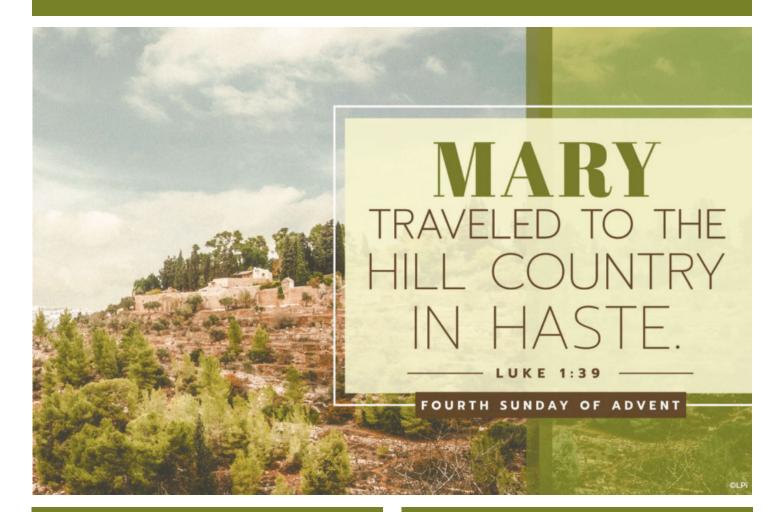
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024



OUR VISION

All Souls Catholic Parish aspires to be an inviting faith community where members and newcomers alike are engaged, inspired, and spiritually nourished among friends that become family.

OUR MISSION

As a welcoming and united parish, the All Souls Family of Faith is committed to loving God, loving our neighbors, and inviting others to know and serve Jesus Christ and recognize Him in one another.

Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. — *Hebrews 13:2*



December 22, 2024 All Souls Catholic Parish

The Communities of St. Ann, St. James, & St. John Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor

St. Ann Church & Parish Office

3010 Ridge Road, Lansing 708.895-6700/708-895-6877 (Fax)

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday: Closed **Confessions** Saturday: 3:00 p.m.

Adoration

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Followed by Rosary on Weekdays Communion Service Monday: 7:30 a.m. Morning Mass Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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- for baptism (2nd & 4th Sundays), marriage, anointing of the sick, quinceañeras, and RCIA/ RCIY
- for Ministry of Care to the homebound or hospitalized
- for Mass intentions
- to request prayers for the sick
- if you are grieving for a loved one

New Members Welcome!

We would love to have you join us! Please fill out the information below, and place in the Offertory Collection or send to the Parish Office. You may also request a registration form at 708-895-6700 or register on our website at >About >Becoming a Parishioner

Name_____

Address

Street

email ___

Phone

Once you register and have a number assigned, you will be able to receive envelopes and play the weekly 50/50.

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Mass Intentions Monday, December 23	This Week's Activities				
(St. John of Kanty) Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	Monday, December 23				
7:30 a.m. Mass 4:00 p.m. Shepherds & Angels Mass 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass	Communion Service/Rosary Adoration Legion of Mary (Spanish)	7:30am 8:00am - 6:00pm 7:00pm	Chapel Chapel Parish Office		
People of the ParishWednesday, December 25	Tuesday, December 24				
 (The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas) 8:30 a.m. Christmas Mass † People of the Parish 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass † People of the Parish Thursday, December 26 (St. Stephen) 	OFFICE CLOSED Daily Mass Followed by Rosary Shepherds & Angels Mass Choral Preludes Midnight Mass	7:30am 4:00pm 11:30pm 12:00am	Chapel Church Church Church		
7:30 a.m. Mass	Wednesday, December 25				
 † Maggie Kirincic (Carol & Machiraju) † Joseph Stockman (Judy Wohadlo) Friday, December 27 (St. John) 7:30 a.m. Mass 	OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Day Masses A.A. Meeting	8:30 & 10:30am 8:00pm	Church Parish Hall		
 † Bernice K. (Carol & Machiraju) † Marie Hassler (Judy Wohadlo) 	Thursday, December 26				
Saturday, December 28 (The Holy Innocents) 4:00 p.m. Mass † Katherine Liszewski (Family) † Dennis Kirincic (Carol & Machiraju)	Daily Mass Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet Adoration Sharing the Scripture	7:30am 8:00am 8:00am - 6:00pm 7:00pm	Chapel Chapel Chapel Parish Office		
† Serio & Jennie Cavaliere	Friday, December 27				
(Eddie Cavaliere) Sunday, December 29 (The Holy Family	Daily Mass Followed by Rosary	7:30am	Chapel		
of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph) 8:30 a.m. Mass	Saturday, December 28				
 † People of the Parish 10:30 a.m. Mass † Harry Baranowski (Fuss Family) † Fidel Martinez (Ojeda Family) 	Bereavement Group Confessions Mass	11:00am 3:00pm 4:00pm	School Door C1 Chapel Church		
(ojeda ranny)	Sunday, December 29				
The 2025 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Please call the office FMI or to schedule Mass	Masses Parish Council Meeting	8:30 & 10:30am 11:30am	Church Parish Office		
intentions.For parish updates, please visit the website & clicThe suggested donation is \$10.Calendar tab: www.allsoulscatholicparish.					

