

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
and **Christmas**



4th Sunday
OF ADVENT

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, may your Christmas be filled with His love, grace and peace. May you enjoy the gift of God's presence each day of the New Year!
Fr. Mark Jurzyk



Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, December 23 St. John of Kanty

5:00 p.m. ☩ Weronika Szczerba

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. ☩ Barbara Groves
☩ Jim Terrill-Liesz

10:00 a.m. ☩ Concetta Burdi by Garcia
☩ Timmothy Curran by Jolinn Bradley

11:30 a.m. ☩ Zefiryna & Hieronim Boguslawski
Mass in Polish ☩ Edward Mucha by Jerzy Obracaj

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. **SI** Parishioners of Corpus Christi

9:00 p.m. ☩ Joe & Irene Mamica by Family

11:00 p.m. ☩ Marianna Jurzyk
"Pasterka" Mass in Polish

Monday, December 25 The Nativity of The Lord

8:00 a.m. ☩ Michael Beljung, Madelyn Gapastione and
Marty Beljung by Beljung Family

10:00 a.m. **SI** Rose Hanzel

11:30 a.m. **SI** Zofia Ziomek
SI Franciszka & Jozef Mihle

Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen, First Martyr

9:00 a.m. ☩ Mina Aurelio by Letty

Wednesday, December 27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

9:00 a.m. ☩ Jim Murphy by Pauline Murphy
☩ Rosario Langona by Lee & Rene
☩ Frances La Gittute

Thursday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. **SI** Mark & Janet Goodman by Crockett Family

Friday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket

9:00 a.m. ☩ Greg Hajdich by Barbara Creath

Saturday, December 30 Sixth Day within the Octave

5:00 p.m. ☩ Joe Furlong by Fran Fenton

Sunday, December 31 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 a.m. ☩ Mark Herwaldt by Leonard Family

10:00 a.m. ☩ Kenneth Schuda by Stellato Family

11:30 a.m. **SI** Parishioners of Corpus Christi
Mass in Polish

Joe Ernest Alonto	Samantha Harvey	Sue Patterson
Adnan Alonto	Louise Harrison	Betty Pilafis
Javier-Maria Alonso	Larry Hartnett	Lucy Pope
Pat Baker	Daniel Hartzell	AJ (Austin) Rose
Asuncion Baldwin	Donna Hawko	Melissa and Joe
Janay Bell	Debbie Henke	Reynolds
Brian Bennett	Asha J.	Dolores Salerno
Gerri Tillman Bentel	Pamela Jacobs	Martin Salerno
Nelly Bonugli	Patricia Johnson	Donna Sanchez
Cathy Brill	Geoffrey Johnson	Marilyn Savegnago
Brittany Brinkman	Shawn Jurgensen	Christine Scardina
Bud Brown	Maria Klisz	Russell Schauer
Theresa Bull	Ann Krueger	Mary Beth Sheppardson
Melanie B.	Westin LaFever	Antonio Sievert
Dave Calderone	Rose Marie Lambert	Alberto Sievert
Terry Cook	Sondra Long	Evelyn Simonetta
Alan Demascus	Jackie Lower	Steve & Barbara Smith
Tessa Dante	Keegan Manz	Mark Smith
Karen Deering	Enrique Martinez	Lorraine Standiford
Martha Durnil	Maria	Arzy Staten
Denise Ealy	Darnell Matesi	Kathy Staten
Annette Fath	Karen Mahrenholz	Bill Staunton
Joe Fenton	Kevin McKinney	Robert Strawn
Betty Funer	Larry Miller	Vicki Strawn
Carol Gatti	Josephine Miller	Lorenzo Tamburello
Mike Gebhardt	Joe Moser	Baby Kyle Templin
Chris Gries	Mark Muzer	Julie Tkaczuk
Cristina Gonzalez	Elida Navarro	Mike Tkaczuk
Clarence Groves	Mary Nekyha	Juanita Torronio
Paula Grueder	Michael Novak	Annette Golome Turk
Rocella Hampton	John Numrich	Rita Whitney
Dr. Dan Haraf	Bill Ohlhaber	Rachele Zito

**Parish Office is closed December 25, 26, 28,
29 and January 1 & 2.**

**Open on Wednesday, December 27 only.
9:30 am – 2:30 pm**

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2023

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/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 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-1

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

"Joy to the World," Brothers and Sisters! I repeat -- "Joy to the World"!

It is with these words of the Christmas carol which we sing at the conclusion of the Christmas Mass that I would like to greet you this Christmas. The carol that is sung in forte with all musical instruments available, including trumpets, draws its power not from the strength of these instruments or human voices but, above all, from the message that it is announcing.

