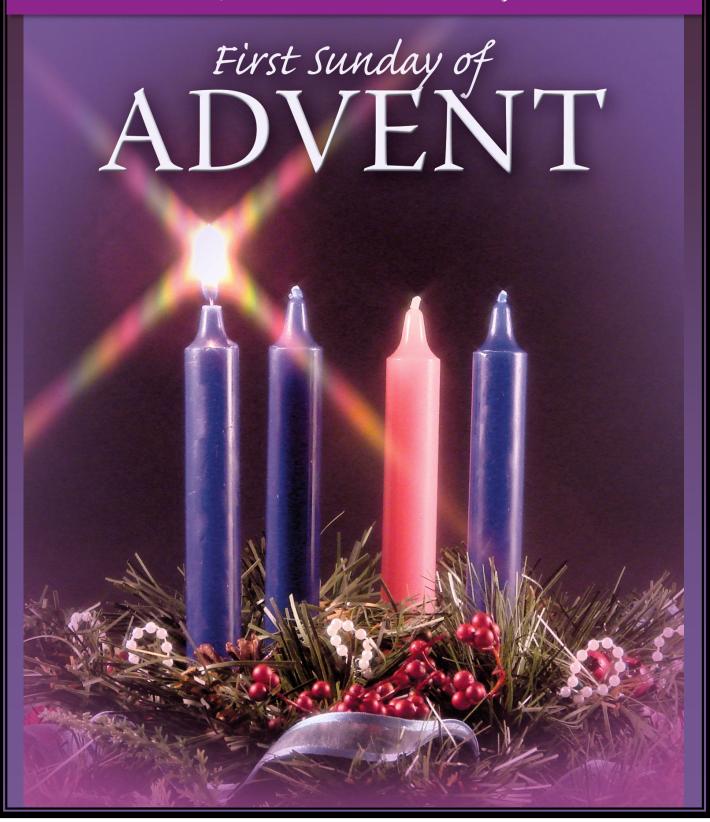
Corpus Christi Catholic Church

1415 W. Lies Road Carol Stream, IL 60188 630-483-4673 December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent



The Pastor's Corner - Rediscover the Power of Advent

This Sunday we enter the season of Advent – the next Advent in our life. Again, God calls us to embrace a sacred time of anticipation and reflection. Advent, derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming," is a time of special significance for Catholics. It marks the beginning of the liturgical year, inviting us to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the inauguration of our salvation with the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

During the next four Sundays, lighting of the Advent candles will mark not only our journey to the festive celebration of Christmas but, above all, our personal journey to the Lord. God wants us to do next step in our spiritual life and deepen our relationship with himself. The Advent wreath, adorned with evergreen branches, reminds us of the eternal life found in Christ. The candles on it represent the increasing light that dispels the darkness.

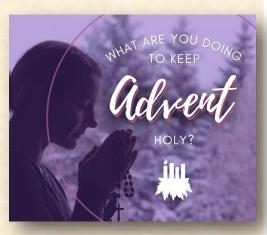
Advent, as Lent, calls us to a profound examination of conscience and repentance. If we are not reconciled with God and people, how can we celebrate joyfully Christmas together with our family, friends, and members of Corpus Christi parish? If we are washed in the grace of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we can fully enjoy the promise that is given to us and our children - the promise of everlasting life in God's Kingdom. The Sacrament of Reconciliation becomes a pivotal aspect of our Advent journey, allowing us to approach the manger with hearts purified and ready to receive the Newborn Savior.

Let us then do everything, brothers and sisters – in our homes with Advent and Christmas decorations, prayers before meals, reading of the Scripture, personal prayer and meditation – so that this Advent and Christmas will be a special time for us and our family. Be assured that our efforts will be rewarded. Everything depends on us.

St. Francis of Assisi Plenary Indulgence

This year on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the faithful gathered at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy, to honor the beloved Italian saint and celebrate the 800th anniversary of the approval of the Rule of St. Francis (1223) and the creation of the Nativity scene in Greccio.

As part of the celebration of this Franciscan Centenary, the Conference of the Franciscan Family asked Pope Francis for the approval of a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary, and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence cleanses a person of all temporal punishment due to sin.



The Conference of the Franciscan Family wrote:

"In order to promote the spiritual renewal of the faithful and increase the life of grace, we ask that the faithful receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions from 8 December 2023, the solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to 2 February 2024, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by visiting the churches run by Franciscan families throughout the world and stopping in prayer in front of the Nativity scenes set up there."

The Apostolic Penitentiary welcomed the request, allowing the faithful to receive this indulgence under the usual conditions (1. detachment from all sin, even venial; 2) sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope. Sacramental confession and receiving the Eucharist can happen up to about 20 days before or after the act performed to receive a plenary indulgence.)

