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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am (Mass)

WEEKEND MASSES

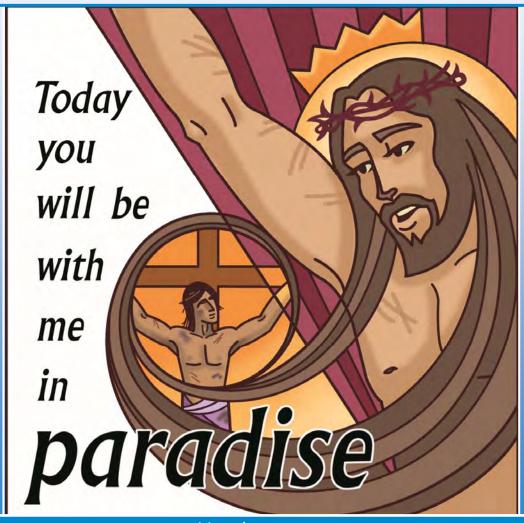
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm | Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Day of: 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
First Friday of every month following 8:00 am Mass
Second Thursday of every month during Father John Project
and by appointment



RECTORY/PARISH CENTER

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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

(closed for lunch: Monday-Thursday, 12:30-1:30 pm)

TRAVELING?

Call 410-676-6000 or log onto www.masstimes.org for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT AND BULLETIN DEADLINES

NOTE: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.

Pulpit announcement requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to **office@stpeteritasca.com.**

Bulletin submissions are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to

bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please visit or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith should contact the Parish Center for information.

BAPTISMS

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm (immediately following 11:00 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Classes are held in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

Required paperwork MUST be submitted to the parish office no later than ten (10) business days prior to the baptismal date or your date will be rescheduled. This includes all necessary information regarding family records and godparents. Please read the baptism planning information provided before selecting a godparent. A sponsor certificate must be provided by each godparent. The proper sponsor certificate for St. Peter the Apostle is included with the baptism packet. Christian witnesses are most welcome to celebrate with the family and community, but please note they are not recorded as sponsors on the Baptismal Certificate or in the Baptismal Register.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in need of this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Center at any time. Upon admission to the hospital, please make it known you are a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

WEDDINGS

According to diocesan policy, the parish must be contacted six months prior to the intended wedding date. Please call the Parish Center (ext. 200) for information.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...

If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, please contact the Parish Center to let us know. Due to federal regulations, most hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit parishioners in the hospital, but are often unaware of their hospitalization.

FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

Fr. Slawek makes communion calls every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to illness or bad health.



Please call Fr. Slawek at 630-773-1272 (ext. 208) to make arrangements.



If it is too difficult for you to walk to the front of the church to receive Communion, please know that at each Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion comes to the back of the church to distribute Communion. If you would like to have the Extraordinary Minister give you communion in the back of church, please let an usher know before

Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand so that they can see you and give you Holy Communion.

Today we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King which always takes place the last Sunday of ordinary time before Advent. The feast day was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in response to rising secularism. He hoped the feast would give the faithful strength and courage while reminding them Christ must reign in their hearts, minds, wills and bodies.

Jesus is the King of Kings. He is a King who loves his people so much, he became man to show us the way by suffering life as we do. His ultimate sacrifice was to die for our sins on the cross. He knows the hardships of our daily lives. He is with us in every moment of every day, especially when we feel alone and the burdens are too great to carry.

The only goal that should matter most to us is participation in the Kingdom of Christ. In this goal, we find our talents and purpose which makes our life meaningful. We are a part of the body of Christ. When we do good, the body benefits; when we do badly, the body suffers. There is no standing still. We are either moving the body of Christ forward in good or deteriorating it.

While we may be willing to sacrifice for other goals in life such as a successful business or career; they have to be seen for what they truly are - gifts that can be given or taken away in an instant. We have seen it time and time again, how the most successful life in worldly terms can change by an accident or newly discovered health issue. Having career goals are not bad; it is their priority in our life which can be a problem.

As we look to Advent next Sunday, the feast of Christ the King challenges us to decide what goals really matters and where they are on our priority list. Jesus is or should be the King of our lives. As such, nothing should separate us from the goal of reaching His Kingdom. The feast of Christ the King is not only the end of the Church year. It is a summing up of our past year.

This Thursday is going to be Thanksgiving already. The Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am, and as is the St. Peter custom, food donations will be brought up to the sanctuary during the offertory. Immediately after the Mass, we ask for volunteers to bring the many food donations over to the Itasca Food Pantry.

