

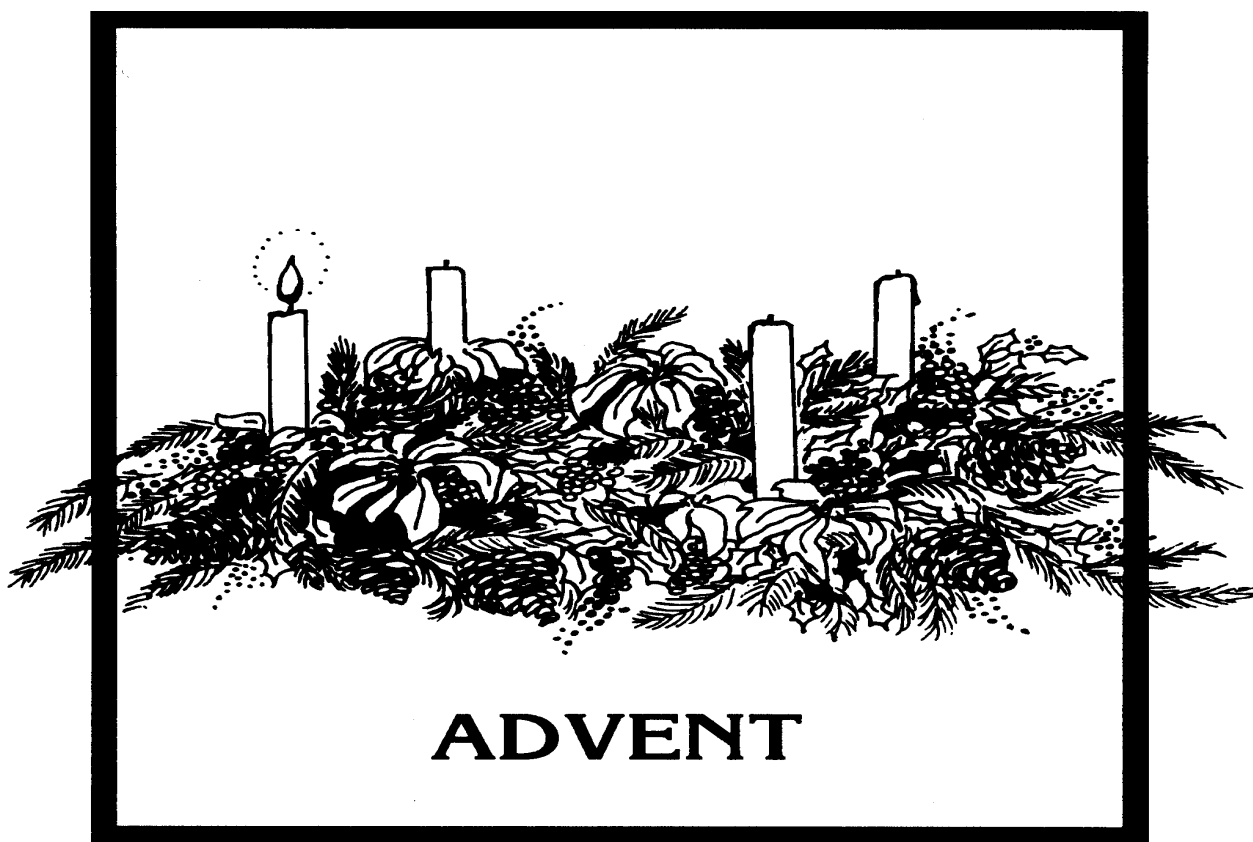
# *St. Jude The Apostle Church*

*South Holland, IL*

*Established 1957*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the family of faith of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in South Holland, nourished by the Word of God and Sacraments commit ourselves to know, love, live, and celebrate Jesus the Christ.



## **ADVENT**

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*First Sunday of Advent*

*November 29, 2009*

*I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.*

—Jeremiah 33:15

# MassSchedule

**Sunday, November 29, 2009-1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8:00 AM**-Theresa & Domenick Scaramella Req. Great Granddaughters  
**10:00 AM**-Shirley Howe Req. John & Mark Haugh  
**11:30 AM**-Lottie Swetlik (Anniversary Remembrance) Req. Family