In Christ, Fr. Mark Jurzyk, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2 First Saturday

9:00 a.m. 非 Weronika Szezerla

5:00 p.m.

Dave, David & Tommy Fenton by Fran Fenton Kathy Kist by Mary Lou Conroy

Matthew Crockett by Crockett Family

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

非 Ben Aurelio by Letty 8:00 a.m.

SI Francis Yulo Birthday Blessings by Rene Candi

10:00 a.m. SI Parishioners of Corps Christi

11:30 a.m. 非 Marianna Jurzyk Mass in Polish - Weronika Szezerla

SI Michalina Chrzanowska

Monday, December 4 St. John Damascene

9:00 a.m. SI Linda Crockett by Crockett Family

Tuesday, December 5 Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. # Melecio Abeleda By Abeleda Family

Wednesday, December 6 St. Nicholas

Patricia Canan by Mary Lou Conroy
Weronika Szezerla 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 7 St. Ambrose

Mark Herwaldt by Theresa B. Bart Moccio by Mary Warick 9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m. # Donald Kovac by Tony & Debbie Molinaro

SI Joe & Mary Claire McNeely 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 9 St. Juan Diego

5:00 p.m. # Diane M. Weller by Fran Fenton

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

Jayn Barson by Pat Baker 8:00 a.m.

Janice Penchoff by Kevin & Laura Wiley
Nelson Wiley
Concetta Burdi by Rind 10:00 a.m.

Weronika Szezerla 11:30 a.m.

Mass in Polish

The 2024 Mass book is available. Please call the office 630-483-4673 or email at corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net with your intention.

Please pray for all those on our prayer list...

Joe Ernest Alonto Samantha Harvey Adnan Alonto Louise Harrison Javier-Maria Alonso Larry Hartnett Pat Baker **Daniel Hartzell** Asuncion Baldwin Donna Hawko Janay Bell **Debbie Henke Brian Bennett** Asha J. Gerri Tillman Bentel Pamela Jacobs Raymond Bonelli Patricia Johnson Nelly Bonugli **Geoffrey Johnson** Cathy Brill Shawn Jurgensen Brittany Brinkman Ann Krueger **Bud Brown** Westin LaFever Theresa Bull Rose Marie Lambert Melanie B. Sondra Long Terry Cook Jackie Lower Alan Demascus Keegan Manz Tessa Dante Maria Karen Deering Darnell Matesi Martha Durnil Karen Mahrenholz Denise Ealy **Kevin McKinney** Annette Fath Larry Miller Joe Fenton Josephine Miller Betty Funer Joe Moser Carol Gatti Mark Muzer Mike Gebhardt **Elida Navarro** Chris Gries Mary Nekyha Clarence Groves Michael Novak Paula Grueder John Numrich Rocella Hampton Bill Ohlhaber Dr. Dan Haraf Sue Patterson

Betty Pilafis Lucy Pope AJ (Austin) Rose Melissa and Joe Reynolds Dolores Salerno Martin Salerno **Donna Sanchez** Marilyn Savegnago **Christine Scardina** Russell Schauer Mary Beth Shepardson Antonio Sievert Alberto Sievert **Evelyn** Simonetta Joe Sliwa Steve & Barbara Smith **Lorraine Standiford** Arzy Staten Kathy Staten Bill Staunton Robert Strawn Vicki Strawn **Lorenzo Tamburello** Baby Kyle Templin Julie Tkaczuk Mike Tkaczuk Juanita Torronio Annette Golome Turk Rita Whitney Rachele Zito

In Loving Remembrance **Timothy Curran**

May he Rest in Peace

The Feast of the Immaculate **Conception** (Holy Day of Obligation) **Mass times:**



Friday, Dec. 8, 9am and 7pm

Readings for the Week of December 3, 2023

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37 **Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21,

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk

1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—

10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt

3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



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Carol Stream, IL 60188

Celebrant



FELLOWSHIP AND RECEPTION AFTER THE MASS

Simbang Gabi "Evening or Night Mass"

The Filipino Community of Corpus Christi Church, Carol Stream, invites you to Simbang Gabi - which means "Evening or Night Mass - on Saturday, December 16 at 7 pm. The church will be decorated with colorful lights, beautiful star lanterns, and a Nativity Scene. After the Mass, we welcome everyone to a reception in Marian Hall featuring delicious Filipino dishes.

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition. Like a novena, Simbang Gabi is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses held during the season of Advent from December 16 to 24 anticipating the celebration of the birthday of Baby Jesus on Christmas Day.