Readings for the Week

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Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45	4	
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66	\sim	
Tuesday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79		
Weds:	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25		
	or 1:18-25	1	
	<i>Night</i> : Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14		
	Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20	c	
	<i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14		
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22	(
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8		
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18		
Next Sund	day: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk		
	2:41-52		



To add to the calendar or to schedule the Narthex or other meeting spaces, please visit the Parish Office to fill out a request form. All activities MUST be on the calendar in case of emergency.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we come to the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we stand on the threshold of Christmas, with hearts full of anticipation and hope. You can tell we are getting near Christmas by the traditional greeting that shoppers give each other in the mall: "I think I was next." Red Skelton's recipe for a good marriage was: "We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops." Our readings today invite us to reflect on the themes of promise, fulfillment, and the humble ways God chooses to enter our world.

In the first reading (Micah 5:1-4a), we hear of a promise made to a small and seemingly insignificant town, Bethlehem. Despite its modest size, it is chosen as the birthplace of a ruler who will shepherd God's people, bringing peace and security. This prophecy reminds us that God often works through the humble and the lowly, transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary. Bethlehem, a town overlooked by many, becomes the cradle of divine promise fulfilled.

The letter to the Hebrews (10:5-10) deepens this theme by

highlighting the obedience and self-giving of Christ. Jesus comes into the world not to offer sacrifices of old, but to do the will of God. His life is a testament to the power of surrender and love, showing us that true fulfillment comes not from external offerings, but from a heart aligned with God's purpose. Jesus embodies the ultimate sacrifice, one that opens the way for us to be in communion with God.

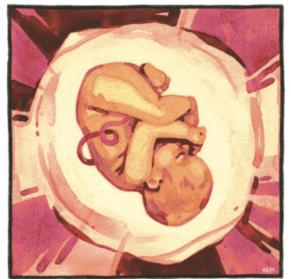
Jesus comes to us in so many ways, but without the Holy Spirit we are unable to recognize Him. But when the Holy Spirit enlightens us, we know the Spirit is pre-

sent. The Spirit helps us see Him present in creation in the Eucharist, in one another, in perhaps the person who drives us crazy, in the poor and suffering and in the unborn who are like Jesus was at that moment in Mary entirely vulnerable, without a voice to speak or cry out.

In the Gospel (Luke 1:39-45), we witness a beautiful encounter between Mary and Elizabeth. Mary, carrying the promise of salvation within her, visits Elizabeth, who is also miraculously with child. Elizabeth's joyful exclamation, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" echoes the recognition of God's work in the world. This meeting is a celebration of faith and the joy that comes from recognizing God's presence in our lives. When we pay a visit to someone, we see ourselves as doing good to that person. And that is true. But we too benefit. We too are enriched. If only to see how others cope with difficult or near impossible situations. Even among the sick you can find a shining soul. You may have come to give, only to find that you are receiving. You go away buoyed up. To some extent that happens in every visitation. One is blessed by receiving. The other is blessed by giving.

A priest in parish ministry tells of visiting a young woman who was dying of cancer. He went in the hope of bringing her a little comfort. At the end of the visit, he came away feeling that he was the one who was comforted. He marveled at her faith, and at the serenity she had found in the face of death. His own faith was deepened and strengthened by contact with hers.

In the Gospel Mary visits Elizabeth. She herself had just been visited by the angel Gabriel, who had brought her the good news that she was to become the mother of Jesus. However, instead of going off and concentrating on herself, she went with haste to visit Elizabeth, who was also expecting a child. Elizabeth was her cousin. Our first and holiest duty is kindness towards our own kin. However, this doesn't mean it's easy. One's kin can be very demand-



ing. Mary's visit meant a great deal to Elizabeth. But Mary too benefited from it. Elizabeth spoke some lovely words of affirmation and confirmation to her: "Blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled." As the elder and more experienced of the two women, Elizabeth was able to help Mary. Essentially what we have here is two women in the same condition helping one another.

