



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2017

Prepare the way of the
Lord, make straight
His paths.
~ Mark 1:3



ST. MARY OF THE WOODS PARISH

A Community of Believers

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of believers, proclaiming that Jesus is Lord. We come together as Catholics to celebrate the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, to hear and be transformed by the Word of God, to bring Christian values and love into our world, and to live and share the teachings of Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we strive as a parish family to further the Kingdom of God, making God's presence felt and extending the caring spirit of Jesus.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. evening, Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM
Weekdays: Mon-Wed. 6:30 and 8:00 AM
Thurs. 8:00 am Fri. 8:30 AM
Sat. 8:00 AM
Holy Days: 6:30, 8:00 AM, (9:00 AM during school) and 7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS: Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:15 PM



REV. AIDAN O'BOYLE,
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR



A LETTER FROM OUR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Bright Light in the Bleak Midwinter



This time of year is characterized by the dark: we adjust to the dark mornings and to the dusky half-light of mid-afternoon. We brace ourselves for more darkness until we are past the solstice. Above all, we pursue that age-old human endeavor to create and use light to fend off the encroaching darkness. Shorter days are usually a subject for regret, and for some it has serious impacts on their mental health.

Light is one of the central metaphors of Christianity. Light is equated with salvation and truth, whereas darkness represents confusion and ignorance. John Henry Newman's famous hymn "Lead, Kindly Light" is constructed around the metaphor contrasting the dark of night with the "calm light of everlasting life". Holman Hunt's painting, *The Light of the World*, is probably the most popular religious painting of the nineteenth century, and it accentuates the symbolism of light and dark. Christ carries a lantern as he stands by the door knocking, while the rest of the canvas is cast in dark shadow. There are three sources of light in the painting, but it is the lantern that illuminates the face of Christ and the richness of his robes; the light offered by the moon and stars is weak by comparison. Every detail was rich with symbolism for Hunt: a bat in the shadows denotes ignorance, while it is Christ's light that brings truth and recognition. Light represents life and hope.

We measure the progress of Advent with light - the candles of the wreath - and light is central to the celebrations of Christmas. "We have seen a great light" is the stirring cry of the Nativity story, and it prompts us to light copious candles, string up fairy lights and even festoon gardens, driveways and the exterior of our homes with a riot of color and flashing lights. It brings a whole new meaning to the words of the poet Dylan Thomas, "Rage, rage against the dying of the light". At this darkest time of the year, there is a defiant assertion of lights blazing against the winter dark.

Since the advent of electricity, the full power of this metaphor can be hard to appreciate; a flick of a switch and we have light. The convenience and ease of our access to abundant quantities of light would have astonished our ancestors. In our city at night, there is little real darkness to be had anywhere; street lights are so bright we could read a book and a dull orange glow hangs over even the most hidden parts of parks and wasteland space. There is a wonderful black-and-white documentary film made in the 1930s, *Men of Aran*, which vividly portrays the precarious lives of the Gaelic communities along the Atlantic coastline of Ireland. The most absorbing sequence is the filming of the struggle to capture a basking shark. The men harpooned the shark and were dragged hither and thither in their small wooden boats in a struggle that could last days; they had to hang on until the shark died of exhaustion. This was the terrifying price of light. It was the oil from the shark that was their only source of light through the long winter nights.

The Christmas lights represent the light and warmth of God. In this part of the world, Christmas comes just after the winter solstice, that is, pretty well on the coldest, darkest day of the year. The idea, then, is that just when it is darkest and coldest, God's light and warmth break into the world. The custom of having Midnight Mass, which some trace to Saint Francis of Assisi, has the same rationale. At the coldest, darkest hour on the coldest, darkest day of the year, the warmth and light of God break through.