This tradition began in the year 1500 by the Spanish friars as they tried to evangelize the Filipinos to Catholicism. To gather the families in Church, the friars would ring bells to call the farmers at dawn before they left to till the rice fields and the fishermen who were just arriving from nights of sea fishing. Mass would then be celebrated, and catechism would be taught.

Today in the Philippines, Masses are still held in the early hours of the morning - around 4 a.m. However, Filipino communities in the United States and in many parts of the world have adapted the evening Masses due to the cold and wintry weather.



(Adapted from Magnificat)

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

Customarily the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. According to Tradition, three candles are violet and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles may be used.

The candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and the number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family. All make the sign of the cross.

The leader says:

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 the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light Be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray together: Our Father...

Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus.
O God, you are great indeed. Look upon us and reveal your glory, promised to Abraham and sent to us through David and his lineage. Amen

Christmas Flower Envelopes

Honor or remember living or deceased family members or friends by donating towards our beautiful sanctuary Christmas flowers which will adorn the altar and sanctuary throughout the Christmas Season. Christmas Flower envelopes are in the narthex.



Calendar

12/17 8-11am – Breakfast with Santa 12/21-1-6 No Class – Christmas Break

Advent Service Project

Advent is here. During this holy time of year, we are asking our students and their families to help the less fortunate. Students are asked to a pair of socks, a toothbrush and toothpaste for a child their age. This project will benefit Maryville Children's Healthcare Center for medically fragile children. Thank you for your generosity.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Contest

Every child is invited to participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" coloring contest. Please see a Knight of Columbus or the Religious Education office for further details.

Christmas with Santa Breakfast

Join us as the Knights of Columbus present

Breakfast with Santa

Enjoy the Knights delicious pancakes and meet Santa himself!

Sunday, December 17, from 8-11am See you there!

Good Deeds

Marco - started the laundry

Dominic - took care of my puppy

Lorenzo – organized many activities for my play date

Raegan - held the door for my brother

Mikey - helped my Mom clean my house

Ayden - said thank you

Confirmation



Sofia Lech Confirmation Coordinator

Confirmation II Retreat

All Confirmation II students are required to attend a retreat:

SATURDAY, December 9th

10AM-5PM

Followed by 5pm Mass

Parents are asked to join us at 4:15pm.

A completed permission slip is required.



Upcoming Service Projects

This year, students will be required to complete ten (10) hours of service.

YM meetings – Every Sunday, 6-8pm
Breakfast with Santa – 12/17, morning
Contact corpuschristiccym@gmail.com to sign up or request further information.

IMPORTANT - Confirmation Parent Meetings

All parents of students in Confirmation II students are required to attend parent meetings on the following dates:

Please mark your calendars!



Corpus Christi Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Corner

The **Christmas Craft Sale** was a success. With all the help from our Crafters and Helpers we could not be happier with the results... Thanks to our parishioners for stopping by and making purchases.





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Support Vocations

Upcoming CCW Events

Thursday December 7th- 6:45PM- CCW Christmas Celebration Thursday December 21st -5-8 PM -Dine in/Dine out Fundraiser Thursday January 4th - 6:45 PM - CCW Monthly Meeting

Knights of Columbus - Vocations Raffle

communities.

One of our annual mainstay fundraising events is Vocations Raffle. This yearly raffle is a state wide Knights of Columbus event that supports Seminarians all over our state

including right here in our own Joliet Diocese. A portion of proceeds of this raffle also come right back to our Council directly and are used towards the many great causes that we support here in our Church and the Carol Stream community. This year, Vocations Support Raffle Tickets are available online. Get 15 chances into the December 3 drawings for a donation of \$15. Simply use the QR code on this flyer and most importantly enter the number **10958** in the box marked "additional information" for our Council to get credit. We greatly and humbly appreciate all of your continued support to help us do the most for our





Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council 10958 30th Annual:

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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Display & winners

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2023

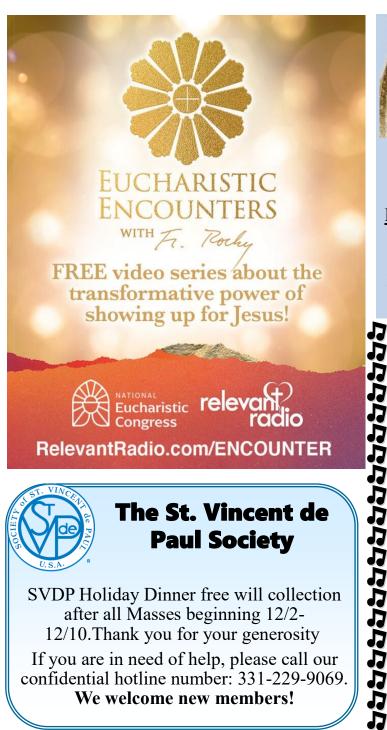
Come enjoy fellowship and a great breakfast of pancakes, sausages, eggs with fellow parishioners from 8am – 11:30am

Cost: free will offering











The St. Vincent de **Paul Society**

SVDP Holiday Dinner free will collection after all Masses beginning 12/2-12/10. Thank you for your generosity If you are in need of help, please call our

confidential hotline number: 331-229-9069.

