

BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN  
SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,  
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL,  
WHICH MEANS “GOD IS WITH US.”

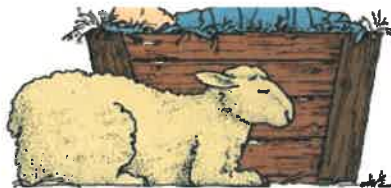
MATTHEW 1:23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 22, 2019

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. “A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.” Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us

be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

**SAINT PATRICK  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 22, 2019**

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**  
**5:45 pm** Parish Family of St. Patrick

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**  
**9:00 am** +Adele Kalinowski req. by the Family

**Monday, December 23, 2019**  
**9:00 am** +Katherine Stromski req. by the Family

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019—CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**6:00 pm** Parish Family of St. Patrick

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019—CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**11:00 am** +Maria Gargol

**Thursday, December 26, 2019 - NO MASS**

**Friday, December 27, 2019**  
**9:00 am** Adoration until 11am

**Saturday, December 28, 2019**  
**5:45 pm** +Parish Family of St. Patrick

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**  
**9:00 am** +Frances & +MaryAnn Quigley and +Margie Pyle req.by Frank Quigley

	LECTOR	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	SERVER	USHER
CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM	Sue Nugent	Eva Luehrs	P. Engler R. Stauffenberg S. Nugent	Nick Phelps Ella Phelps Madi Phelps	Brad Phelps volunteer
CHRISTMAS DAY 11AM	Angie Kreske	Josh Kreske	Steve Hoehn Jim Kreske Jacob Hoehn	Ian Kreske Lily Kreske Sarah Hoehn	Jim Ciesla Steve Hoehn
SATURDAY DEC. 28 5:45PM	Sue Nugent	Jim Kreske	Jim Kreske	Madi Phelps Ella Phelps	Mark Tillotson Brad Phelps
SUNDAY DEC. 29 9AM	Linda Cakora	Steve Hoehn	Paul Engler	Sarah Hoehn	Jim Ciesla Bruce Boyle

**Music: Cathy Engler**

**Collection Counters : Hoehn & Nugent**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37  
**Sunday, December 15 .....\$1,857.00**

**Thank you for your support of our Parish**

***Please Participate!  
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,400.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 11,845.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 11,025.00
2019 Rebate	438.00

Thank you for your generous response.

**2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES** – Are available in the vestibule, please pick up your boxed set. If you are new to the area and would like envelopes, please contact the office. Also, if there is a change in address or phone number please let us know. Thank you.

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If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :  
1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

2020 calendars are available in the vestibule.

Please pick one up.

Thanks to Forsythe Funeral Home for providing these lovely calendars

Thank you Council of Catholic Women for your generous donation to help defray the cost of the new altar linens.



St Patrick's will be going to the Norther Illinois Food Banks's South Suburban Center to label and box cans on Saturday, December 28th from 9:00 - 11:30, please consider joining us. The signup sheet is in the vestibule. The consent form only needs to be filled out once.

**HELP WANTED:** The Administrative Support role is accountable for performing a variety of administrative- and computer-related tasks to ensure the business runs smoothly and the expectations of our client families are exceeded and ensures each family has a friendly, inviting and memorable experience. Serve as primary support Family Service Representative.

High School Diploma or equivalent with minimum of two years secretarial experience and knowledge of office protocols including strong oral and written communication skills. Excellent organizational ability, initiative and time management skills. **A high level of proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint) a must.** Prior experience and ability to operate various office machines (i.e. copies, fax machine, Computer, typewriter machine, etc.). This position is part-time non-benefited hourly position. Monday through Friday/28 hour maximum. Position location: All Saints Catholic Cemetery Office 1839 Hwy. Route 102, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

To view a full job description, visit [www.dioceseofjolieta.org/hr/listjobs.php](http://www.dioceseofjolieta.org/hr/listjobs.php)

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to: [humanresources@dioceseofjolieta.org](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofjolieta.org) **No Phone Calls Please**

**Winter Breakfast—Bags for Homeless—a look at EFT Tapping Therapy!!** Friends and parishioners are invited to the Winter Breakfast Wednesday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 8-9:30 AM in the Gathering Room of St. Paul's Parish, Peotone. Registration is helpful for planning, but not necessary: 708 258-6364 or 708 258-6917 If convenient, we are asking attendees to check their closets for gently used handbags and or to bring hygiene necessities or non-perishable snacks to place therein. These "Purposeful Purses" are then delivered to homeless or abused women. Following breakfast Clem Carder will demonstrate the Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT)—Tapping therapy. Clem is a certified Occupational and Pain Therapist who has assisted with Catholic Charities training offerings for Balance and Flexibility in local parishes.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
IN HONOR/ REMEMBRANCE OF :**



Jerry & Stella Ulman  
Fred & Lillian Cakora  
Deceased members of Katherine  
Stromski Family  
Kathleen Kinsella  
Alice Galvez  
Donald W. Price  
Eleanor M. Price  
Deceased members of the Hoehn  
Family  
Deceased members of the Kennedy  
Family  
Lyle Gesell  
Theresa Osburn  
Joey Simon

Jim & Rita Phelan  
Family  
Bill Gast Family  
Mary Gast  
Harold Flannery  
Jim & Rita Phelan  
Jerry & Vicky Phelan  
Bernard & JoAnn McGee  
Ed Knowles  
Hazel & Peggy Vick  
Frank & Mary Kowalczyk  
Dori & Hazel Hammerling  
Murphy, Owen & Emma Jane Cantrell  
Deceased Family & Friends of Tracy &  
Pat Quigley

