



BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD.
MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.

LUKE 1:38

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2020

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“Where does God dwell?” is a question on the minds of many as we continue to adjust to the pandemic. David wanted to build an ornate dwelling for the Ark of the Covenant, but God said, “No, that’s not what I had in mind!” The reading from Romans teaches us that God is present in the Word, and in Luke’s Gospel passage today, Jesus is residing in the womb of Mary. We know that Jesus is present in the assembly gathered, the *Koinonia*, as well as within the

Eucharistic species. But no matter how one experiences the presence of Jesus, these days are challenging. In many places, only limited numbers continue to be allowed in church, while others are only able to worship via live stream. None of the past answers to where God dwells really fit. We need to try and answer this with new eyes and ears and heart.

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**4th SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**
DECEMBER 20, 2020

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 19, 2020 – 5:45pm

+Harold & +Loretta Tulley req. by Their Children

Sunday, December 20, 2020 – 9:00 am

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday, December 24, 2020 – 5:00pm – CHRISTMAS EVE

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Friday, December 25, 2020 - 9:00 am - CHRISTMAS DAY

+Deceased Members of the Stromski Family

Saturday, December 26, 2020 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, December 27, 2020 – 9:00 am

Steve Niemiec – Special Intention

DATE	USHER/GREETER	LECTOR
THURSDAY, DEC. 24 – 5:00pm	Mike & Katie Horath, Dough & Eva Luehrs	Jerry Kinsella EM – Carmen Kinsella
FRIDAY, DEC. 25 – 9:00am	Dan & Cathy Gesell	Grace Niemiec EM – Steve Niemiec
SATURDAY, DEC. 26, - 5:45pm	Mike & Katie Horath	Sue Nugent
SUNDAY, DEC. 27 - 9:00am	Roberta Stauffenberg	Steve Hoehn

COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER 27 – Hoehn

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is
\$2,090.37

Sunday, December 6.....\$1810.50

Thank you for your support of our Parish
St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for on-going expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org — Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,200.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 10,837.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 10,337.00
Balance Due	\$ 500.00
2020 Rebate	\$ 96.00

Thank you for your generous response.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 20 December 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16. Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29. Romans 16:25-27. Luke 1:26-38.

How Can This Be? Words of a visiting angel: Do not be afraid; God has this plan; you are full of grace. Mary speaks aloud what we all are thinking: "How can this be?" God makes it possible because God makes us holy!

What should I stop fearing?

What is God's plan for me just for this day?

What will I do this week as God's holy person that benefits someone else?





CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY / HONOR OF:

Bob & Carmen Elkin	Loretta Long
Jim & Rita Phelan	Francis Long
Jerry & Vicky Phelan	Con and Ron Gregory
Dot McGrath	Mr. & Mrs. Lavern Lovell
Donald Price	Bill Gast Family
Eleanor Price	Mary Gast
Robert & Cheryl Smith	James Phelan Family
Deceased Members of the	Stauffenberg Family
Hoehn & Kennedy Families	Jim Kreske Family
Deceased Members of the	
Stromski & Cakora Families	



2021 Offering Envelopes are available to those who requested them.
 If you would still like a boxed set, please call the office. Thank You.
 Due to the Covid Pandemic the 2021 Calendars donated by the
 Forsythe Funeral Home will be arriving later this month.

Needed ... Devout Catholic PreK-12 Substitute Teachers

During these challenging COVID days, each Catholic school in the Diocese of Joliet is successfully implementing face-to-face instruction that honors the health and safety measures outlined in within its School Reopening Plan. As a result, several Catholic educators are needed to serve as substitute teachers at the Pre-School - Grade 12 levels. The substitute teacher candidate must love children and hold either a current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) or an Illinois Substitute License. Please complete an online application by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.applitrack.com/diocesefjoliet/onlineapp/>

No degree in education? No problem!

If you are called to this ministry, a degree in education is not a prerequisite for becoming a licensed substitute teacher. An individual who holds a BA in any discipline is eligible to apply for an Illinois Substitute License through the seamless process of transcript evaluation. For further information about obtaining a teaching license in this manner, contact Karen Udell, CSO *Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Personnel*, at 815-221-6123.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall,
 the genial fire of charity in the heart.

— Washington Irving



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long,
Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard,
Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman;
Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler;
Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob John-
son ; Noreen McAndrew; Mary Jo Moran;
Jan Sharp; Lana Wynne

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE
PRAYER LIST.

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH DECEMBER**

- We pray that our personal relation-
ship with Jesus Christ may be nour-
ished by the Word of God and a life
of prayer.

If you or a loved one would like to
be put on the prayer list because of
illness, rehab, or living at a health
care center please let the office know.
If there is an emergency and you
need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be
available and can be reached at : 1
(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-
7491 and then press 1.



**Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
Gordon Flint
Requested by
Marge Flint**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
December 20, 2020**



Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep
3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-
8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab,
8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps
89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,
29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt
1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; 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 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-
6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. John of Kanty
Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas
Friday: The Nativity of the Lord
Saturday: St. Stephen



A CLASSIC IMAGE

When we think of today's Gospel, the image of this meeting between the Angel Gabriel and Mary by Fra Angelico (1440–1445) likely comes to mind. In this fresco, Gabriel and Mary are outside sitting among the columns, and Gabriel, with his big wings and hands crossed, gazes upon Mary and gestures towards her. She is well dressed in a traditional blue garment, and though her face shows shock, her folded hands model submission and humility. This work of art is so beautifully executed that we can miss some of its finer details. Similarly, because the Gospel scene is so familiar, we can forget to take in its small details. A few years ago, this author found a children's book called "The Nativity" illustrated by Julie Vivas. Because her drawings were so fresh and charming and simple, she invited new perspective on the story.

LOOKING AGAIN

Luke says that Mary "was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be." She asks, "How can this be?" These questions don't fit with how Fra Angelico positioned Gabriel and Mary. In the Vivas illustrations, the Angel Gabriel sits down with battered wings and a balding head and has a cup of coffee with Mary as the two of them try to figure it out together. The text is the same, but the message conveyed is different. There is a different degree of comfort and familiarity to these illustrations.

This "having a cup of coffee" is something we need to learn to do with the scriptures and with our lives. After this event, pregnant Mary traveled into the hill country to be with Elizabeth; an older, wiser, mentor—a mother figure. She spent three months there reflecting and preparing for the birth of her child. In this final week of Advent, take a few moments to find a Gabriel/Mary or an Elizabeth/Mary moment and read the Christmas readings again to see what you might have overlooked, and to find a new way for Christ to dwell in you.

Today's Readings: 2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25–27; Lk 1:26–38

12/20/2020