Deacon Bob Real, Lisa Rednour, Julieta Regalado, Sofia Isabella Rodriguez, Thomas Schmidt, Louanne Slania, Tommy Starr, Nathan Thomas, Sharon Walden and Kimberly Winfree.

May God protect our members who serve in the armed forces and return them safely to their families:

ARMY: Staff Sgt. Jennifer (Clough) Korfmacher, COAST GUARD: Ensign Allison Rychtanek, AIR FORCE: Major Victoria L. Cramer

O St. Laurence, generous servant of the Church and deacon of God's people, most loving patron of our parish, inspire our hearts with your total and courageous love for Christ. Encourage us, and intercede that we too give away our lives, little by little, toward the advancement of the Church's mission and the spiritual health of our parish. Help us not to fear the cost of discipleship, but focus with faith on the glorious effects of your grace in our lives.



St. Laurence, pray for us!

Please notify the Parish office if a parishioner is seriously ill or becomes unable to attend Mass for an extended period of time.

Mass Intentions - Dec 16-22

Monday	8:00 AM	Lucille Reich offered by John Fialko
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Vic Volkening offered by the Volkening Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	In memory of Stanley Bucholc offered by Family & Friends
Thursday	8:00 AM	Repose of the soul of Father John Slampak
Friday	8:00 AM	Raymond & Lenore Connery offered by the Connery Family
Saturday	4:00 PM	Dennis DeBoer offered by Your Loving Wife
Saturday	6:00 PM	In memory of Msr. Joseph Brian offered by the Blanca Family
Sunday	7:15 AM	Rhett Lundy offered by the Family
	9:00 AM	St. Laurence Parish Community
	11:00 AM	In memory of Betty & Frank Eberwein offered by daughters, Judy & Jill

Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



Recuerde, Oh, muy gentil Virgen María, nunca se supo que nadie ha sido abandonado de tu protección, cuando imploró tu ayuda o buscó tu intercesión. Inspirado por esta confianza, vuelo hacia ti, oh Virgen de las vírgenes, madre mía. A ti vengo, ante ti estoy, pecador y triste. Oh Madre de la Palabra Encarnada, no desprecies mis peticiones, sino en tu misericordia, escúchame y contéstame. Amén.

Since circles have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of the Advent Wreath is used to symbolize God the Father and eternal life. The wreath holds four candles which are lit over the four weeks of Advent. There are three violet (purple) candles and one rose candle, each representing 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the Savior.

Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of penance, sacrifice, and prayer. During the first two and the last weeks of Advent we light violet candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for Christmas is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Traditionally, each of the four candles on an Advent wreath has their own meaning. Pam Carton



Readings for the Week

- Monday** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Altar Ministry Dec 21/22

- 4:00 PM** **Lector** - John Volpe
Eucharistic Ministers - Tim Dewees, Kay Gotter, Greg Shoohev, Debbie Wever
Altar Servers - Christian Buljatin, Autumn Jackson
- 6:00 PM** **Lector** - Angelica Rodriguez
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Joe Bermea, Benjamin Blanca, Isidro Mata, Veronica Mata-Mendez
Altar Servers - Natalia Ramos
- 7:15 AM** **Lector** - Kathy Newcomb
Eucharistic Ministers - Vicky Giuliano, Marlene Gurley, Bob McDonough, Loretta Revesz
Altar Servers - Alejandra Arambula, Bennett Dubois
- 9:00 AM** **Lector** - Bob Jones, Gil Valencia
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Joe Bermea, Lisa Hogan, Kathy Jones, William Misek
Altar Servers - KC Barclay, Isabella Montez
- 11:00 AM** **Lector** - Jim Kararo
Eucharistic Ministers - Toni Kmiecik, Kimberley Mailloux, Bernard Pettinger, Arcelia Rivas
Altar Servers - Rocco Boss, Isabella Murillo