Have a blessed second week of Advent.
Father Aidan O'Boyle

Parish Communal Penance Service Tuesday, December 19th, 7:00pm

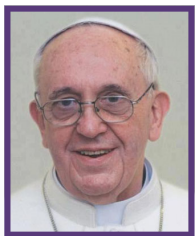
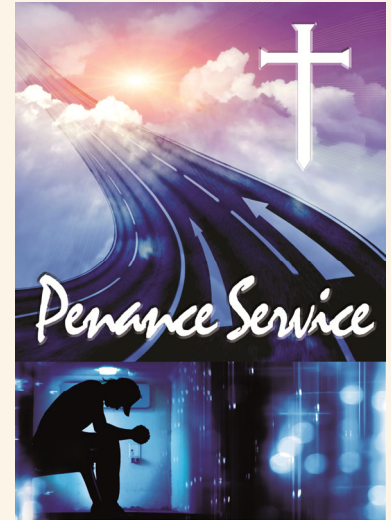
The usual words used to describe the common phenomena that has gripped us lately “misbehavior” or “inappropriate behavior”. Somehow those words don’t seem to adequately capture the seriousness of the wrongs involved. “Bad behavior” is something we’re more inclined to ascribe to a truculent 5 year old than to a media giant of renown and reputation.

There is another word for it all. That word comes to us from ancient experiences with adult “bad behavior”. It also applies to “bad attitudes”, “bad thoughts”, “bad wishes”, “bad lapses”, and “bad desires”. That word, of course, is SIN. Offenses against God and each other.

Sorrow, guilt, remorse, regret, and shame are adjusted through forgiveness, confession, reconciliation, absolution, penance, and firm purposes of amendment. Such is our Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If there’s been a hint of bad behaviors, attitudes, relationships, fantasies, or desires in your life in these past several months, please consider joining the rest of us sinners for our annual gathering of realignment! Otherwise, we call it the Sacrament of Penance, communally. **Tuesday, the 19th: Church, 7:00pm.**

*Gratefully,
Fr. Ray Klees*



Field Hospital Food: St. Mary of the Woods' Adult Scripture Resource for Advent!

Advent is a time to get in touch with our heartfelt longings and deepest desires. It is a time to give new birth to the soul as we wait in hope for the joyous celebration of Christ's presence among us—here and everywhere, now and for all time.

To help nourish us this Advent, **Field Hospital Food** is St. Mary of the Woods' Adult Scripture Resource for Advent. In his long interview with Jesuit journals last year Pope Francis famously described “the church as a field hospital after battle.” The image captures some of the urgency that is demanded of the church today: “You have to attend to the wounds,” he continued. “Then we can talk about everything else... Begin with the basics.”

What's Involved? Show up at the Parish Hall Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Monday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 pm. We will take a Gospel reading and follow the GUIDE for three stages—Hearing, Happening, Hoping. Let the Lord work through the space we create.

I wouldn't be able for this? Remember the words of the Lord, “Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Matt 18:20) This is not a Bible class; this is a listening to God's word in faith—in simplicity, in trust, in openness. Remember you too may be hungry—we all seek God's life-giving word.

What is this trying to do? *Field Hospital Food* is helping people to receive the nourishment and consolation God offers everyone.

How long does this take? How long does a meal take? Sometimes we rush, sometimes we linger! Hearing and hoping take time. It takes time for us to hear the actual words of a Scripture passage. It takes time for us to hear beyond those words—to hear the word within the word. It takes time for others to speak. It takes time to wait for others and with them. It takes time to savor the HOPE God's word can bring to us.

But seriously, how much time will we be? Normally between 50 and 60 minutes. Sometimes, a little more, but never more than 75 minutes.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12th in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm.

*You're personally invited! You will be most welcome!
Father Aidan*

Carols by Candlelight!

Join the Choirs of
St. Mary of the Woods
for
A Festival of Readings
and Carols in anticipation
of
the Feast of Christmas

Friday,
15th of December
at 7pm

A Mulled Wine and Mince Pie
Reception will follow
in the Parish Hall.
Music and Carols with:
St. Mary of the Woods
Parish and School Choirs
and Members of the
Haiga String Ensemble.

St. Mary of the Woods Christmas Schedule

Communal Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 PM

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 4:30 PM

Sunday, December 24 7:30 & 9:00 AM

Christmas Eve Masses Sunday, December 24th

3:00 PM (Church) Junior High &
Children's Youth Choirs

3:00 PM (Parish Hall) Cantors

3:00 PM (Gym) Contemporary Choir

5:00 PM Cantors

11:00 PM Parish Liturgical Choir
(Musical Preludes at 10:45 PM)

Christmas Day Monday, December 25th

9:00 AM Contemporary Choir

11:00 AM Cantors

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30 4:30 PM

Sunday, December 31 9:00 & 11:00 AM

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1 9:00 AM

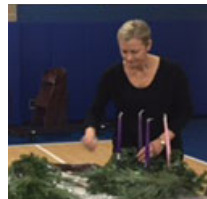
The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6 4:30 PM

Sunday, January 7 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

A beautiful way to start of the season of Advent

Hosted by the St. Mary of the Woods Family Association, families made the wreaths together that were then blessed by Fr. Aidan and the children. Pizza was then served by the Family Association.