We can receive by giving. And one of the ways we can give is by visitation. Christmas is a great time for visiting people we may

have neglected all year long. Mary's response, her willingness to say "yes" to God's plan, is a model for us. Her journey to Elizabeth is not just a physical one, but a spiritual journey of faith, trust, and love. As we prepare for Christmas, we are called to make our own journey of faith, to open our hearts to God's presence, and to recognize the ways in which we are called to bring Christ into the world.

Let us take these final days of Advent to reflect on the promises God has made to us, how we are called to fulfill His will, and the joy that comes from living in His presence. May we, like Mary and Elizabeth, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ready to embrace the wonder of God's love made manifest in the birth of Jesus. Amen.

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

WEEKLY MONEY 12-8-2024 MATTERS

Online/Give Central	.: \$	1,110.00
Drop Off/Mail In:	\$	5,686.81
	\$	6,796.81
50-50 Club:	\$	445.00
Maintenance Fund:	\$	948.00

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Our December 8 winning number was #1966. #1966 WOULD HAVE WON \$222.50. DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

To be eligible, both your 50-50 (\$5.00) and weekly collection envelopes (no limit, but at least \$5) with separate payments **must be in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. Monday**.

You may make your 50-50 donation at Give Central, along with your weekly and other contributions! If you donate by check, you need to write two separate checks.

> A NEW CHANCE TO WIN EVERY WEEK!

Today's Readings

First Reading: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading: "Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God."" (Heb 10:7)

Gospel: "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43)

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We are now accepting In Memoriam donations for the beautiful Christmas decor that will adorn All Souls/St. Ann during the holiday season—there is a donor envelope in your packet, or you may indicate on a plain envelope in whose honor you are making your gift.

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Be sure to call the office or email pamlep3010@gmail.com with the name of your memorial intention. Likewise, the link for Christmas offerings is now live at the same Give Central site. Thank you for your generosity.



SHARING THE SCRIPTURE

Thursdays 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office

Share Sunday Scriptures in an atmosphere of prayer. Join us weekly on Thursdays as we dedicate time to digging deeper into God's Word. No registration is required.



Miss Me—But Let Me Go

In Loving Memory of Jeremy Hillegonds Barbara Henry Joseph Dabrowski

Reflect & Respond to Scripture

First Reading: Micah prophesied a "ruler" would come through the line of David ("Bethlehem-Ephrathah") and bring peace to the divided kingdom of Judah and Israel. How might you be able to promote peace this week among your family or co-workers?

Second Reading: The author of Hebrews reminds us that Christ makes us holy so that above all else, we do God's will. As the season of Advent draws to a close, what could be one practical way to do God's will this week?

Gospel: Elizabeth calls Mary "blessed" because she believed and trusted in the Lord. Are there people in your life who model such trust and faith in God?

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- Special thanks to all of those who have volunteered over the years for the monthly Friday Fish Fry events that took place at the former St. James. In light of the pending sale of the property, the ministry will conclude. We are very grateful to all of those who continued to support the effort in ways large and small.
- Do you wish to have a Mass said for someone, but find it difficult to come into the office during business hours? Simply call us at 708.895.6700 to schedule your times, dates, and locations, and you may send your donation in through the collection basket or Give Central.



We had the most beautiful Mass and celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe earlier this month, during which our students reenacted the apparition of Our Lady to Juan Diego. The Lansing Journal recorded the Mass and it may be viewed on our All You Are Invited to Help Us Decorate All Souls for Christmas on Sunday, December 22 at 11:00 a.m.



The more, the merrier! Each year, our talented Art & Environment team transforms the Church into a beautiful and joyous atmosphere for Christmas. Would you like to participate in this meaningful endeavor that brings happiness to so many? We will gather on Sunday, December 22 after the 10:30 Mass

to put on the finishing touches for the Christmas Masses. Won't you join us? This is a great opportunity for those needing service hours, for families to spend time together, or for meeting new people and simply giving of your time. We



hope to see you — please call the Parish Office FMI at 708.895.6700



Souls Catholic Parish Facebook page. Special thanks to the OLG Committee for their tireless efforts to make this annual event so special.









ALL SOULS CATHOLIC PARISH 2024-25 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Bilingual Shepherds & Angels Mass 11:30 p.m. Preludes/12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Masses

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31 — 4:00 p.m. Vigil Wednesday, January 1 — 10:30 a.m. Mass



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

All Souls Catholic Parish at St. Ann Church 3010 Ridge Road, Lansing * 708. 895.6700 * www.allsoulscatholicparish.org

Parish Prayer Tree

This group of men and women led by Debbie Wright takes some time every day at their own homes to pray for the needs of our parishioners and friends. Simply email your special intentions to Debbie at debndnut@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 708-895-6700 with your prayer requests, and we will pass them on to all of our Prayer Tree participants.

