

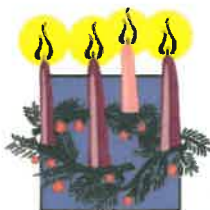
December 24, 2017 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Fullness is an experience we glimpse only briefly in this world. Once in a while, the tank is full of gas, the pantry shelves are stocked, our appetites are completely satisfied. But then the world keeps spinning, and we have to search out more gas, more groceries, more food. God designed us to be satisfied with nothing less than eternity; God alone provides fullness. Today's readings praise God for being everything, at all times, to everyone. King David learns

that God alone has the power to order history to fulfill the divine plan. Saint Paul praises God's glory "forever and ever" for bringing salvation not just to the Israelites, but to all nations. Sweetest of all, Mary learns that God has filled her with grace. Mary is uniquely capable of holding God's fullness in her flesh—a fullness so vibrant that it becomes a child, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**SAINT PATRICK
CHURCH**

14936 W. PEOTONE RD.
MANHATTAN, ILLINOIS 60442



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 2017**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23, 2017
5:00 pm †Hope Kenney req.by Steve & Ruth Hoehn

Sunday, December 24, 2017
9:00 am †Jerry Robins requested by Dan & Judy Robbins / also The Parish
Family of St Patrick

Sunday, December 24, 2017—Christmas Eve
5:00 pm †Mary Ann Quigley req. by Frank Quigley

Monday, December 25, 2017—Christmas Day
9:00 am Parish Family of St. Patrick

Tuesday, December 26, 2017—NO MASS / NO ADORATION

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 - NO MASS

Thursday, December 28, 2017— NO MASS

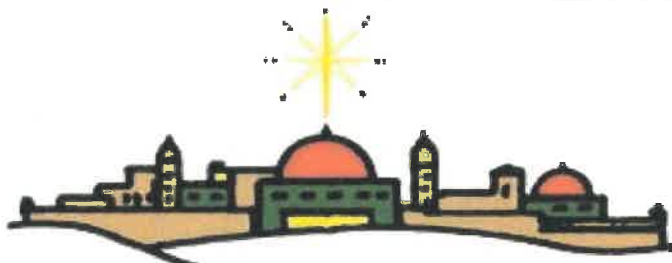
Friday, December 29, 2017 - NO MASS / NO ADORATION

Saturday, December 30, 2017 -
5:00 pm †Dorothy McGrath req. by Ed & Judy Phelan

Sunday, December 31, 2017
9:00 am †Margaret Seals req. by Steve Hoehn Family /also Parish Family of
St. Patrick

NO VIGIL MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY –New Year’s Day

Monday, January 1, 2017—SOLEMNITY OF MARY—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
†Stanley & Helen Niemiec req. by Steve Niemiec Family



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, December 17 \$1,943.73

Thank you for your support of our Parish

ON LINE GIVING NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS

Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Go to our parish website at stpatrickwiltoncenter.org. to sign up.



Our Two Week Candle is burning for
Marion, Zigmund, & Matthew Skolasinski
Requested by
Dennis Skolasinski Family



Altar Servers:

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24—5:00 pm
Emily & Andy Horath, Reganne Price
Christmas Day, Dec. 25—9:00 am
Sarah Hoehn, 2 volunteers please
Saturday, Dec. 30—5:00 pm
Matthew Jasinski, volunteer please
Sunday, Dec. 31— 9:00 am
Bridget & Kylee Knowles
New Year's Day, January 1—9:00 am
Emily & Andy Horath, Sarah Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24—5:00 pm
Roberta Stauffenberg, Carmen Kinsella,
Sue Nugent, Paul Engler
Christmas Day, Dec. 25—9:00 am
Paul Engler, Steve Hoehn, Jacob Hoehn
Saturday, Dec. 30, - 5:00 pm
Jim Kreske, Linda Cakora
Sunday, Dec. 31—9:00 am
Paul Engler
New Year's Day, January 1—9:00 am
Linda Cakora

Music: Cathy Engler

Lector

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24—5:00 pm
Lisa Price
Christmas Day, Dec. 25—9:00 am
Steve Hoehn
Saturday, Dec. 30—5:00 pm
Sue Nugent
Sunday, Dec. 31—9:00 am
Steve Hoehn
New Year's Day, January 1—9:00 am
Steve Hoehn

Usher:

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24—5:00 pm
Eddie Horath, Bill Phelan
Christmas Day, Dec. 25—9:00 am
Chet Hoehn, volunteer needed
Saturday, Dec. 30—5:00 pm
Bill Phelan, John Meyer
Sunday, Dec. 31—9:00 am
Dennis Skolasinski, Brad Phelps
New Year's Day, January 1—9:00 am
Eddie Horath, Bruce Boyle

Collection Counters : Johnson



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS REMEMBERANCE / IN HONOR OF:

Alice Galvez
Kathleen Kinsella
Francis Gallagher
Larry Gallagher
Gerald Robbins
Jerry Robbins
Lillian Groleskic
Anton Groleskic
Al Robbins
Dave Gregory
Donald W. Price
Eleanor M. Price
Lyle Gesell
John Thatcher
Eva & Grace Duffus

Hope & Tom Kenney
Edward Button
Raymond Button
John Viscum
Howard & Geri Bieschke
Phelan Family
Gast Family
Deceased members of the
Phelan and Gast Families
Norman Glenn
Kathleen Glenn
Theresa Osburrrn
Ambrose Keigher
Adele Keigher
Leo, Doris, Ardell Kuntz