Special Altar Ministry Dec 24/25

- 4:00 PM** **Lector** - Children's Mass
Eucharistic Ministers - Greg Soohov, Toni Kmiecik, Kimberley Mailloux, Arcelia Rivas
Altar Servers - Bella Montez
- 10:00 PM** **Lector** - Sofia Corona (Sp) Veronica Mata-Mendez (E)
Eucharistic Ministers - Norberto Feliciano, Bill Hejnosz, Lisa Hogan, David Rodriguez
Altar Servers - Colin Tuftedal, Ethan Tuftedal
- 9:00 AM** **Lector** - Jim Kararo
Eucharistic Ministers - Vicky Giuliano, Bill Misek, Dee Reinhardt, Margarita Pantoja
Altar Servers - KC Barclay, Liz Salzmann
- 11:00 AM** **Lector** - John Muchmore
Eucharistic Ministers - Gail Essary, Natalie Koessl, Bernard Pettinger, TBD
Altar Servers - Johnny Martinez, Liam Martinez

Happenings



We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Sunday, 12/22/19, after the 11:00 Mass. All are invited to join us!

The Youth Ministry will meet on Sunday, 12/22/19 at St. Thomas More @ 1 pm to help St Vincent de Paul organize food and gifts and load cars for delivery to our *Friends in Need*. If you would like to help out, please contact Erika Gomez at 224-629-2760.



Our parishioners demonstrated great support for the Habitat mission of helping provide housing for qualifying families. We had 16 people sign up to volunteer. Our plan is to begin participation on a build site this January. God bless you for your generosity!

Nuestros feligreses demostraron gran apoyo por la misión de Habitat de ayudar a proveer casas para familias que califican. Dieciseis personas se apuntaron para ser voluntarios. Nuestro plan es de empezar a participar en un proyecto de construcción en enero. ¡Qué Dios os bendiga por vuestra generosidad!



Hospital Minister

December 20 - Marguerita Pantoja

Altar Flowers

For St. Laurence Parish Family
 Offered by Teresa Higareda

Stewardship Collection

	Dec 7/8
Total Giving This Week	\$ 7,896.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$ 7,900.00



Adoration & Confession is offered every Wednesday from 5-7 pm. There will not be an Adoration on Friday this month



Adoración y Confesiones. Se ofrece todos los miércoles de 5 a 7 pm. Una Adoración adicional se lleva a cabo el cuarto viernes de cada mes de 8 a 10 pm. NO habrá un viernes de adoración este mes.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing with everlasting joy. — *Isaiah 35:10a*

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Hispanic Ministry invites you to our upcoming events:

December 18 - Religious Education Classes Posada Celebration at 6pm

December 21 - Posada Celebration at 6pm

December 22 - Posada Celebration at 6pm

We are looking for volunteers and donations to help make all these events a great success. Please sign up at the entrance of church or contact Rosey Valencia (847) 710-4250 or Maria Valencia (847) 710-4251.



El Ministerio Hispano los invita a nuestros próximos eventos:

18 de diciembre - Las Posadas Celebración para las Clases de educación religiosa a las 6pm con piñata y bebidas ligeras.

21 de diciembre - Las Posadas Celebración para todos a las 6pm con piñata y bebidas ligeras.

22 de diciembre - Las Posadas Celebración para todos de a las 6pm con piñata y bebidas ligeras.

También Estamos buscando voluntarios y donaciones para ayudar a que todos estos eventos sean un gran éxito. Regístrese en la entrada de la iglesia o comuníquese con Rosey Valencia (847) 710-4250 o Maria Valencia (847) 710-4251.

Winter CHEER & Christmas JOY!

Merry Christmas from Abbey Farms! We hope to see you out again this year! We have brand new U-Cut fields open for 2019, along with plenty of fresh Pre-Cut trees arriving weekly from Michigan.