ST. MARY OF THE WOODS SCHOOL



On Saturday, December 2, the Catholic High Schools sponsored the High School Placement Test for incoming freshmen. Our St. Mary of the Woods eighth graders, shown above, took the test at the following schools:

- DePaul College Prep-1
- Loyola Academy-21
- Notre Dame College Prep- 8
- Regina Dominican High School-3
- St. Ignatius College Prep-6



St. Mary of the Woods Jr. High Students were also very service oriented during the first trimester:

- In September they collected money for hurricane relief efforts.
- In October they bagged over 400 quart sized bags of candy for the poor.
- In November they collected 912 items for donation to Catholic Charities.
- In December they changed the Breaking Bread books in the church.

Thanks to all who made these events huge successes!



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AN APPETIZING WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

BUFFALO WILD WINGS FUNDRAISER

EAT WINGS. RAISE FUNDS. IT PAYS.

On the day of your event, Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 15% of all pre-taxed food sales (less alcohol and promotional discounts) from any guest that presents this fundraising ticket.

We look forward to helping your organization meet its financial goals. Together, we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together.

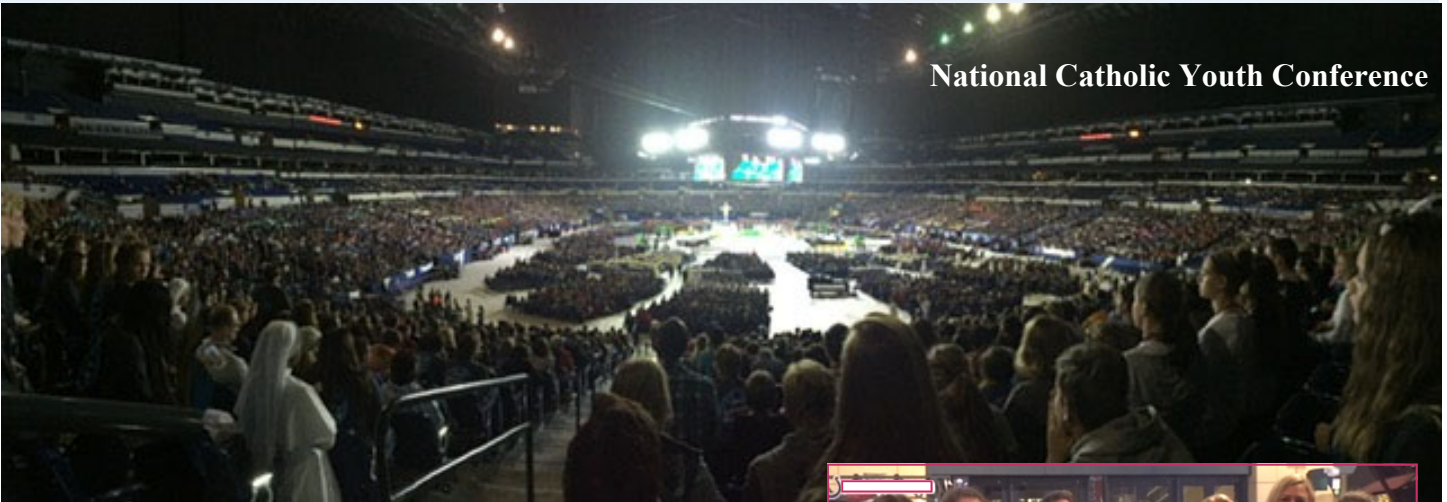
(Present this ticket to your server/cashier on the date listed below)

St. Mary of the Woods - 7th Grade D.C. Fundraiser
December 16, 2017 - All Day - Dine-in or Carry-out
7020 Carpenter Road - Skokie, IL - 847.329.9333



ADMIT 1

National Catholic Youth Conference



*Written by Ally Cantrell,
Senior at St. Ignatius College Prep and member of
St. Mary of the Woods Teen Ministry...*

Along with Emily and Amy Hoover, Vivian Karwatowicz, Sami Cantrell, Hannah Thompson, and chaperones Amanda Thompson and Stephanie Cantrell, I attended the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis. NCYC was a really powerful experience for me. I had the opportunity to listen to Catholic speakers tell their story and discuss a wide range of topics relevant to the Church today. Each speaker I listened to taught me something new and insightful about my faith. NCYC also challenged me to stay focused on the here and now instead of worrying about the past or the future.

