

# Saint Peter <sup>the</sup> Apostle

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Diocese of Joliet**  
Office of the Bishop



Blanchette Catholic Center  
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Crest Hill, Illinois 60403  
Phone 815-221-6100  
www.dioceseofjoliet.org

### STATEMENT FROM BISHOP R. DANIEL CONLON REGARDING NEW PARISH ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS

The Diocese of Joliet is blessed with excellent schools, thanks to the dedication of many people. Parishes with schools provide \$14 million for those schools each year. The Schools Task Force concluded, however, that for a few struggling elementary schools outside financial support is essential. They recommended, and I agreed after further consultation, to introduce a new parish assessment.

Some people ask if the “diocese” can help these schools. The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal and the existing 5% parish assessment, plus some investment income, fund the diocesan central services and other obligations. There really is no significant money left over.

Why are parishes without schools expected to provide financial support for struggling schools? The essential answer is that solid Catholic education is a resource that should be available to every family wherever possible. If some parishes do not operate schools, they should still help support schools to assure that their own families continue to have access to Catholic schools. The fewer schools that operate in the Diocese of Joliet, the fewer options families have for Catholic education.

There was a time when having a school was a common part of parish life. Today parishes are finding increasingly the benefit of collaborating with their neighbors to operate various programs rather than duplicating everything. Why not look at schools that way?

The new assessment on regular collections will take effect on July 1, 2020 and will generate around \$560,000 annually. It will be graduated, depending on the financial strength of each parish, with 3% being the average rate and 5% being the highest rate. Even with the new assessment, our diocese will still be below the average assessment rate for parishes in the nearly 200 dioceses in the United States. (The parishes in Ford County and Iroquois County will not be subject to the new assessment, because no Catholic schools operate among the very small rural parishes there.)

Some parishes already contribute regularly to the support of underfunded schools. The continuation of that support is essential. Any parish that contributes to a designated school or schools, at an amount equivalent to or above its assessment rate, will not need to pay the school assessment.

The amount collected each fiscal year as a result of this new assessment will go into a separate diocesan fund. I have appointed a five-member Grant Commission to receive grant applications from schools truly in need of additional funding. In addition, the commission is charged with working with school officials and others to find ways to strengthen these schools in order to reduce their need for grants.

There should be less need for “out of parish” tuition rates, at least for families that contribute regularly to their own parish in the Diocese of Joliet, since all parishes will be supporting Catholic schools. Likewise, I am hopeful that the assessment will spur increased enrollment in Catholic schools from among families whose parishes do not operate one.

As your bishop, I am committed to providing quality Catholic school education in the Diocese of Joliet, just as I am committed to providing quality religious formation programs for our families whose children attend public schools. Life has changed. Not every parish chooses or can operate an elementary school. Yet we all still need to have them available for the future health of the Church and society.



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

#### **The Future of the Very Young.**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

*The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea.*

— Isaiah 11:9




## Stewardship of Treasure

*A Way of Life*  
**St. Peter the Apostle**

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 21: 11/24/2019	\$9,102.00	\$ 229,379.58
Fiscal Week 22: 12/01/2019	\$12,163.67	\$ 241,543.25

*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)	<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b> 
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## This Week at St. Peter's

- Sunday December 8**  
 MANNA Sales after all Masses (*Church/Narthex*)  
 9:30 am Grief Support Group (*Meet in MWH*)
- Tuesday December 10**  
 7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (*Church*)
- Wednesday December 11**  
 4:30 pm Children's Choir (*Church/Choir Loft*)  
 5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (*School/Church*)  
 6:00 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (*Church/Choir Loft*)  
 6:30 pm Cookies and Cocoa and Claus (MW Parish Hall)  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (*Church/Choir Loft*)
- Thursday December 12**  
 9:00 am Morning Bible Discussion (*MW Parish Hall*)  
 7:00 pm Father John Project (*Church*)
- Saturday December 14**  
 4:00 pm Confessions (*Church*)  
 MANNA Sales after all Masses (*Church/Narthex*)
- Sunday December 15**  
 MANNA Sales after all Masses (*Church/Narthex*)  
 12:15 pm Baptisms (*Church*)