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONORS :**



Jack Nugent  
Larry & Marie Wasso  
Steve & Grace Niemiec  
Alan & Roberta Stauffenberg  
Mr. Martin Ruzella

James Shields Family  
Mr. & Mrs. John Meyer Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kreske  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bieschke  
James Gorman



**RECONCILIATION**  
**Father will be available this weekend after Mass**  
**to hear Confessions.**

**ST.ROSE, Every Thursday 6:00 pm– 7:00 pm**

**ST. PATRICK PARISH-WILTON CENTER**  
**2018-2019 Financial Report**  
**(Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)**

	Church	RE	CEMETERY	CCW	Total	Budget
<b>Revenue:</b>						
Sunday Collections	\$ 102,798.00				\$ 102,798.00	\$ 124,000.00
Other Collections	\$ 10,573.00				\$ 10,573.00	\$ 20,000.00
Unrestricted donations	\$ 983.75	\$ 962.00		\$ 2,136.50	\$ 4,082.25	\$ 2,110.00
Interest	\$ 5,417.22		\$ 401.30	\$ 1.17	\$ 5,819.69	\$ 4,285.14
Tuition and Fees		\$ 1,095.00			\$ 1,095.00	\$ 1,950.00
Restricted Revenue	\$ 13,881.00				\$ 13,881.00	\$ 15,800.00
Cemetery Revenue			\$ 4,165.00		\$ 4,165.00	\$ 3,337.90
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 133,652.97</b>	<b>\$ 2,057.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,566.30</b>	<b>\$ 2,137.67</b>	<b>\$ 142,413.94</b>	<b>\$ 171,483.04</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
Salaries/Fringes/Administrative	\$ 85,365.82	\$ 3,544.76			\$ 88,910.58	\$ 102,317.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,299.36				\$ 1,299.36	\$ 1,500.00
Services	\$ 9,736.79	\$ 602.28	\$ 2,905.75		\$ 13,244.82	\$ 1,530.00
Materials & Supplies	\$ 10,477.57	\$ 978.86			\$ 11,456.43	\$ 7,020.00
Rentals	\$ 1,391.16	\$ 905.76			\$ 2,296.92	\$ 2,000.00
Insurance	\$ 7,225.00				\$ 7,225.00	\$ 7,825.00
Utilities	\$ 13,240.76	\$ 1,408.77			\$ 14,649.53	\$ 13,864.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 9,660.00				\$ 9,660.00	\$ 9,876.00
Restricted Expense	\$ 13,095.28	\$ 301.99	\$ 1,350.70	\$ 1,969.32	\$ 16,717.29	\$ 15,000.00
Investment in Education	\$ 5,685.42	\$ (5,685.42)			\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 157,177.16</b>	<b>\$ 7,742.42</b>	<b>\$ 4,256.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,969.32</b>	<b>\$ 165,459.93</b>	<b>\$ 166,932.00</b>
<b>Revenue Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (23,524.19)</b>	<b>\$ (5,685.42)</b>	<b>\$ 309.85</b>	<b>\$ 168.35</b>	<b>\$ (23,045.99)</b>	<b>\$ 4,551.04</b>
<b>As of 6/30/2019:</b>						
Parish Checkbook	\$ 28,373.29					
DOJ Savings Account	\$ 212,575.75					
DOJ Cemetery Savings Account	\$ 16,895.80					
DOJ Cemetery Income Care Acct.	\$ 53,545.13					
CCW Checking Account	\$ 4,000.98					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 315,390.95</b>					



*Merry Christmas*



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones; Cathy Engler; Brett Burkhalter; Michelle Schneider; Lou Crabtree; Ron Englert; Father Roger Kutzner; Doris Robbins, Mike Irlle, Chuck Phelps, Jodi Mundt, Hunter Lauridsen; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint

**Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list, should contact the office.**

## Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF DECEMBER

- That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and selecting one Online Giving link.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 22, 2019



- Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Wednesday: 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]
- Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 1:3cd -4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Monday: St. John of Kanty  
Tuesday: Vigil of Christmas  
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord  
(Christmas)  
Thursday: St. Stephen  
Friday: St. John  
Saturday: The Holy Innocents



## MARY AND JOSEPH

Mary and Joseph play a key role in our Catholic devotional and spiritual life. No doubt, much of our devotion to Jesus' mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, is rooted in our appreciation of their willingness to put themselves at the disposal of the will of God, to seek what God most desired of them and to carry it out. We find their example inspiring, and their proximity to the Lord consoling and encouraging. Knowing that they said yes to God in such dramatic and pivotal ways, even when there was so much at stake and there were so many obstacles to take into account, gives us much to ponder. Yet there is something else we must not forget: while God could have come to be with us as a child in any manner at all, God chose to be with us through the active and humble cooperation of a woman and a man, Mary and Joseph.

## EMMANUEL

Of all of the names connected to our Lord, two stand out in the ways that they describe the identity and mission of the Lord: "Emmanuel: God is with us" and "Jesus: God saves." The most stunning thing about our Christian faith is that God is not distant, abstract, demanding, a god of wrath and military might. Rather, God desires to be near to us, in relationship, one with us in our challenges and in our joys. God is with us even when remaining with us will lead to betrayal, persecution, and violent death. God who is beyond all of this struggle remains with us so that we might transcend the limitations of our human nature in order to become more like God, to embrace the divine light that resides within each of us. As we approach the celebration of Christmas, consider this: what does it mean to you that God is with us, now and always? What does this call you to be and to do as a Christian, as a follower of God's Son, Jesus, who is with us and who saves us?

Today's Readings: Is 7:10–14; Ps 24:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Rom 1:1–7; Mt 1:18–24

**12/22/2019**