If you would like to join our Prayer/Phone Tree, please email Debbie. Should you need prayers for longer than 30 days, please call and reconfirm.

Lansing Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8-11:30 a.m. FMI, please call Barb Dust at 312-969-0385. You will be helping many Lansing Residents who are in need.



Upcoming Events

Christmas Decorating: December 22 Bereavement Group: December 28 Holy Moments Book Discussion: January 15 & 29



All through Advent, Oplatki Christmas wafers are available for purchase in the Narthex after Masses, or you can ask a sacristan before Mass. A \$2 donation is suggested.



IMPORTANT ~ IMPORTANT ~ IMPORTANT Special, Super Duper Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to holiday office closures, our bulletin publisher has moved up the deadline for most of the late year issues. Please note, *the deadlines for December 29* & January 5 have already passed. We apologize for any inconvenience and will resume regular 10-day advance deadlines after the holidays (January 2 for the January 12 bulletin). Thank you for your understanding and attention!

ALL SOULS PARISH Holy Souls Bereavement Ministry Will Meet in the Former School Building DECEMBER 28 Every Second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Every Fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Our Bereavement Ministry is a faith-based group that provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved

one to deal with their grief in an atmosphere of care. Let us join you on your grief journey to offer comfort, encouragement, and understanding. All are welcome and no registration is required. Enter through door C1. Please call 708-895-6700 FMI.





FOR THE HOMELESS

Our Confirmation students are seeking your help to provide toiletries and essentials for those in need. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the marked container in the Narthex through January 5, 2025. Items will be donated to the Hammond City Rescue Shelter.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS NEEDED:

- TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE
- SOAP & SHAMPOO
- DEODORANT
- FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- RAZORS & SHAVING CREAM
- HAND SANITIZER AND WIPES
- SOCKS AND WASHCLOTHS





Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Mary couldn't wait to visit her much older cousin, Elizabeth, up in the hills of Judea. Both of them were expecting babies. Each of them knew that the birth of her child was a special event that could only happen because they trusted God. Your own mother trusted that God would give you life in this world. Both Mary and Elizabeth watched their children grow up to do good things. You can grow up to do good things too, if you trust in God.



Dear Jesus, help me to trust you and to remember that you are the reason we celebrate Christmas. Amen.

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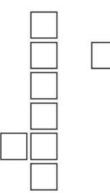
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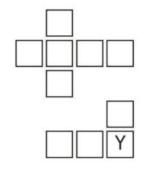
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🕖 DRAW

Ask your mother who she visited while she was waiting for you to be born. Draw a picture of her visiting with a relative or friend.

The infant in my womb leaped for joy.





You belong to a larger family than just the people in your home. See how many of your relatives you can name before you visit them at Christmas. When you do see them, wish them "Merry Christmas!"



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In this holy season of Christmas, words from the Book of Wisdom echo in our hearts: For while all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy almighty Word leapt down from Heaven from Thy royal throne, as a fierce conqueror into the midst of the land of destruction. (Wisdom 18:15).

We have many reasons to think of our world as "the land of destruction." Today, so many people across the globe suffer the ravages of war and violence, the burden of illness, crushing poverty and displacement, and natural disasters that are often weather related.

Our faith affirms that the Eternal Word of the Father took our flesh, shared our human condition in all its troubled dimensions, and then as "a fierce conqueror" lifted us up into new life. This mystery at the center of our faith gives us renewed hope and encouragement as we make our pilgrim way in this wounded world. Indeed, across the coming Holy Year, we celebrate the hope that only the Lord in his goodness can give us. It is hope, Saint Paul tells us, that *will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.* (Romans 5:5)

As you gather with family and friends in this holy season, I will pray for you and for a renewal of your hope. May the upcoming Holy Year with its theme *Pilgrims of hope* be an opportunity for all of us to learn how to be signs and instruments of hope for our struggling and burdened world.

As I celebrate the Eucharist in this holy season, I will ask the Lord to help you and your loved ones to cling to his word of promise that is the true source of our hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop of Chicago

Lansing Historical Museum Festival of Lights Christmas Trees Around the World

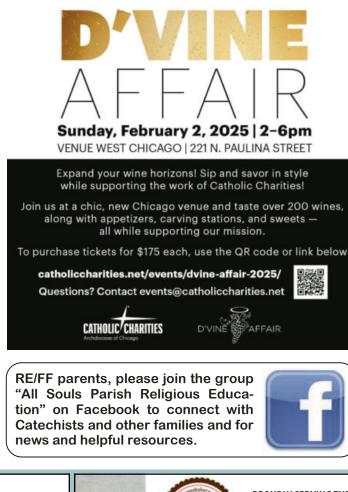
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