It was truly amazing to join with 20,000 Catholic teens in prayer, song, and worship. I am very grateful I had the chance to do so! *Thank you to everyone who supported us!*



ATTENTION SMOW SENIORS!



The next meeting of the SMOW Seniors will be on Wednesday, December 13th at 9:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall. Please note that parking will be permitted in the Parking Lot **IN FRONT OF CHURCH ONLY!** Since we need to vacate the Parish Hall and the Parking Lot no later than 11:15, our meeting will start promptly at 9:30 A.M.

The main agenda for this meeting will be an early Christmas Celebration, with delicious Holiday refreshments, Christmas carols (accompanied by JuDee Merck on her accordion), and a Christmas Grab Bag. Please bring a gift item for the Grab Bag that doesn't cost any more than \$1.00. If there's time after all of this, there may be a **SURPRISE** event to end the meeting!

We look forward to seeing everyone at this special pre-Christmas meeting!

*The SMOW Seniors wish all of our fellow parishioners and their loved ones
a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



St. Sylvester Christmas Baskets Reminder to drop off

"In our gratitude to God for all that we have, we strive to share with others."

Delivery dates will be this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10, from 10AM to 4PM for the Christmas Baskets to our sister parish, St. Sylvester. Thank you to all that participated!

The Three "Churches" of St. Mary Of The Woods

Did you know that SMOW has three masses at 3 o'clock on Christmas Eve? That means creating three separate worship spaces; one in the gym, one in the church and one in the parish hall. All are complete with trees, manglers, trimmings, lights, flowers, tables, chairs, candles and cloths! Helpers are desperately needed for Christmas set-up and take-down! All are welcome and invited to help, from 8-80. We need ladies to fluff trees and men for moving boxes. Children will be out of school and can help too. No talent needed, just willing hearts and helping hands. Contact Betty Blank at 773-631-7675 or beabblank@prodigy.net. to be part of creating the beauty of Christmas this year.

- **Tues. December 22nd, time 1PM, set-up Christmas trees**
- **Wed. December 23rd, 9AM, set-up flowers**
- **Mon. January 11th, 9AM, Christmas tree take-down**



Christmas Wafers

You can pick up your Oplatki Christmas Wafers in the church narthex or at the rectory.

ST. MARY of the WOODS
Grand Gala February, 9th 2018
54th Annual Pre-lenten Dinner & Auction
HOSTED BY Altar & Rosary Society & Holy Name Society

GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

\$100 each (3 tickets for \$250 til Nov. 1)
10 cash prizes are offered, & our Grand Prize is
\$25,000
<http://smow18.gesture.com>

This Weekend's Second Separate Collection will be for the Retired Religious



Many elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for little to no pay, and their religious communities do not have enough money for their care. Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass on 12/9 and 12/10. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Saturday, Dec. 9 & Sunday, Dec. 10 After all masses	Altar & Rosary Bake Sale Parish Resource Center
Sunday, Dec. 10 9:15 - 11:30	Breakfast with Santa & Toy Drive Gymnasium
Sunday, Dec. 10 5:00 pm	Teen Led Mass Church
Tuesday, Dec. 12 7:00 pm	Adult Advent Scripture Session Parish Hall
Friday, Dec. 15 7:00 pm	Carols by Candlelight with reception in Parish Hall
Monday, Dec. 18 7:00 pm	Adult Advent Scripture Session Parish Hall (moved to Monday)
Tuesday, Dec. 19 7:00 pm	Communal Reconciliation Service Church
Wednesday, Dec. 20 7:00 pm	Fine Arts Council Meeting Resource Room
Wednesday, Dec. 20 6:30 pm	Pe-K-3rd Grade Christmas Program Church

Please see page four for our Christmas mass schedule

2018 HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE



2018 season of the HNS Men's Volleyball League is going to start by the end of January 2018. Men 18 years of age or older of any skill level are welcome to apply.