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U-Cut Tree Varieties

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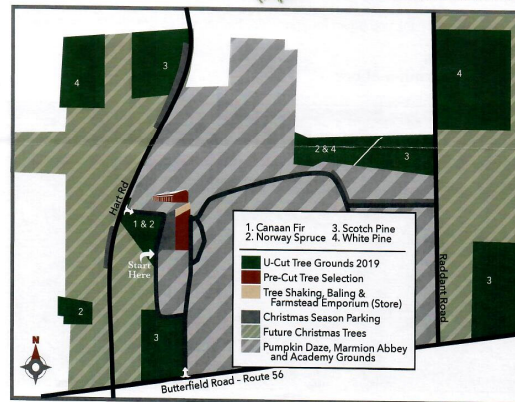
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December 24th 4:00 PM *Children's Mass*
10:00 PM *Bilingual*

December 25th 9:00 AM *English*
11:00 AM *Spanish*

December 31st 6:00 PM *English*

January 1st 9:00 AM *English*
5:00 PM *Spanish*

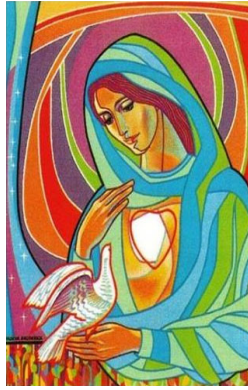


Holiday Mass Schedule

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Events

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary,
Nazareth Spirituality Center,
717 North Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL 60510
is sponsoring the following:



ADVENT MONDAY EVENINGS RETREAT...

Four Monday evenings of presentation and reflection on the Advent Scriptures. Open to both women and men who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent Season.

PRESENTER: Kathy Brady-Murfin
WHEN: Monday, December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

COST: \$5 for each Monday you are able to attend.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, FAITH . . . is a movie lectionary series designed to help us enter into ADVENT. We will view a movie story that creates a dialogue between the movie and the Gospel. Open to both women and men.

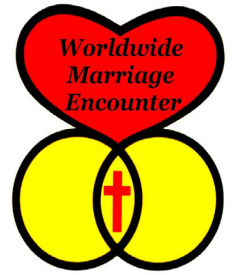
PRESENTER: Sister Myra Lambert, sscm
WHEN: Sunday, December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd --- **TIME:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

COST: \$5 for each Sunday you are able to attend.

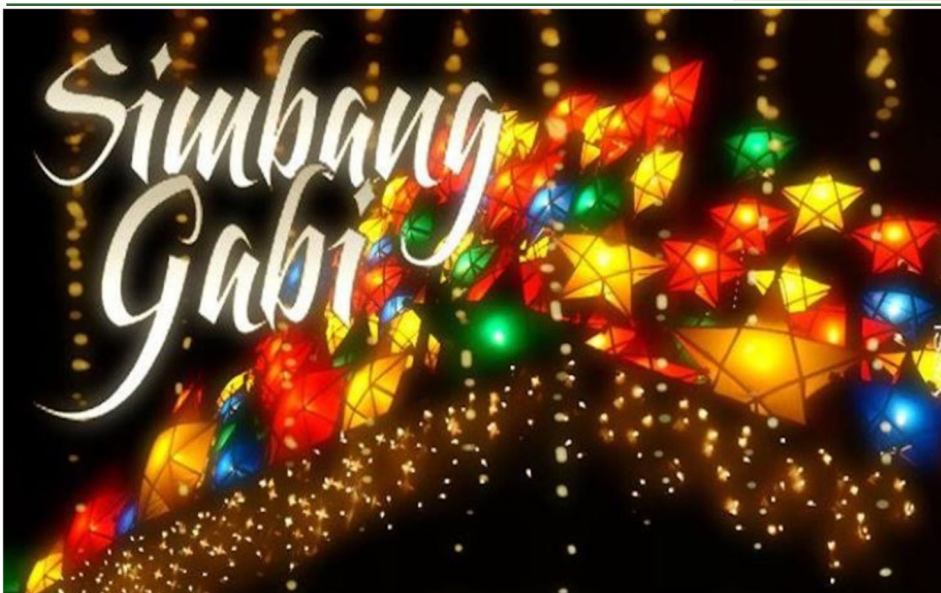
TO REGISTER: To register or for more information call Linda Isleib at 630-879-1296, Monday through Friday.

"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on January 24-26 in Brookfield, WI; February 14-16 in Geneva, IL or March 13-15 in Madison, WI. For more info go to: **alifetimeoflove.org** or call **(888) 574-5653**.

Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.



Please join the St. Laurence School Families today after the 11:00 Mass in the cafeteria as they host "The Christmas Party". Watch the Bears vs Packers game, kids can make ornaments and enjoy Christmas tree decorating, and of course, FOOD. A nice lunch will be served!