**Monday, November 30, 2009-St. Andrew-Apostle**

**8:30 AM**-Loretta Campbell Req. Higgins Family

**Tuesday, December 1, 2009-St. Eligius-Bishop**

**8:30 AM**-St. Jude Purgatorial Society

**Wednesday, December 2, 2009-St. Bibiana-Martyr**

**8:30 AM**-People of the Parish

**Thursday, December 3, 2009-St. Francis Xavier**

**8:30 AM**-Lena Bissa Req. Family

**Friday, December 4, 2009-St. John of Damascus-Priest & Doctor**

**8:30 AM**-Margaret & Michael Donohoe Req. John & Mary Haugh

**Saturday, December 5, 2009-St. Sabbas**

**8:30 AM**-Nyhla-Arie Crosby (Special Intention) Req. Family  
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**5:00 PM**-Mr. & Mrs. A. Kosmala Req. Family

**Sunday, December 6, 2009-2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8:00 AM**-Angie Gifford Req. Mike & Nancy Gifford

**10:00 AM**-Jake Keenan Req. Family

**11:30 AM**-Mary Widelski (Birthday Remembrance) Req. Grandchildren & Greatgrandchildren



**WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH**

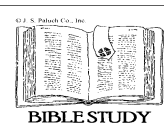
**5:00 PM**-M. Bermudez  
**8:00 AM**-A. Ntamere, D. Ntamere  
**10:00 AM**-M. Nowak, T. Nowak, J. Nowak  
**11:30 AM**-G. Madros, T. Okuwobi



**REST IN PEACE**

In your prayers this week, please remember especially: Father Charles F. Kelly, Father John Boyle and Marie Golonka. May God grant them eternal rest and peace.

*The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.* -Anonymous



**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Join us as we explore the Advent Sunday scripture readings led by Deacon Mel Stasinski on Wednesday, December 2nd, 9th, & 16th at 7:00 P.M. in the Social Ministry Office. For more information call the Rectory at 708-333-3550.

**THIS SUNDAY OFFERTORY  
 "YOUR WEEKLY GIFT  
 OF THANKS"**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Fiscal Year to Date:	November 22 \$6,100.05	November 23 \$5,851.27
Required Weekly Budget:	\$131,333.71	\$136,130.86
Amount Collected:		<b>\$8,275.00</b>
Surplus or Shortfall for the week:		<b>\$6,100.05</b> <b>(-\$2,174.95)</b>

**Registered Families - 751**



The wine we are using at the Eucharist for the month of November is in memory of the Deceased Members of the Bernatowicz, Grochowski and Spisak Families donated by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Grochowski. We thank them for their generosity.

If you would like to donate the wine used at Mass for a particular month, the cost is \$65.00. If there are any questions, please call the Rectory at 708-333-3550.



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
 NUT SALE**

The Holy Name Society is selling **Georgia Deluxe Mixed Nuts (no peanuts)**. They may be purchased at the Rectory this week between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. For large orders, please call Bill at 841-5775. **The one pound boxes are \$10 each and make great gifts!**



**OUR WARMEST WELCOME** to all those who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long-time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you.

If you are new in the parish or have moved to a new address in the parish, or if you are planning to move, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection or return to the Rectory Office.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ New Registration \_\_\_ New Phone


\_\_\_ New Address \_\_\_ Moving Out of Parish

**FROM DEACON MEL STASINSKI-**

I have heard that when people grow older they become less patient. This may or may not be the case for most people, but it's certainly true for me. When I was younger I had no problems waiting in line or contending with slow moving traffic or people. Now, however, such things can be a major source of irritation. Waiting can be very frustrating. Some of it might be the result of social conditioning. We live in a country that made instant gratification a way of life. When we want something – we want it now. When we want to do something – we want to do it with no lines and no waiting. What would we do without fast food and quick oil changes. Waiting patiently has become a lost art. Yet, waiting is what the liturgical season of Advent is all about.

At each Mass, after we pray the Our Father, we ask God to deliver us from every evil, grant us peace, keep us free for sin and protect us from anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The words of this prayer reflect the meaning of Advent. During Advent we are reminded, in a special way, that we are all heirs of God's promise of the Kingdom of Heaven. This Kingdom was made present to us in the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It continues to be present to us in the Church, and will come in its completeness at the end of time with the return of Christ. How we long for that day to come! But until it does come, we wait. We do not, however, wait in frustration. Instead, we wait in joy and in hope. We wait in joy because the Kingdom is wonderful beyond anything that we could possibly begin to imagine. As scripture tells us "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." (I Cor. 2:9) We also wait in hope. The hope that we are speaking of is not simply wishful thinking. Rather, our hope is rooted in the certainty of what God has promised. And God will be faithful to His promises. How can we not be filled with joy and hope.