If you want to play or want further details please contact Stan Krylow by email at kkrylow@ameritech.net or call (773) 763-5769. The deadline for applying is January 2, 2018. (Players who participated in 2017 were contacted by email and should indicate their intentions by return email.)

PLEASE turn off cell phones in church!

Out of respect and courtesy for our Liturgy and for your fellow parishioners, we ask that you **PLEASE** turn off your cell phones before you enter the church. *Thank you!*



Crazy Christmas *Calendar for Catholics*



Why is the calendar crazy? Because, Sunday, December 24th is the fourth Sunday of Advent AND Christmas Eve! What does this mean to me? The vigil (4:30PM) and morning masses will celebrate Advent just like the first three Sundays of Advent do. Then, our Christmas mass celebrations will begin at 3PM in the church, gym and parish hall.

It is rare that Advent ends up to be only three weeks long, as it does this year. It's also unusual that these two holy days of obligation can be satisfied on the same day but you'll have to come to mass twice! We are fortunate to have so many choices to attend mass. Don't be tempted to miss one or the other. Each has a unique message of faith. First, hear about Mary's experience at the Advent masses, and then, of course, the story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in the masses to follow on Sunday and Monday.

So if you notice some of the decorating committee members changing things over at noon on Sunday, Christmas Eve, you'll know why. We change from Advent to Christmas after the 11AM mass on Christmas Eve.

Worldwide Prayer Service ***& Candle Lighting***

to honor and remember children who have died

Sunday, December 10, 2017

6:50 p.m. Program Begins, 7:00 p.m. Candle Lighting



The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting service, hosted by the Elizabeth Ministry of Queen of All Saints parish, unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of any child of any age who has died (including miscarriage, medical trauma, disease, suicide, military service or any other reason). As candles are lit at 7:00 p.m. local time, hundreds of thousands of persons worldwide commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon.

PARISH LIFE

St. Mary of the Woods Parish Family, please pray for those in the Military:



Kent Curry
United States Marines

Lance Corporal Ryan J. Garcia
United States Marines

Private George Kemper
United States Army

Staff Sergeant Sean O'Grady
United States Army

Chief Petty Officer Derrick Stephen Schoo
United States Navy

Private Justin Shannon
United States Army

Ensign Samuel Stearney
United States Navy

Scott Stearney
United States Navy

Airman, Joed Tabano
United States Navy

Please contact the Parish Office at 773-763-0206 to have the names of your family members, serving in our military, listed in our weekly bulletin. Or, email your names directly to: bulletineditor@smow.org.



Domestic Violence Ministry

Turning people affected by Domestic Violence towards rescue, hope, and peace.

Domestic Violence

You deserve to be safe. If you are a victim of Domestic Violence, or know of someone who is, please contact:

WINGS Hotline and Counseling Service
24 Hours (847) 221-5680.

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE:
800-400-4205
Post Abortion Healing
888-456-HOPE (4673)



Irene Rue, mother of Wendy Sable

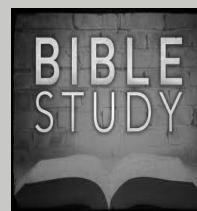
Bulletin Articles

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted no later than Friday, **ten days prior** to the date you want your article to be published. Email your article to bulletineditor@smow.org. If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Strumberger at the Rectory office at 773-763-0206. Thank you!

Homebound/Communion Visitations:

St. Mary of the Woods Church has several ministers of care who can regularly take communion to those in need. Please call the parish office to arrange for communion for yourself or a homebound loved one.

If you or a member of your family are currently sick and/or homebound and unable to come to Sunday Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments for the sick in your home, please contact Father Aidan O'Boyle at the rectory at (773) 763-0206.



**We will resume on
Monday, Dec. 11th
at 12:30pm in the
Villa on Hiawatha.**

**We will be covering
2 Thessalonians, Chapter 3.**

**Call Betty Hollander if you would like to
join us at 847-518-0882**

www.deaconchuck.com



*You can follow
Deacon Chuck
on-line for articles,
homilies or to leave
a message.*

STEWARDSHIP - THOUGHTS ON GIVING

St. Mary of the Woods Collection Information WEEKLY OFFERING FOR WEEK OF 11/26/2017