We Catholics gather for the Eucharist every day around the altar of the Lord. Eucharist means "thanksgiving." Every time we gather around the altar, we give the Lord thanks for everything - the blessings we receive and the crosses that we bear. We realize that Jesus is the source of all blessings and will help carry every cross that we bear.

It is important to spend time with Jesus after receiving Holy Communion, to be thankful for the gift - that we can carry Jesus in our hearts - and after the final blessing, we can go forth and bring Jesus to others.

Thanksgiving leads to humility and stewardship. When we are thankful of the gifts we have received, we recognize that the gifts come from God. They are not our possessions. It leads to humility because we realize that we cannot boast in our gifts – they come from God. And it also leads to stewardship. We want to share our gifts with others when we realize they are God-given. If we all shared in the proportion that we've been given – wow, what a different world it would be!

We have much to be grateful for. We have our family, friends, and we all have each other as a parish family. We are all an extension of God's love, His beloved children and a unique member that no other person could replace. Even the angels are unable to call themselves children of God. What a beautiful and wonderful gift, not only on Thanksgiving but every day of the year.

I would like to thank Patricia Fuscone and the Chicagoland Italian-American Charitable Organization for their generosity in providing 20 "Baskets of Love" to those in need in the St. Peter's community. The baskets contain traditional Thanksgiving foods, including turkeys, as well as many items to be used beyond the Thanksgiving dinner. A special thank you to Tom Kryger who will help me deliver all the boxes this weekend.

Happy Thanksgiving and have a blessed week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Sławek



Join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his November prayers for the Church and for the world:

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East.

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

I rejoiced because they said to me, We will go up to the house of the LORD.



Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection Year to Date

Fiscal Week 20: 11/17/2019 \$10,849.66 \$220,277.58

Financial figures reflect the parish fiscal year of July 1st through June 30th.

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

If you would like information on using **E-basket** to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 200)



This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday November 24 MANNA Sales after all Masses (Church/Narthex) Tuesday November 26 7:00 pm Advent Wreath Family Event (MW Parish Hall) 7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church) Saturday November 30 Confessions (Church) 4:00 pm MANNA Sales after all Masses (Church/Narthex) Sunday December 1 MANNA Sales after all Masses (Church/Narthex)



The Parish Center will be CLOSED Thursday & Friday, November 28-29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



First Friday 24-hour Adoration at St. Peter's Church begins with Benediction at 8:30 am on December 6 and concludes at 7:40 am on December 7.

Come spend quiet time with Jesus in thanksgiving before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

People are especially needed during the late night and early morning hours.

A sign-up sheet can be found in the back of the Church.

For the week beginning

Saturday, November 23 | Sunday, November 24



Thank you to

The Zubak Family

for the beautiful flowers adorning the Tabernacle

in memory of **John DeBella**



Mass Intentions



Sunday November 24 (Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe)

8:30 am †Richard Sokolowski

11:00 am + Nancy Fedor

†Joe and Nona Laken

†Richard, Pamela, Anna and Richard Jr. Gronewold

†Antonia Ricchia †Souls in Purgatory People of the Parish

Monday November 25 (Weekday)

8:00 am †Jan Karpierz

Tuesday November 26 (Weekday) 8:00 am †John DeBella, Sr.

Wednesday November 27 (Weekday)

8:00 am †Josephine Pucek

Thursday November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00 am †John and Marie Spiezio

Friday November 29 (Weekday)

*Betty and Ted Hemstreet

Saturday November 30 (Vigil: First Sunday of Advent)

†Georgia and Marc Orzech

†Joseph Spapperi

Sunday December 1 (First Sunday of Advent)

†Anthony and Michela Mannina

†Michael V. Pellegrino For an End to Abortion People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Communion Ministers/ Lectors/Servers Schedule

Saturday, November 30 | Sunday, December 1

Commun	ion Ministers	Servers	
5:00 pm	Gary Divis	5:00 pm	Ian Swets
	Nancy Riley Valerie Serzen Debbie Thude		Joey Vale Robert Glennon
8:30 am	Frank Vale Marty Hower Sharon Hower Deacon Bob	Ushers	Joseph Casanova Max Szot Gary Divis
Lectors	Mel Gerard Carmela Graziano Michael Graziano Deacon Fred	M	Jim Ferenzi Ed Rossi Frank Rossi
		8:30 am	Chris Aument Ralph D'Andrea Robert Gosanko
5:00 pm	Barb Schumacher John Los	11:00 am	Karl Schmidt
8:30 am	Nancy Magnus Sandie Galuszek		John Carello Bill Hepperle Bruno Zecchin
11:00 am	Mary McNamara Diane Blackburn	-00	Barb Zecchin