Milton & Betty Leppert
Omar & Margaret Seals
Sylvester, Aurora, Harold,
Vince and Judy Toepper
Deceased Members of the
Oliver Family
Timm Family
Hnetkovsky Family
Jerry & Stella Ulman
Deceased Members of the
Stromski Family
Deceased Members of the
Cakora Family

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONORS:

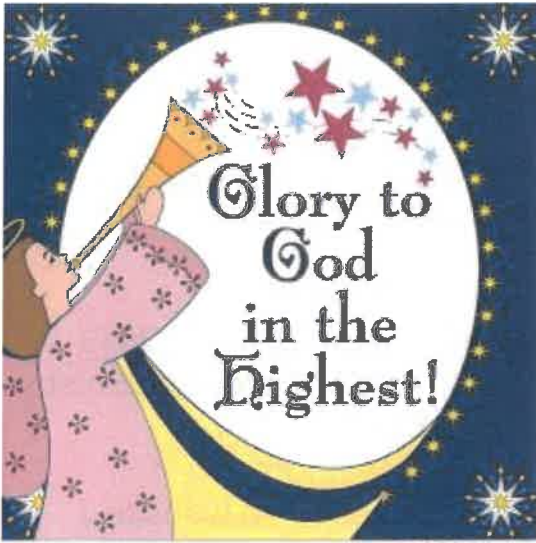
Dick & Lillian Smerz
James Shields Family
Bob & Mae Johnson
Steve & Grace Niemiec
Martin Ruzella

Steve & Ruth Hoehn
Jack Nugent
Doug & Eva Luehrs
Mariann Nugent
Alan & Roberta

Stauffenberg
John & Gladys Meyer
Larry & Marie Wasso
Lee & Diane Ponshe
Don Smith



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LOVELY CALENDARS.



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Parish Goal:	\$ 9,635.00
Amount Pledged:	\$12,615.00
Amount Paid:	\$11,930.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 1,607.00

Thank you for your
generous response.



GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given--so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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**NO 24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
JANUARY 5—6
FIRST FRIDAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
JANUARY 5, 2018 AT 9:00 AM
FIRST SATURDAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
JANUARY 6 AT 9:00 AM**



Retreat/ workshop for widowed men/women

The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life's journey.

"I felt welcome." "Found hope." "Am more at peace."

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For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry

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IMPORTANT: Register early, space is limited.

Waterleaf would like to extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to the parishioners of **St. Patrick Parish** for participating in this year's Baby Bottle for Life fundraising campaign. As of **December 11, 2017, St. Patrick Parish** has raised **\$398.00!** Your support ensures that we can provide the material and emotional support necessary for men and women to choose life for their babies. Sometimes, just the simple fact that our doors are open and a woman visits us, rather than an abortion provider, is the difference between life and death. We greatly appreciate your support, and ask that you keep Waterleaf in your prayers. For information about Waterleaf and our programs and services, please contact us at 630-701-6270 or visit us on the web at

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Preston Wilcox; James Drozd; Nancee Long; Brett Burkhalter; Joyce Albers; Jeanne Kuzmitz; Steve Gallagher; Shay Phelan; Michelle Schneider; Barb Flatt; Naomi Theresa; Mary Cole; Torie Jasinski; Loretta Long; Nancy Lawrence; Megan & Lucy Skolasinski; Allison Grskovic; Mike Irlie; Kurt Dobbertin; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler; Joe Zeman; Bonnie Hack; Kristin McBee

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

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF DECEMBER**

- That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

TO THE
ONLY
WISE
GOD THROUGH
JESUS, BE
GLORY FOR
EVER AMEN

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
December 24, 2017**



Monday: 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]
During the 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]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 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 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

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]





POSSIBILITIES

“What could happen?” That question affects each of us differently. Some of us are thrill-seekers, diving into unfamiliar territory with no regard for obstacles or dangers; others have learned from painful experience that the future may hold suffering or disaster. This last, brief Sunday of Advent emboldens us. Our readings remind us that our God is the God of possibilities. And while God’s care does not guarantee that we will not encounter suffering, we can absolutely count on God’s power to raise us to glory.

GLORY BE!

Truly, God creates us for glory. The burdens of daily life can shrink our hopes, but we must remember that we are made for nothing less than infinite glory. Who could have believed that the beleaguered Israelite nation could defeat all of its enemies? And yet our first reading today proclaims that God gave David “rest from his enemies on every side.” Who could hope to unify the entire world in obedience to one Messiah? And yet Saint Paul insists that the “only wise God” has revealed salvation through Jesus to all people. Who could expect one young woman to decide the course of human history? And yet the angel tells Mary that her yes will establish a kingdom to endure forever.

We know, of course, that Israel did not maintain its peace. Even today, that area of the world is far from stable. We also recognize the wide variety of world religions that do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as the true savior. Though God has set us on the path to fullness and glory, we are still broken. Our danger lies not in hoping for too much, but in trusting too little in God. God can resurrect any darkness—replacing terror with peace, healing ancient wounds, uniting families, bringing stability to chaos. This is the message of Christmas. God can, and will, do everything to cover the world in love.

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 **12/24/2017**