### In Memoriam

*Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of*

**Biagio Gariti**

**Kazimierz Kozak**

**Frank Niziolek**

*May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

### For the week beginning

**Saturday, December 7 | Sunday, December 8**



Thank you to  
**Emil Schiavo**



for the beautiful flowers  
 adorning the Tabernacle  
 in memory of

**Barbara Schiavo**

## Mass Intentions



- Sunday December 8** (*Second Sunday of Advent*)  
 8:30 am †Barbara Beers  
 11:00 am †Josephine Fiorante Cirrincione  
 Deceased Members of  
 Knights of Columbus Council 10884 - Itasca
- Monday December 9** (*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)  
 8:00 am †Vincent LaMendola
- Tuesday December 10** (*Advent Weekday*)  
 8:00 am †Edward Pucek
- Wednesday December 11** (*Advent Weekday*)  
 8:00 am †Anna Pawlek
- Thursday December 12** (*Our Lady of Guadalupe*)  
 8:00 am †Jean Cifonie
- Friday December 13** (*St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr*)  
 8:00 am †Marianna and Wladyslaw Pucek
- Saturday December 14** (*Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent*)  
 5:00 pm People of the Parish  
 †Carl Adinol  
 †Noel Clancy  
 †Jean Kelly  
 †Nicola Laudadio  
 †Adeline Magnus  
 For an end to Abortion
- Sunday December 15** (*Third Sunday of Advent*)  
 8:30 am †Barbara Beers  
 11:00 am †Tony DiTusa  
 †Bridget M. Drury MD  
 †Ed Kryger  
 †Ziggy Muszynski  
 †Frank Pedota

## Readings for the Week

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**Communion Ministers/  
Lectors/Servers Schedule**

**Saturday, December 14 | Sunday, December 15**

**Communion Ministers**

5:00 pm Rosie McDonald  
Lisa Hennessy  
Nancy Ferenzi  
Debbie Thude

8:30 am Marty Hower  
Sharon Hower  
Bill Kolf  
Deacon Fred

11:00 am Beth McKenna  
Frank McKenna  
Joanna Papuga  
Deacon Bob

**Lectors**

5:00 pm Jon Los  
Sr. Mary Rice

8:30 am Sandie Galuszek  
Jean Grote

11:00 am Laura Mack  
Paul Gennuso

**Servers**

5:00 pm Nathan George  
Tabeetha george

8:30 am Dominic Capozzoli  
11:00 am Ian Swets  
Hanna Papuga

**Ushers**

5:00 pm Gary Divis  
Jim Ferenzi  
Ed Rossi  
Frank Rossi

8:30 am Chris Aument  
Ralph D'Andrea  
Robert Gosanko

11:00 am Karl Schmidt  
John Carello  
Bill Hepperle  
Bruno Zecchin  
Barb Zecchin

**Please Pray for the Sick  
of our Parish Family**

Brian Beers

Sue Bobka

John Booth

Janet Both

Ken Buffo

Joe Busato

Mike Carey

Jacqueline Castellano

Eunice Cleveland

Regina Conti

Lucy Crocilla

Joseph Crocilla

Collin Cummins

Mary Cummins

Michael Cummins

Paul Cummins

Valeria D'Andrea

Margaret Del Preto

Angeline DiFranco

Charles DiFranco Jr.

Teresa Dunhac

John Elia

Scott Erickson

Tracy Fink

Cheryl Fisherkeller

Sally Franz

Dan Galuszek

Joe Galuszek

Geri Gerard

Mel Gerard

Mike Graziano

Joseph Halec

Carole Hatke

Phil Hatke

Ken Hemstreet

Mary Hosters

Shirley Janik

Brian Josephus

Anne Keeton

Debra Kelly

Joe Kryger

Ruth Kryger

Rickie Kruzal

Celeste Kucharczyk

JoLynn Lash

Sharon Laughlin

Elizabeth Lisak

Pasquale Lopardo

Eileen Marino

Patricia McMahon

Ann McNally

Jack McNally

Gene Mikulecky

Christopher Mizera

Rich Mrugacz

Jean Nowobielski

Don Olenek

Vince Oraziatti

Fred Oslager

Anne Marie Pagni

Harriett Pinkowski

Baby Vincent Porter

Megan Putze

Brendan Reidy

Joe Riggio

Jerry Riordan

Michaelene Rogus

John Rossi

Jennifer Ruffing

Savannah Rose Russo

Roxanne Ruiz

Alana Ruiz

Janina Sabat

Fred Santoro

Angela Scanlon

Mark Sgarbossa

Shauna Sheffer

Marilyn Sieradzki

Wanda Slupik

Dan Sobucki

Belinda Sobucki

Sharon Sowers

Karen Stewart

Joan Streich

Linda Szweda

James Thompson

Patricia Vitale

Jennifer Wesil

Helen Wilczko

Agnieszka Wisniewska

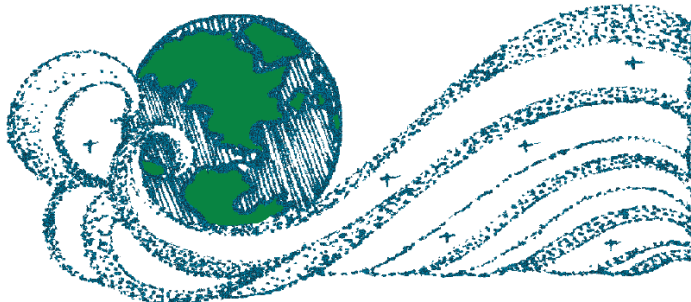
Grzegorz Wisniewski

Ray Young

Carol Zell

Deacon Bob Ziomek

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.