To live in joyful hope is to know Jesus Christ so intimately that we can feel his presence and sense his coming closer to us day by day. Each day He draws closer when we pray, read scripture, receive the Eucharist, and do good works in the Name of Jesus Christ.



**THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

If you took a name from the Christmas Giving Tree, the gifts ARE **DUE BACK NEXT WEEKEND, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH TO THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**


**SIMBANG GABI**

The traditional **SIMBANG GABI-Christmas** celebration sponsored by the Filipino Ministry Organization of St. Jude the Apostle Church will be held on **Saturday, December 19th at 5:00 P.M. here at St. Jude Church.** Refreshments will follow after the Mass at McMahon Hall.



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**


**Hospitality Sunday** will be held **next Sunday, December 6th** after the Sunday Masses, sponsored by the Women's Club. Please plan to stop by McMahon Hall and enjoy coffee and rolls with fellow parishioners.



**MASS MUSIC**

During the weeks of Advent we long for the light of Christ. We shall sing the Mass of Light setting in anticipation of Christ's coming to us as man. It can be found in Gather at number 90.


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**THANK YOU FROM ST. JUDE HOLY NAME SOCIETY**


With your generous donation, we were able to help over 136 families in our community. Through your thoughtfulness, these people were able to enjoy Thanksgiving with their families. We also would like to thank the Christ Our Savior School Students for their outstanding job in helping us out with this project.

The St. Jude Holy Name Society is very grateful to you and wishes you and yours a *Happy Holiday Season!*



**OPLATKI—THE CHRISTMAS WAFER**

The Rectory has received its annual order of OPLATKI. Anyone desiring to share "Oplatki" during the Christmas Season may stop at the Rectory Monday thru Friday between 9:30 A.M and 4:30 P.M. The donation for each packet of four (4) wafers is \$2.00.



**KIDS CHOIR CORNER**

We're working on our music for Christmas.

**Dates to remember:**  
**Saturday, December 5th**-Rehearsal 11:00-12:00 Noon.  
**Saturday, December 12th**-Rehearsal 11:00-12:00 Noon.

Any questions, call Miss Marsha at 708-225-1180 or Miss Pam 708-284-6554.

# SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School  
Greetings From Your Parish School

After a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, we are ready to celebrate the four weeks of Advent. Each week, beginning on Monday, November 30, the students will gather in church to listen, pray, and reflect on Jesus. This year's Advent theme is "Follow the star in your heart...it will surely lead you to Jesus." Each week the students will focus on "light:" 1) Let there be light. 2) God's word is light. 3) Jesus is light. 4) We are light. This "light" shows us the way to live in order for us to be God's children. Deacon Herb Drazba will lead our first Advent Prayer Service. All are welcome to attend our service tomorrow morning – 9:00 a.m. East Campus, 10:00 a.m. West Campus.

Congratulations to our girls' basketball team which includes the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. They won nine straight games. They were the St. Florian champions, the Seton Academy Tournament champs, and the PAL League champs. They had to play seven games in three days. Most importantly, the girls were complimented by other parents from other teams on how well mannered they were and that Christ Our Savior Catholic School should be very proud of them. **IN-DEED WE ARE.**

We would like to congratulate the following alumni who achieved Honor Roll status at their high schools: De La Salle Institute- Jordan Whitted; Seton Academy- Principal's Honor Roll – Danielle Hill and Miles Wilson; First Honor Roll: Tiffany Brown, Paige Delaney, Perren Delaney, Miracle Diala, Brooke Grant, Marquis Hayes, Shannon Morris, Sierra Sims, Jessica Uzoho; Second Honor Roll: Morgen Brooks, Bianca Brown, Gerald Brown, Teri Cochran, Beonka Delaney, Jasmine Gardner, Andre Jackson, Camella Johnson, Jasmine Kimbrough, Brittany Mitchell, Brandon Woods, and Tiwana Woods.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade West Campus homeroom teacher, Mrs. Kim Lusin, was recently honored at a luncheon for outstanding teachers selected by alumni who now attend St. Francis de Sales High School. As you can see, we are very proud of the accomplishments of our alumni, students, and teachers!

With God's Blessings,

Cindy Rogers, Principal  
Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal



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## CORRECTION

The Christmas schedules have been mailed by our envelope company in Ohio. We regret that some parishioners have received an incorrect schedule from a different parish in Ohio. We are working with the envelope company to correct this error. If you have received the incorrect schedule, please call the rectory at 708-333-3550 and let us know.