Two thousand years ago, the Incarnation of the Son of God changed the face of the world once and forever. From that time, nothing in the world is the same -- everything is different. The fullness of time came when God revealed Himself fully in his Son, Jesus Christ. He showed mankind the Father, taught us how to live on earth, and opened the road for us that leads to eternal life. This is the reason why we are singing joyfully and loudly "Joy to the world". The more we understand what happened in Nazareth -- the Incarnation, the conception of Jesus; Jesus' birth in Bethlehem; His salvific death on Calvary and His resurrection -- the more festively we will sing carols and celebrate the feast of Christmas.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord in Bethlehem, we cannot forget about the people living in the Holy Land who are now suffering terribly there. There are over 1.5 million displaced, deprived of homes, shelter, food, water, electricity and nearly 20,000 killed there, including 7,000 children. May God and everyone of goodwill help stop the suffering of the people in the Holy Land where our Lord was born and lived.

On this holy day of Christmas, let us pray individually or with our entire family to the Newborn Messiah:

May your Presence, Prince of Peace, bless the world with peace, the poor with care and prosperity, the despairing with hope and confidence, the grieving with comfort and gladness, the oppressed with freedom and deliverance, the suffering with solace and relief. Loving Jesus, you are the only real joy of every human heart. I place my trust in you.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas and in the New Year,

In Christ,

Fr. Mark Jurzyk



CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24: 4pm and 9pm (English),
11pm “Pasterka” Mass (Polish)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25: 8am and 10am (English),
11:30am (Polish)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Dec. 30-31

Regular weekend Mass schedule
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm
Sunday at 8am and 10am (English), 11:30am (Polish)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1

Monday at 10am (English)
11:30am (Polish)

Epiphany of the Lord – January 6-7

Regular weekend Mass schedule
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm
Sunday at 8am and 10am (English); 11:30am (Polish)

Parish Christmas Concert, Carols & Dinner

Sunday, January 7 at 3:30 pm (concert),
5 pm (dinner)

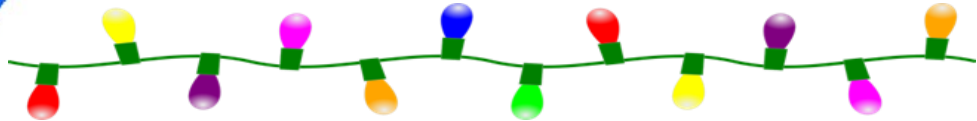


Annual Christmas Concert & Dinner

Sunday, January 7th

3:30pm Concert (free)

5pm Dinner



RESERVATIONS available in the NARTHEX after SATURDAY and SUNDAY MASSES and in the PARISH OFFICE

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Concert, featuring our choir, our guitar group and our children!

\$25 - Adults and children 14 & older

\$7 - Children ages 5 - 13 (children under 5 - free)

CHRISTMAS DINNER RESERVATIONS

Name(s) of Adult(s) _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

of Adults _____

of Children _____

____ # seated with parents

____ # seated separately with other children*

Total \$ _____ (checks made payable to Corpus Christi Church)

Please seat me/us with (if possible) _____

*Children will be seated together in a supervised classroom, with games and kids' food.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Calendar

- 12/21-1-6 No Class – Christmas Break
1/7 3:30pm – Christmas Concert
5:00pm – Christmas Dinner
1/15 7:00pm – First Reconciliation

Required Parent Meetings

All parents of children in Grade 2 or Genesis II are required to attend the following parent meetings:

- 1/14 – 9am
2/11 – 9am
3/17 – 9am

We will meet in Marian Hall. We are grateful for your participation.



Merry Christmas

We wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a blessed 2024!



Good Deeds

- Mikey** - bought my Mom a birthday gift
Zach - helped Grandma
Cailin - helped my Grandma with Thanksgiving Dinner
Vanessa - helped
Ayden - helped people



CONFIRMATION



Sofia Lech
Confirmation Coordinator

Confirmation Practice Time Change

The Confirmation practice date has changed. *Confirmation practice will now be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7pm.* Please make a note of it!

Upcoming Service Projects

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

YM meetings – Every Sunday, 6-8pm

Christmas dinner – 1/7, 4:30-7:30pm

Contact corpuschristiccym@gmail.com to sign up or request further information.

No Class

There will be no Religious Education / Confirmation classes from 12/21 – 1/6 due to Christmas break.



IMPORTANT - Confirmation Parent Meetings

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

- ✝ Sunday, 1/21 at 9am
- ✝ Sunday, 2/18 at 9am
- ✝ Sunday, 3/10 at 9am

Please mark your calendars!

A Huge Thank You!

The CCW thanks you for all your support in 2023. May your Christmas be merry & bright. Wishing you a Happy New Year and blessed year ahead. May God's light guide your way in 2024.



Upcoming CCW Events

Thursday January 4th – 6:45 PM – CCW Monthly Meeting

PRAYER AT A MANGER

With the Shepherds

*Your Good News was sung by angels
to these lowly ones in the night.*

Look on us in our lowliness.

*Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ,
now and forever. Amen.*

Filipino Simbang Gabi Celebration

Many thanks to the Filipino community of Corpus Christi Church who organized the special traditional Christmas Advent Mass last Saturday evening, December 16. Fr. Mark, pastor, celebrated the Mass which was attended by more than a hundred visitors who came from different surrounding parishes. After Mass, everyone enjoyed the Filipino hospitality in Marian Hall with delicious ethnic dishes and the traditional roasted pig.

Children's Choir & Family Mass

The next Family Mass is **Sunday January 14, 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/>



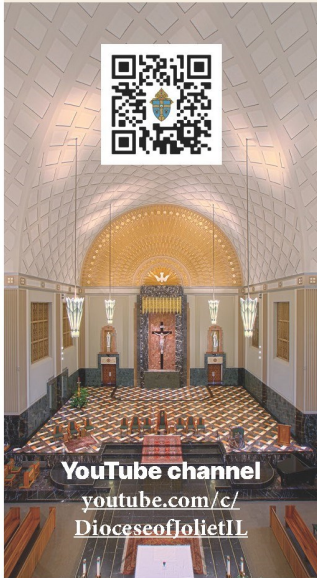
The St. Vincent de Paul Society



If you are in need of help, please call our confidential hotline number: 331-229-9069.
We welcome new members!

Opening Liturgy Livestream

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



YouTube channel
youtube.com/c/
DioceseofJolietIL

75th Anniversary Series

Faith into Action

Sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet

Podcast

The 75th Anniversary 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)

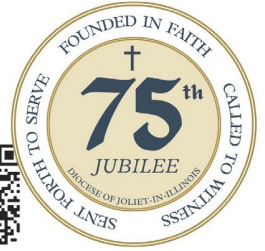


Faith Into Action
Podcast
(audio)

COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS,
EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

75th Anniversary Timeline

Visit dijoliet.org/75th 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	dijoliet.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)	<p>The St. Francis Xavier statue that will be dedicated on December 3 is modeled after the patron of the diocese in the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus</p> 
February 5, 2024	Episode 4 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
March 4, 2024	Episode 5 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
April 1, 2024	Episode 6 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
April 18, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD	
May 6, 2024	Episode 7 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
June 1, 2024	Steubenville Youth Event	Lewis University Register: https://bit.ly/3N44OTB	
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	
June 22, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Bishop McNamara High School, Kankakee	
July 1, 2024	Episode 9 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	For parishioners in Ford, Grundy, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties
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

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

MARY
JOSEPH
HOLY SPIRIT

WEDDING
ANGEL
DREAM

BABY
JESUS
VIRGIN

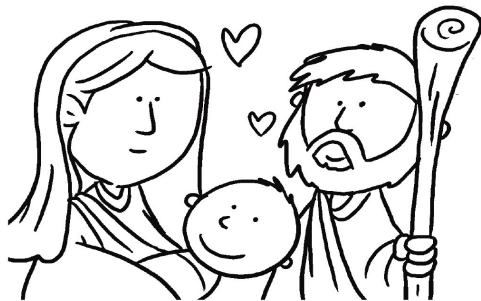
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R E N D R O I T G J O
S P G O H F J E S U S
K A E I V N A G M D L
H O L Y S P I R I T Y
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MISSION

Saying "yes" to God takes practice. When your parents ask you to vacuum or set the table or take the garbage out, say "yes" to them.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

Mary and Joseph put all their trust in God. Once they found out what God wanted, they did it. God wanted Mary to have a special baby, and she said "yes" to God. God wanted Joseph to be a good husband and father, and Joseph said "yes" to God. When that special baby from God was finally born, Joseph named him Jesus. One day God would ask Jesus to save the world from sin on the cross, and Jesus would say "yes" to God.

PRAYER

God, help me to trust you and say "yes" to you.

DRAW

Draw a picture of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.

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://corpuschristic Carolstream.org/im-new>

Date Registering _____ Envelope # (*Parish Office use only*) _____

Family Last Name _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Name of Male Head of Household _____

Primary Phone _____

Primary Email _____

Religion: Roman Catholic Other: _____

Name of Female Head of Household _____

Primary Phone _____

Primary Email _____

Religion: Roman Catholic Other: _____

Marital Status: Married Single Widowed Divorced Separated

What Mass do you regularly attend? 5pm Sat 8:30am Sun 11am Sun 12:30pm Sun.

Name(s) of Child(ren) and Age(s) (*living at home*):

First Child _____ Second Child _____

Third Child _____ Fourth Child _____

Fifth Child _____ Sixth Child _____

Other information:

- Or -

SUBMIT/UPDATE your EMAIL and/or MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

(Or email this information to the Parish Office at corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net)

First and Last Name _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____

Mobile/cell phone # _____

Pastor

Rev. Mark Jurzyk

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Chief Stewards 2023

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Peter Jankowski	Laura Wiley**
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