	Families Receiving Donation Envelopes	Donation Envelopes This Week	% of Families	Donations This Week
Sunday Offering Envelopes Used	1077	176	16%	\$7,069
Sunday Loose Offerings				\$1,940
Weekly Commitment to 'To Teach Who Christ Is' Campaign				(\$1,700)
	Families Enrolled This Week	EFT Donations Families	% of This Week	Donations
Electronic Donation Faith Direct	316	266	84%	\$5,825
Total for this Sunday				\$13,134
Weekly Budget for Sunday Collections				\$15,385
Difference				(\$2,251)

YEAR TO DATE – COLLECTIONS vs BUDGET - 20TH SUNDAY OF THE FISCAL YEAR

Year-to date Sunday	\$316,596
Year-to-date Budget for Sunday Collection	\$338,470
Difference	(\$21,874)

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We are grateful to those who respond prayerfully in stewardship, gratitude and generosity to the call of faithful support of the missions and ministries of St. Mary of the Woods.



With the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Mary of the Woods are received even while you are traveling for the holidays.

Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: IL336.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

**OUR SECOND SEPARATE COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND
IS FOR THE
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**
Visit: Retiredreligious.org
for more information or see page 8.

**Clip box tops & earn cash:
10¢ for each Box Top!**

It's easy to find and you may even have some at home right now!

Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products.

Deposit Box Tops in the Collection Bin located in the church



St. Mary of the Woods Directory

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SCHOOL	6959 N. Hiawatha Ave.	773-763-7577
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BAPTISM: We joyfully welcome all children to the St. Mary of the Woods community. A Baptism preparation session is required. Please call Father Aidan O'Boyle at the Rectory (773)763-0206 either prior to the birth of your child or after.

WEDDINGS: Those considering marriage should consult one of the priests at least six months before the wedding.

THE SICK: The parish office should be notified about anyone who is seriously ill at home or in a hospital. Due to privacy laws, hospitals and nursing homes are unable to contact us.

FAITH COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP: Catholics who wish to become members of our parish are asked kindly to introduce themselves to one of the priests and register at the rectory.

Even if you are not Catholic you are most welcome at our worship services. Should you wish to inquire into the Catholic Faith, please contact Father Aidan O'Boyle at the Rectory.

MOVING? When moving in or out of St. Mary of the Woods Faith Community, please notify the Parish Office.



DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As Christmas comes nearer it seems we are all moving at a faster pace. The “To Do” list gets longer, and check-off marks in the margin seem more difficult to accomplish. With those thoughts in mind, we’ll keep today’s commentary short and to the point. Take just a minute or two this week — every day if possible — to say this short prayer. And, if you are fortunate enough to have an Advent Wreath in your home, the second lit candle will brighten your prayer.

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this second candle of the wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of the promise of Christ to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**School Sisters
of Notre Dame**

Advent: An Invitation to Intimacy with God An Online, Interactive Retreat for Women

When: December 3-24, 2017

What: Join the School Sisters of Notre Dame in taking time to nurture your relationship with God this Advent, using reflection materials provided by Sister Carolyn Sur, SSND. Deepen your personal reflection and prayer by interaction with a spiritual companion, a sister with whom you will be paired to meet with weekly by phone, skype or in person.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Sister Stephanie Spandl, SSND, at sspandl@ssnd.org or 651-278-4498, or visit ssnd.org/events/advent-retreat-2017 for more details.



SAVE THE DATE
March For Life Chicago
January 14, 2018
2:00pm



Join Aid for Women, Archdiocese of Chicago, Catholic Conference of Illinois, Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life, Lake County Right to Life, Orthodox Church of America, Pro-Life Action League, Relevant Radio®, Spirit Juice Studio, Students for Life of Illinois, Thomas More Society in the **March For Life Chicago! LIFE WINS!**
MarchForLifeChicago.com

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Human Dignity & Solidarity—Immigration Ministry

12th Annual Posada

Seeking Immigration Reform

Join us to walk and pray in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who—as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—are seeking legislative shelter, “Posada.”

Let us show support for DACA families!

Date Friday, December 15, 2017

Time 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Place 101 West Congress

Route: From Correctional Center (71 West Van Buren), DePaul (1 East Jackson), Federal Plaza, and St. Peter's (110 West Madison)

For more information: Arturo Gonzalez at 312.534.8103 or agonzalez@archchicago.org or visit: www.catholicsandimmigrants.org



Maryville

Caring for Children. Strengthening Families.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING:

If you would like to help support the Nursery in any way, you can visit their website to donate or you can shop at Amazon.com or you can drop the food or nursery items off in the wicker baskets in the Narthex or call Barbara Rourke at 847-676-0531 and arrange for a pick-up of these items.