We joyfully welcome into our St. Peter's family ~

**Caspian Jude**

*child of Jordan and Joanna (Folta) Weiss*

**Nico Kenneth**

*child of Chris and Marina (LaPorte) Christofalos*

**Salvatore Vito**

*child of Rosario and Jennifer (Lullo) Culotta*

**Salvatore Vito**

*child of Anthony and Crystal (Christophe) Zgela*

who were baptized during the month of November 2019

**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 Joseph DeHaven, US Army
- CPT Stephen Grabinski, US Army
- 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 weekly following all Sunday morning masses.

Grab a doughnut, a beverage and some fellowship!



### Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the United States, is typically a Holy Day of Obligation.

However, because December 8 falls on a Sunday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. This is because Sundays in Advent take precedence over any other feast. When the Solemnity is transferred, rather than naturally falling on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass does not transfer with it and the obligation is abrogated; in other words, this day is **NOT** deemed a Holy Day of Obligation.

If feasible, everyone is still encouraged to honor this important feast day by attending Mass at 8:00 am on Monday, December 9.

### Grief Ministry Meetings

If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet others facing similar struggles, please consider joining the Grief Ministry.

The group meets on the second Sunday of the month following the 8:30 am Mass (approximately 9:30am).

Gather in Margaret Woods Hall for refreshments before heading to the Parish Center Conference Room.

Members are friendly, compassionate and all are good listeners.

For more information, please contact:

Sharon Laughlin (630-212-0304) or Fred Maier (630-773-4412)

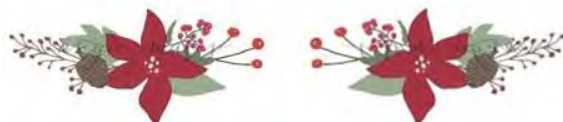
**THIS WEEKEND—Sunday, December 8 at 9:30 am**



Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law - Non-profit 501(c)3 Federal Tax ID # 36-2345185

#### ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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### FATHER JOHN PROJECT

The next "Father John Project" will be take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 12. The evening prayer service, will include the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confessions will also be available from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm.

The focus of the "Father John Project" is to take action through prayer for conversion. Father John's desire was to welcome new and returning Catholics to their home in the Church. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend, as well as to reach out to invite anyone who may be struggling to find their way "HOME."



## Confessions

An Advent Confession Service will be offered in Church on Thursday, December 19, beginning at 6:30 pm.

*Confessions are also available:*

- Following 8am Mass/Benediction on Friday, December 6
- During the Father John Project on Thursday, December 12
- Weekly on Saturdays at 4:00 pm
- Or, by scheduling an appointment directly with Fr. Slawek



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019** (*Christmas Eve*)

**4:00 pm** | Christmas Family Mass

**7:00 pm** | Christmas Vigil Mass

**12:00 midnight** | Christmas Midnight Mass

(*Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 pm*)

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019** (*Christmas Day*)

**Masses: 8:30 am | 11:00 am**

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

**Masses: 8:30 am | 11:00 am**

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Saturday, January 4, 2020**

**Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

**Masses: 8:30 am | 11:00 am**



## 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.



### 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.

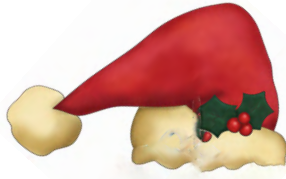
St. Peter's is again providing the Christmas Giving Tree to help the less fortunate fulfill some holidays wishes.

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.



# Skip the Madness of the Mall...



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO

## St. Peter's School Hall RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW—

Wednesday, December 11 | 6:30 pm

for



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!

If you would like more information or are interested in helping with this event, please contact Toni Pietrowski (630-773-1272 ext. 215 / religiouesd@stpeteritasca.com)

In order to help the planning team prepare for the event, please complete and submit a reservation form along with \$5.00 per family to help offset the cost.