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

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Brian Beers	Carole Hatke	Brendan Reidy
Sue Bobka	Phil Hatke	Joe Riggio
John Booth	Ken Hemstreet	Jerry Riordan
Janet Both	Mary Hosters	Michaelene Rogus
Ken Buffo	Shirley Janik	John Rossi
Joe Busato	Brian Josephus	Jennifer Ruffing
Mike Carey	Anne Keeton	Savannah Rose Russo
Jacqueline Castellano	Debra Kelly	Roxanne Ruiz
Eunice Cleveland	Joe Kryger	Alana Ruiz
Regina Conti	Ruth Kryger	Janina Sabat
Lucy Crocilla	Rickie Kruzel	Fred Santoro
Joseph Crocilla	Celeste Kucharczyk	Angela Scanlon
Collin Cummins	JoLynn Lash	Mark Sgarbossa
Mary Cummins	Sharon Laughlin	Shauna Sheffer
Michael Cummins	Elizabeth Lisak	Marilyn Sieradzki
Paul Cummins	Pasquale Lopardo	Wanda Slupik
Valeria D'Andrea	Eileen Marino	Dan Sobucki
Margaret Del Preto	Patricia McMahon	Belinda Sobucki
Angeline DiFranco	Ann McNally	Sharon Sowers
Charles DiFranco Jr.	Jack McNally	Karen Stewart
Teresa Dunhac	Gene Mikulecky	Joan Streich
John Elia	Christopher Mizera	Linda Szweda
Scott Erickson	Rich Mrugacz	James Thompson
Tracy Fink	Jean Nowobielski	Patricia Vitale
Cheryl Fisherkeller	Don Olenek	Jennifer Wesil
Sally Franz	Vince Orazietti	Helen Wilczko
Dan Galuszek	Fred Oslager	Agnieszka Wisniewska
Joe Galuszek	Anne Marie Pagni	Grzegorz Wisniewski
Geri Gerard	Harriett Pinkowski	Ray Young
Mel Gerard	Baby Vincent Porter	Carol Zell
Mike Graziano	Megan Putze	Deacon Bob Ziomek
Joseph Halec		

Published and/or announced prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.



Presentation of Offertory Gifts

Thank you to the following for presenting gifts at this weekend's masses:

5:00 pm Maeve Burns and family*

11:00 am The Cruz family

*Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for First Holy Communion in May.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne James J. Cullotta, US Marines

SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army

CPT Stephen Grabinski, US Army

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CPT Steven Gregor, US Army PFC Michael Helle, US Army

Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines

PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard

SGT Jacob Los, US Army

Major Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army

1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines

SGT Marcin Platek, US Marines

2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard

Cpl MacLane Read, US Army

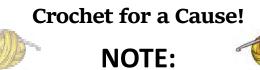
SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army

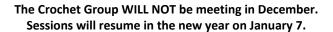
LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf) SGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines

Robert P Woods Lt.JG. US Navy Thomas Zablocki, US Marines PO3 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy



All are welcome to stop by the
Margaret Wood's Parish Hall
to grab a doughnut, a beverage
and some fellowship—
weekly following all Sunday morning masses.





Thank you to all who have supplied plastic bags in recent weeks.

As a result of the many donations, BAGS ARE CURRENTLY IN SURPLUS and are NO LONGER NEEDED AT THIS TIME!

A request reminder will be made when a shortage occurs.





St. Peter the Apostle Women's Club Thursday, December 5, 2019 | 7:00 pm

Take some time to unwind and enjoy some Christmas spirit. The ever-popular Christmas BINGO is back!! Please bring a REGIFT item for the prize table. Look around and find an item (**NEW—NOT USED**) that you may have purchased or received as a gift, but haven't found a use for; wrap it; and bring it along for a REGIFT prize. This is a great way to REGIFT, without the worries of getting caught!

We are also doing a collection of **baby items** to help mothers in need, as a way to share Christmas spirit. Please bring **UNWRAPPED**, **NEW clothing**, **diapers and accessories for children o to 24 months** to support this outreach project.

Pizza will be served and ladies are invited to bring their favorite holiday Christmas cookies or dessert.

Coffee, tea and punch will be provided or feel free to bring a beverage of choice.