Urgent Need

- Winter clothes-boys size 3T
- Eucerin healing lotion
- pants/shirts
- Girl socks for 3 to 4 year olds
- Pampers diapers (toddler)
- Bubbles
- Tadoodles Paint by Crayola
- AA batteries
- Dream Lite Pillow Pets

Thank you for your consideration and donations for children in need!

Traveling over the holidays? Why not bring in those small soaps, shampoos etc. supplied by your hotel or St. Mary of the Woods to benefit those in need. We can get these items to soup kitchens, food pantries, or specialized housing. We'll have a basket under the table in the Narthex to gather these items. Let's remember those less fortunate as we travel this year. Your donation will benefit a local soup kitchen.

Thank you! Marcy Mahoney

MASS SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 11 - DEC. 17 , 2017

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 16 at 4:30 PM

Presider: Father Aidan O'Boyle

Homilist: Father Aidan O'Boyle

Altar Servers: R. Greifelt, M. Radtke

Lectors: K. Park, J. Hedstrom

Eucharist Ministers: T. Dunham* T. Guagliardo*
M. Mitrovic C. Devyor
B. Hennig M. Newton
K. O'Rourke S. Troiani
S. Troiani

Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 AM

Presider: Father Aidan O'Boyle

Homilist: Father Aidan O'Boyle

Altar Servers: R. Kerrigan, M. Mahony

Lectors: F. Wagner, M. Markiewicz

Eucharist Ministers: C. Pivnicka* M. Howard
M. Howard E. McDermott-Byrne
K. Murray

Sunday, Dec. 17 at 9:00 AM

Presider: Father Aidan O'Boyle

Homilist: Father Aidan O'Boyle

Altar Servers: O. Maso, J. Novy

Lectors: M. Hoffman, C. Stucko

Eucharist Ministers: T. Moran* T. Riggio*
D. Kerrigan J. Kosicki
M. McKenna B. Peters
S. Peters J. Thilmany
L. Thilmany

Sunday, Dec. 17 at 11:00 AM

Presider: Father Don Headley

Homilist: Father Don Headley

Altar Servers: H. Quinn, M. Quinn

Lectors: Sub needed, C. Philbin

Eucharist Ministers: B. Blank* D. O'Malley*
M. Gilhooly K. Hack
A. Keenan M. Reyna-Kenny
K. Sain S. Sain
M. Sandell

PRESIDER SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SACRISTANS: TEAM # 3, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

D. Coughlin	R. Hartigan	J. Kosicki	K. Parrilli
C. Devyor	B. Hennig	J. Stearney	



PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every morning after the 8:00 am Mass,
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of
The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

WEEKDAY ALTAR SERVERS

6:30 am	12/11 C. Green	12/12 M. Flanagan
	12/13 L. Facchini	
8:00 am	12/11 J. Keenan, M. Keenan	12/16 J. Belmont, J. Blazer
	12/12 J. Keenan, M. Keenan	
	12/13 K. McCarthy, E. McCarthy	
	12/14 K. McCarthy, E. McCarthy	
8:30 am	12/15 J. Belmont, J. Blazer	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 11

6:30 am - Deceased family of Dubycky & Mykytko /
Sigmund A.H. Hoffman

8:00 am - Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 am - Tom Noble / Frank & Louise Tomecek

8:00 am - Deceased Parishioners

Wednesday, December 13

6:30 am - Jim & Frank Clark / Pasquale Riggio

8:00 am - Judge John Hourihane

Thursday, December 14

6:30 am - Prayer Service

8:00 am - Emily Grohwin / Genevieve Dudek

Friday, December 15

6:30 am - Prayer Service

8:30 am - Deceased Parishioners

Saturday, December 16

8:00 am - Deceased Parishioners

4:30 pm - Mac, Margaret & Richard McLean / Forrest G. Dressler Jr.
Ron Rozek / Special Intention for Penny Landauer family

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am - Lucille Weaver / Helen Chodor / Frank Dyra

9:00 am - Joanne Blachut / John Duffy / Kate & John Coyne /
Bernard McCauley / Frank Broyles

11:00 am - Mass of Gratitude / Jim Gemske / Dorothy Zaccagnini /
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