Deadline: December 7



## COOKIES and COCOA and CLAUS

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check  Cash

*Please return via collection basket, Parish Center or have your child submit to Religious Ed class.*

Deadline: December 7





## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Roughly 94 percent of donations directly aid senior religious.


Please give at your local parish. Special Collection: December 7-8

To donate by mail:  
National Religious Retirement Office  
3211 4th Street NE  
Washington DC 20017-1194  
Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

Above (from left): Sisters de Lourdes Okoniewski and Florence Kruzcek, OSF. Photo: Jim Judkis ©2019 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

## 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**

## Peace in the Momb

### Pro-Life Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Planned Parenthood  
3051 E. New York Street, Aurora

10:00 a.m. Access Health Center  
1700 75th Street, Downers Grove


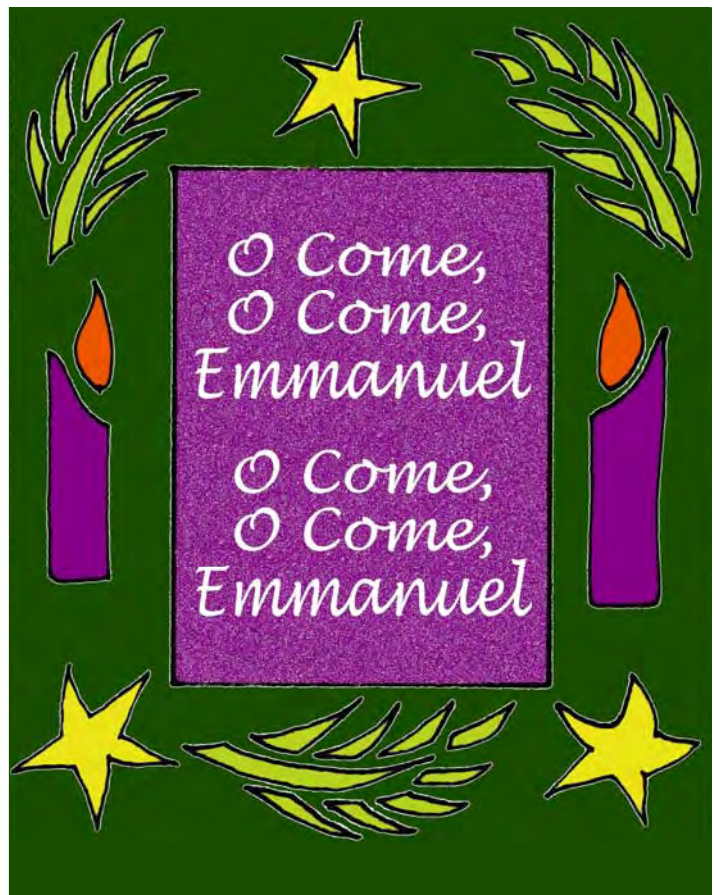
11:00 a.m. Aanchor Health Center  
1186 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn

*In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.*

*Join us as we share this Christmas hope where it's needed most: the abortion facilities right here in our community.*

For more information, contact:  
Matt Yonke, 630-896-1200, [matt@proliferaction.org](mailto:matt@proliferaction.org)

Organized nationally by the **PROLIFE ACTION LEAGUE**

O Come,  
O Come,  
Emmanuel

O Come,  
O Come,  
Emmanuel

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at [respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her).



— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

**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
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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](mailto:NWFL526@gmail.com) or call Laura 847-651-4877, or call parishioner, Nancy Magnus 630-606-5197.

**THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER**

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The caring staff will walk with you through your decision and beyond, connecting you with practical resources wherever needed—from emergency funding to housing to childcare to job training, and much more.

Visit their website at [AvenueWomensCenter.com](http://AvenueWomensCenter.com).

Centers are located throughout DuPage County.

The Avenue Women's Center in Wood Dale is located at 132 East Irving Park Road.

**CALENDAR OF PRO-LIFE EVENTS**

**Saturday, January 11, 2020, 1:00 pm | March for Life Chicago**  
The Rally will take place in Daley Plaza followed by the March

**Saturday, December 14, 2020, 11:00 am |**  
**Peace in the Womb Pro-Life Christmas Caroling**  
**Anchor Health Center, 1186 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn**  
The Pro-Life Action League's "Peace in the Womb" Caroling brings the Christmas message of peace and joy to the darkness of the abortion clinic.

**Friday, January 24, 2020 | March for Life Washington DC**  
Join the Diocese of Joliet on their March for Life pilgrimage from January 22 to January 26. For more information and to register online, visit <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/> or call the Diocese Respect Life Ministry at 815-221-6251.

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