We welcome new members!

If you or your family would like to light the candles on



our parish's Advent wreath at the beginning of Mass, please sign up in the narthex.

Our Lady is calling... for prayer, penance and sacrifice

Please join the Holy Souls Prayer Group (formerly Fatima Prayer Group) for the Rosary and reflections on the messages from Fatima on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the church.

If you have questions, or cannot make it in person but have Internet access, call Diane at 630-200-0745.

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The next Family Mass is Sunday December 10, at 10 am. If you'd like more information about your child (2nd Graders and up) joining our St. Cecilia's Children's Choir, please contact our Music Director, Agata Olszakowska at 630.483.4673 ext. 107

or ccmusicnote@gmail.com and check out our Music Ministry website page at https:// corpuschristicarolstream.org/music-ministry/



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Finance Update for the month of October

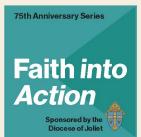
Monthly Offertory \$34,852 **Building Maintenance** \$1,490 **Flowers** 542 **World Mission Sunday** 979

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Opening Liturgy Livestream

Watch the Opening Liturgy from the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023.





Podcast

he 75th Anniversary I podcast series launched in November; new episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform (search "Faith Into Action"):





Faith Into Action YouTube (video)

Faith Into Action **Podcast** (audio)

COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS, **EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE**

75th Annive Visit diojoliet.org/75th **Timeline** for the full list of events and activities

surrounding the 75th anniversary



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
November 6, 2023	Episode 1 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Guests: Bishop Hicks and Fr. Tom Paul
November 25– December 3, 2023	Novena of Grace	diojoliet.org/75th	Featuring excerpts from St. Francis Xavier letters and daily prayers/ reflections
December 3, 2023 1 p.m.	Blessing and dedication of St. Francis Xavier statue	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill	The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese, since its founding in 1948
December 4, 2023	Episode 2 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Facts about St. Francis Xavier
December 11, 2023 6 p.m.	Opening Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions
January 1, 2024	Episode 3 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	The St. Francis
February 5, 2024	Episode 4 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Xavier statue that will be
March 4, 2024	Episode 5 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	dedicated on December
April 1, 2024	Episode 6 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	3 is modeled after the patron
April 18, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD	of the diocese
May 6, 2024	Episode 7 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	in the Cathedral of St. Raymond
June 1, 2024	Steubenville Youth Event	Lewis University Register: https://bit.ly/3N44OTB	Nonnatus
June 3, 2024	Episode 8 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
June 13, 2024	Theology on Tap	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill	Featuring three newly ordained priests (Fr. Alex, Fr. Jared and Fr. Jeremy)
June 22, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Bishop McNamara High School, Kankakee	For parishioners in Ford, Grundy, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties
July 1, 2024	Episode 9 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
August 5, 2024	Episode 10 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
September 2, 2024	Episode 11 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
September 14, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Montini Catholic High School, Lombard	For parishioners in DuPage County
September 28, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Lewis University, Romeoville	For parishioners in Will and Kendall Counties
October 2024	Service Day	All parishes and various religious entities will be asked to celebrate a day of service	
October 7, 2024	Episode 12 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
October 24, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD	Featuring Bishop Hicks
November 4, 2024	Episode 13 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
December 2, 2024	Episode 14 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
December 8, 2024 4 p.m.	Closing Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions

We invite you to become a registered parishioner of Corpus Christi, or to submit/update your contact information (for important church updates).

Corpus Christi Parish Registration Form Or register on the parish website at https://corpuschristicarolstream.org/im-new

Date Registering	Envelope # (Parich O	ffice use only)
Family Last Name		
Address		
Name of Male Head of Household		
Primary Phone		
Primary Email		
Religion:Roman CatholicOthe	r:	
Name of <u>Female</u> Head of Household		
Primary Phone		
Primary Email		
Religion:Roman CatholicOther		
Marital Status:MarriedSingle	Widowed	_DivorcedSeparated
What Mass do you regularly attend? □5pm	n Sat □8:30am Sun I	□11am Sun □12:30pm Sun.
Name(s) of Child(ren) and Age(s) (<i>living at l</i>	<i>home</i>):	
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Third Child	_ Fourth Child	
Fifth Child	Sixth Child	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Other information:		
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SUBMIT/UPDATE your EMAIL (Or email this information to the Paris		
First and Last Name		
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