Feel free to contact Rose Ann Roll with about hospitality.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patti or Diane at the Parish Center — by phone at 630-773-1272 ext 200 or by e-mail at office@stpeteritasca.com

HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE —

Light-up someone's holiday

It is time again for St. Peter's parishioners to pick an ornament from the **Giving Tree**. This project benefits Catholic Charities as well as local needy families.

Here is how it works:

Beginning the weekend of November 16-17,

the giving trees will be up and available for parishioners to select a "tag" with information about a gift for a needy person. Parishioners are asked to purchase a new gift as suggested on the "tag" (please no used items); wrap the gift and affix the "tag" securely to the package; and, return to the boxes in the back of church by **Sunday**, **December 8**.

Please note that each gift is designated for a specific individual and if you take an "tag" and do not return a gift, someone will be disappointed on Christmas.

St. Peter's is again providing the Christmas Giving Tree to help the less fortunate fulfill some holidays wishes.

In past years, Catholic Charities has provided a list of needy individuals and families for the Giving Tree program. This year, in addition to the Catholic Charities list, we would also like to ensure that those struggling within our own parish community are assisted.

If you are struggling with finances this holiday season or know of someone who is, please contact Fr. Slawek to make arrangements to participate in the Giving Tree program.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 28 9:00 am

Let's truly set the tone for a wonderful holiday of giving with thanks to the Lord!

Please bring non-perishable food items for donation during the offertory at the 9:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

Drivers may be needed to help transport the food after Mass to the Itasca Food Pantry—it will only take an extra half hour of your time.





MANNA GIFT CARDS NEWS FLASH...

Get ready to order your Christmas gift cards

JUMP START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Manna gift cards make Christmas shopping easier and very convenient!

To help with your Holiday shopping, Manna sales will take place after all masses every weekend through December 15.







ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH FAMILY EVENT

The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to its annual Family Advent Wreath-making program on **Tuesday, November 26, at 7:00 pm**.

The cost is \$15 for base, greens and candles, or \$10 for greens and candles (if you have your own base).

Please sign up in the back of church, if you plan to attend.







SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO

Wednesday, December 11 | 6:30 pm

DINNER and...

COOKIES and COCOA and CLAUS...oh my!

Bring the kids to enjoy a pasta dinner, followed by cookies, cocoa and time with Santa Claus

Don't forget a camera to capture your visit with Santa!

WATCH FOR A RESERVATION FORM IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN!



Saturday, October 12—Concert: 6:30pm Lutheran Home

800 W. Oakton St., Arlington Heights 847-368-7400

Sunday, October 20-Concert: 4:30pm St. Peter the Apostle

524 N. Rush St., Itasca, IL 60143 Phone 630-773-1272

Sunday, October 27—Concert: 4:30pm Holy Ghost Church 254 N. Wood Dale Rd., Wood Dale

630-860-2975

Sunday, November 3—Concert: 4:30pm

St. Peter Lutheran Church 202 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60074 847-885-3350 Join the

Spirit of Life
Chorus
at our
Fall 2019

Concert Schedule

Sunday, November 10–Concert: 4:30pm Christ Lutheran Church

41 S. Rohlwing Rd., Palatine, IL 60074 847-358-4600

Sunday, November 17-Concert: 4:00pm

Christ Church 1492 Henry Ave., Des Plaines 847-297-4230

Please bring a donation of a non-perisbable food item for the Des Plaines Self Help Closet.

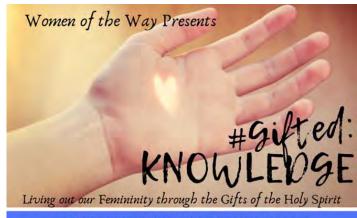
Sunday, November 24—Concert: 4:30pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 195 Nesler Rd., Elgin 847-741-7788

Sunday, December 1–Concert: 4:30pm Trinity Lutheran Church

> 405 Rush St. #1, Roselle, IL 60172 Phone 630-894-3263

To find more information about the Chorus and our concert schedule, visit www.spiritoflifechorus.org



PRAYER 'ADORATION' SISTERHOOD' FELLOWSHIP

with katie choudhary SUNDAY, NOV 24, 4-6:30PM

ST DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH 440 BRIARCLIFF ROAD, BOLINGBROOK IL 60440



Katie is the Assistant to the Director of Faith Formation at the Cathedral of Saint Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, IL. She assists with faith formation for families, the parish catechists, and adults preparing to enter the Church. She lives with her husband Mushkaq and their three children in Joliet, IL. She does her best to balance three children with life threatening food and environmental allergies: two homeschooled and one toddler throwing laundry down the stairs.