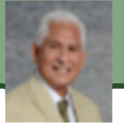
Simbáng Gabi (*Filipino for "Night Mass"*) is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics & Aglipayans in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas.

All are invited to all Celebrations!

December 15 7:00 P.M.	St. Thomas More Church Elgin
December 17 7:00 P.M.	Sts. Peter & Paul Virgil
December 17 7:00 P.M.	St. Margaret Mary Church Algonquin, IL 60102
December 18 7:00 P.M.	St. Mary's Church Huntley
December 19 7:00 P.M.	St. Catherine of Siena Dundee
December 20 7:00 P.M.	St. John Neumann St. Charles Christ the Teacher Church DeKalb
December 21 7:00 P.M.	St. Patrick Catholic Church St. Charles, IL 60174
December 22 7:00 P.M.	St. Mary's Catholic Church Woodstock
December 23 7:00 P.M.	St. Laurence Church Elgin

Be patient until the coming of the Lord

School News - Mr. Manuel Cantu



Greetings from The St. Laurence Catholic School,

The 8th Grade Class selected the winners of this week's Trifecta. The winners were: Carmen Diaz, \$100, Veronica Betz, \$75, and Melissa Coolidge, \$50. Congratulation to all the lucky winners so far this year.



Ms. Jones 5th Grade Class has selected one of the ornaments from the St. Laurence Giving Tree. They will be shopping together with Ms. Jones at Walmart for a sweet 5-year-old girl. We have the most charitable teachers and students at our school. They will also be having a Secret Santa gift exchange next week.



The Pre-K through 5th grade students will be performing a Christmas Program on Thursday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Hope to see you there. Our 6th-8th grade students will be Christmas Caroling at the Oak Crest Retirement Home and the Citadel Retirement Home on Friday, December 20, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.



The PTC and the school community is having a Christmas Party in honor of all of parishioners who graciously give time, effort, and monetary gifts to St. Laurence School. Without you we could not exist. It will be immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We are looking forward to seeing you there. For the Packer and Bear fans who don't want to miss the "Big Game", it will be streamed live. So, come have lunch with us.



Bill Lucas is at it again. For the 47th consecutive year, Bill is organizing the Annual Christmas Choir, that performs at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. We are so proud of Bill that like many other St. Laurence traditions are kept alive. Students from 2nd grade through College are invited to join the choir, even past alumni have been part of our success. We have lots of spaces left. Any questions call Bill Lucas at 847-436-3564.



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Upcoming Events - Dec 15-21

- Sunday** 9:30 AM NO R/E Confirmation Classes
10:30 AM RCIA Class - Library
Noon PTC/Parish Christmas Party - Cafeteria
Noon Youth Choir Practice - Choir Loft
- Monday** Noon Women's Cursillo Spanish - Sacristy
6:00 PM Men's Spanish Cursillo - Library
6:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - Library
7:00 PM Women of "E" - Cafeteria
- Tuesday** 6:30 PM Music Meeting - Library
6:30 PM Scouts Pack 17 Den Meeting - Cafeteria
- Wednesday** 5:00 PM Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00 PM Las Posadas Celebration for R/E Classes
7:15 PM Women's Cursillo - Sacristy
- Thursday**
- Friday** 6:00 PM Youth Choir Practice - Church
- Saturday** 10:00 AM Youth Choir Practice - Church
7:00 PM Las Posadas Celebration for Everyone

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Attention: All additions, cancelations, or changes to meetings/events MUST be coordinated through the church office 847-468-6900 office@stlaurenceelgin.org

Submission deadline for bulletin entries is Monday at Noon. Send all entries to: office@stlaurenceelgin.org for approval. You can also call 847-468-6900.

Ministry Spotlight

Women of Evangelization

Women of "E", for short is composed of a group of Women that meet to find projects to serve our parish. We step in to help wherever help is needed; pray at every meeting and pray for special intentions (so please let us know). We do a bit of study on Saints and have fun. Our meetings are held every third Monday at 6:45 pm for the Rosary, meeting starts at 7 pm. For more information, please contact Kim Mailloux through the Parish office.

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