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Thank you to Jim Janusz from Smits Funeral Home for the donation of the Crucifix for the newly renovated sacristy.

# Welcome

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## CATHOLICS COME HOME CHICAGO BEGINS IN ADVENT

This Advent the Archdiocese of Chicago will partner with the Dioceses of Joliet and Rockford on an evangelization initiative called Catholics Come Home. This effort will use TV commercials that will air this December 16th to January 24, 2010 on 10 major networks in English, Spanish and Polish. We encourage all of our parishioners to pray for those who have left the Church, and invite them to join us at St. Jude. Parishioners can pick up a brochure to be used as an invitation for those who have drifted from the practice of the faith. We lovingly invite all those who have drifted away, to come home, to find healing, answers and support.



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## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

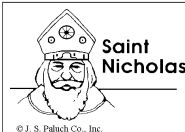
The Holy Name Society will hold its monthly meeting **this Tuesday evening, December 1st at 7:30 in McMahan Hall.** All men of the Parish are invited to attend. There is a \$20 attendance award to the lucky winner. Refreshments will be served after the meeting and there will be time to socialize and play cards.



## ST. JUDE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The monthly St. Jude Food Pantry Collection will take place **next weekend, December 5th & 6th.**

Donations may be left at the entrances to the Church. Thank you for your generosity.



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## FAMILY MINISTRY

The Family Ministry is having an afternoon with St. Nick on Sunday, December 6th from 1:00-3:00 P.M. in McMahan Hall. All are invited to attend. For more information, call Marsha at 708-225-1180.



*Lord, hold our military men and women in your loving hands ... Protect them as they protect us...*

## ON ADVENT, AND THE ANXIETIES OF DAILY LIFE

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Every year at this time I say pretty much the same thing: *Advent? Already?* Yes, Advent. Already. Actually, though, I've been looking forward to it (in a rushed kind of way) because it quiets me. The Church gives us these four weeks to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming, both into the world and into our hearts. Jeremiah in the first reading saw Jesus coming and he told anyone who would listen. But was anybody listening? *Is anybody listening?* Still, the prophet was persistent in spreading the word, and equally as persistent is the Apostle Paul, encouraging all of us to live the life that Jesus calls us to live, "...so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus..."

Advent asks us to focus on this a little bit more. A friend of mine started his Advent a couple of weeks early, in fact, because he was hungry for quiet time, too. This is the same guy who taught me a little thing a few years ago that I've embraced every Advent since: I turn off the radio. I don't know about you, but I have a tendency to turn it on first thing in the morning. Then I turn it on in the car on my way to work, then on the drive home, then in the kitchen while making dinner. But Advent is quiet time. Which is not to say I always think sublime and prayerful thoughts during these reflective periods, but without the radio constantly chattering back at me, I figure the odds are in my favor.

Unfortunately, however, the holidays are the holidays, and we've all got things to do. Clean the house. *Deck* the house. Buy the gifts. *Wrap* the gifts. Cut the cookies. *Bake* the cookies. Write the cards. *Send* the cards. Schlep the tree. *Trim* the tree. Plan the party. *Throw* the party... I dig the holiday scene as much as the next guy, and yet what Jesus says in today's Gospel about the end of the world should especially give us pause as we head into this hectic time of year: "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." I don't do much carousing these days and my drunkenness pretty much went out with my 20s. But that last thing? The anxieties of daily life? Oh, yea. He's got me there.

Even though we've probably not even begun putting up Christmas yet, it's in our immediate future, all those things I just said. And while I don't want to be the Grinch among us, we'll be putting Christmas *away* before too long as well. Some of us get a little down when that happens, and partly, I think, it's because we focus on the wrong thing each year. It's hard not to, perhaps, given what Christmas has become, but we don't have to immerse ourselves in its secularity at the expense of its spirituality. Indeed, we should be doing just the opposite, and again, this is what Advent asks us to do. It asks us to focus on the *right* things instead, so the "the anxieties of daily life" don't do us in. Besides, by focusing on the right things, we'll never ever put Christmas away for good. Even when we put it away for the season.

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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday Evening: 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday thru Saturday—8:30 A.M.

**HOLY DAY MASSES:**

Vigil: 7:00 P.M.  
Holy Day: 7:00, 8:30 & as announced

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

(Confessions)  
Saturday: 4:15 to 4:45 P.M.

**BAPTISMS:** Arrangements must be made in advance for catechesis and reception of the sacrament of Baptism. All families must be registered parishioners. Call the Rectory for information at 708-333-3550.

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