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EASTERN DUPAGE DEANERY PRESENTATION SERIES

Join us as we welcome Dr. Mary Amore

as she presents

Tinsel, Silent, and Listen

An Advent Women's Night Out

Tinsel, Silent, and Listen are created from the same six letters of the alphabet; yet each word expresses a different reality. Join us for a wonderful evening of reflection and discussion as we explore the ways we can rearrange the letters of our life so that we can prayerfully prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus this Advent season.



A Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Mary is a highly sought-after presenter of parish missions, workshops, seminars and retreats. Dr. Amore is a monthly columnist at Ministry and Liturgy Magazine and she also serves as the full time Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries.

Wednesday, December 4
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish - Marion Room
134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst, Illinois

Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is required.
Please visit easterndupagedeanery.org to register.

Attendees are asked to bring donations to assist Stepping Stones Women's Shelter in Roselle

Suggested items:

paper towels, toket paper, facual tissue, feminine hygene pasts, biothipaste & toothibrushes (adult and children), dental floss, q-tips; bandasi hand soep (bars or dispansers), body soep, tracors (need note for women than men), shampoo, conditioner, body folioni dich soep, dishwasher soep, laundry delergent, fabric softener, glass cleaner, foliat cleaner, foliat cleaner, bioth souths, sink disublectual), sink cleaner (Ajax, etc.), kitcher sink sponge; floor cleaner, hand woes, frand sanitater

Confession



When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

Was it recently? In the past year? Awhile ago?

You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas

Seven Hours of Confession

Saturday, December 14 9 am - 4 pm

Immaculate Conception Church 134 Arthur Street | Elmhurst, Illinois 60126 630-530-9346

The priests of the 16 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Healing of Sin!

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in both Polish and Spanish.

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace



With another election cycle in full swing, we are faced with the difficult question of what it means to love our neighbors in the midst of such a divisive climate. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with anger and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we must model a better way. In response to this need, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a year-long campaign calling for civility throughout this election year.It: Dignity Beyond the Debate invites Catholics to pledge civility, clarity, and compassion in the public square and to call on others to do the same.

The Diocese of Joliet, Office for Human Dignity is challenging Catholics to model love for neighbor through respect, and compassion during the 2020 election cycle and beyond. Put your faith into action and make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. Pledge dignity beyond the debate today at CivilizeIt.org! You might also opt to useresources found at www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it/resources to promote this campaign in your faith community.

"He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone" (*Quas primas*, 33).



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PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Real Alternatives	888-543-3243
First Way National Life Center	800-848-5683
Aid for Women	630-896-8600
National Pregnancy Hotline	800-521-5530
National Adoption Hotline	202-463-7563
Teen Parent Connection	630-790-8433
Natural Family Planning	815-838-1002
DuPage Catholic Charities	630-495-8008
The Nurturing Network	800-866-4666
Crisis Pregnancy Hotline	800-672-2296
Waterleaf Women's Center	630-701-6270
The Gabriel Project	877-734-2444



WILL YOU HELP SAVE UNBORN BABIES?

NorthWest Families for Life together with the Respect Life Ministries at St Peter's and Surrounding Parishes invite you to pray and save lives outside of the Wood Dale abortion facility

One of the main reasons women give for changing their mind about having an abortion is the presence of someone there outside the clinic praying for them.

Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 6:30am to 1pm

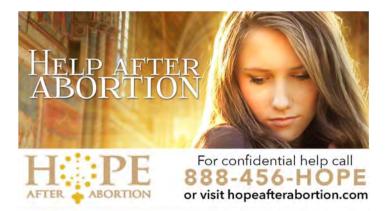
Could you be there one day a month? One hour a week?

- Any time you can sacrifice will make a difference!
- You DO NOT need to sign up to come out to pray.
- Just show up any of the above days and times
- You DO NOT need special training

For more information and more ways to be involved in this pro-life ministry, email Maria Goldstein at NWFL526@gmail.com or call Laura 847-651-4877, or call parishioner, Nancy Magnus 630-606-5197.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

If you are facing emergent medical situations regarding end of life decisions, the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org/emergency_consultation.asp) will respond ASAP with help from an ethicist, doctor, etc. The number to call is **215-877-2660**. Even though the site states "Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm" for emergency consultation questions, calls are returned even after hours.



AVENUE WOMEN'S CENTER

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Visit their website at AvenueWomensCenter.com.
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The Avenue Women's Center in Wood Dale is located at
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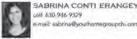
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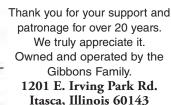
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