

Sunday Messenger



December 31, 2017



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

Mass schedule

Saturday (Sunday Vigil)

4 p.m.

Sunday

10 a.m.

Weekdays (Tuesday & Friday)

8:15 a.m.

Sick calls – at any time

Baptisms – by appointment

Confessions – before Masses

Weddings – arrange 6 months in advance

Parish Office hours

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

Evenings - by appointment only

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*Santa Lucia,
pray for us!*

Saturday, December 30

4 p.m.

- + Gina Nicastro family
- + Nancy Calace Passarelli family
- + Rose Capinegro Terry & family
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza family
- ++ Frank & Jennie Colosimo Tom & Mary Ann
- ++ Carl & Josephine Powell Tom & Mary Ann

Sunday, December 31

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

10 a.m.

- + Josephine Vitale family
- + Catherine Panozzo (anniversary remembrance)
..... Marie Panozzo & family
- + Nancy Calace Ropke family
- + Anthony Sinople Ropke family
- + Ann Kavalauskas Nancy Grabowski
- + Camille Kristich Carmen & Josie Bertucci
- + Linda Catino Butch & Marlene
- + Dominic "Bud" Petrizzo Butch & Marlene
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke family
- ++ Leonard & Alice Dorchek family

4 p.m. MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD EVE

- + Deloris Cerny family
- + Mary Ann Zeman Cerny cousins
- ++ Dominic & Margaret Pertizzo granddaughters
- ++ Michele & Lucia Cappelto granddaughters
- ++ Frank & Barbara Bruno daughter
- ++ Michael, Madeline, & Michael Jr. Cappelto family
- Special intention Momma

Monday, January 1

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10 a.m.

- + Anthony Sinople Ropke family
- + Michele Giso Nancy Grabowski & family
- + Deloris Cerny Boyter family
- + Frank Bruno Nancy, Margaret & Madeline
- ++ Frankie Marasso & Peter Ronzio Belli family
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke family

Tuesday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

NO MASS

Friday, January 5

St. John Neumann

8:15 a.m.

- ++ Joseph & Sophie Dorchek family

Saturday, January 6

4 p.m.

- + Ann Kavalauskas Frances Odum
- + Camille Kristich Nancy Grabowski
- + Leonard Dorchek Arnie & Darlene Ramirez
- ++ Rex & Angie Madia daughter Jeanie
- ++ Sam, Ann & Buddy Scalise Scalise family
- Special intention (for Fr. Nick) Laura DiPiazza

Sunday, January 7

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10 a.m.

- + Rosa Folino Ropke family
- + Anthony Sinople Ropke family
- + Nancy Calace Jackie & Gary
- + Pierina Infelise sister Bridget Fratto
- + Ann Kavalauskas Passi family
- + Camille Kristich Joey Gio
- + Josephine Vitale family
- + Anthony DiVittorio (anniversary remembrance)
..... Marie Panozzo & family
- + Angelina Passarelli (90th anniversary remembrance)
..... son Eddie
- ++ Frankie Marasso & Minnie Condic Condic family
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke family
- ++ Leonard & Alice Dorchek family
- ++ of Volpentesta family family

ALTAR SERVERS

- 4 p.m. – Sebastian Ayala, Ixta Delgado,
Alexia Escudero
- 10 a.m. – Nicholas Barragan, Andrea Gallegos,
David Gallegos, Danielle Miller,
Ogbonna Ugwu-Uche

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 4 p.m. – Pat Moran
- 10 a.m. – Catherine Moy

LECTORS

- 4 p.m. – Lisa Christiano
- 10 a.m. – Genesis Romo

LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL AS WELL AS FOR THEIR CARETAKERS

- Kati Kaup, Tony Giglio, Mary Mannella, Annie Maggio,
Jeanine Briatta, Nicholas Tobar, Dolores Levielle,
Gail Wodarski, Jerry Pizzotti, Ida Ruffolo, Maria Senerchia,
Irene Burich, Kate Drost, Gianina Alberto, Paride Infelise,
Barb Stack, Katie Santello, Pat Hoffman, Lizzy Kaup,
Breck Neiswender, Jose Lara, Ofelia Lara, Fr. Nick Marro,
Pat Petrizzo, Carmen Llamas, Mary Balestri,
Shane O'Connell, Juanita Perez, Marie Floros,
Carmen Pinto, Kevin Bingham, Margaret Gavin,
John Senerchia, Richard Valentine

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself. Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.



THANK YOU

*Dear parishioners,
friends and benefactors!*

I would like to congratulate each one of you as we celebrate the gift of the New Year. After the gift of nativity of his son Jesus, God has given us gift of another year.

I would like to thank everyone for participation and contribution in making Santa Lucia a beautiful community. I thank you for the financial, spiritual, and moral support that you give to the parish.

May the Lord continue to reward you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WITH LOVE FROM YOUR FRANCISCAN FRIAR

Fr. Stipe

CALENDARS

Santa Lucia wall calendars for 2018 are available in the entrance area of the church thanks to Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home.

OCTAVE - TREASURE FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since 8 is one step beyond 7, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "8th day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the 7th century, people regarded the 8 days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the 7th century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too.

Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. We celebrate Mary as Mother of God.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE UPCOMING NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Please note that our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1, and Tuesday, January 2, because of the New Year. There will be no Mass celebrated here on Tuesday, January 2.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY SERIES

We continue with the 6-part Franciscan Spirituality Series. The third session titled *Birth of the Lord - St. Francis celebrates Christmas* will be on Wednesday, January 3, at 7 p.m. in the St. Jerome Small Hall. The presenter will be Fr. Lawrence Frankovich, OFM PhD - West Allis, WI.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DAY

On Tuesday, January 9, we will have our monthly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. (after 8:15 a.m. School Mass) until 2 p.m. Jesus is inviting each of us to come and spend some time in prayer with him. During that time our relationship with him will grow and the desire to have him at the center of our lives will increase.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"
- Jesus (Matt 26:40)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE ALTAR

If you would like to presents the gifts to the altar, please, see one of our ushers before the Mass, especially if a Mass is being celebrated for your deceased loved ones or for your personal intention.

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NEW YEAR - NEW BEGINNINGS (1)

The start of a New Year gives us the feeling of a fresh start, a new beginning, and new opportunities. It is a time when people feel that they can begin anew with their lives. Common New Year's resolutions are to lose weight, exercise more and eat healthier; or to spend more time with family. Still others include managing money better and being more organized.

Although there is nothing in the Bible about New Year's resolutions, many take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. They may recommit themselves to pray more, to read the Bible, or to attend Mass more regularly. If you are looking for some helps in your New Year's resolutions, here are a few ideas to get you started:

- **Practice gratitude** – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of Catholic faith. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others. Seeing the good in your life will allow you to keep your heart compassionate and loving.



- **Encounter the Lord each day** – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or 10 minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform you. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

- **Be present to others** – There is much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in peoples' lives. What a blessing it is to be able to share those times and not let others experience them alone. The gift of your presence to others is much more valuable than you realize.

- **Resist overwork** – There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

SUNDAY MESSENGER

RENEW MY CHURCH



SAVE THE DATE

- **Sunday, December 31**
New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving
(4 p.m.)

- **Monday, January 1**
New Year's Day - Mary, the Holy Mother of
God Mass (10 a.m.)
- **Tuesday, January 2**
No Mass - Parish office is closed
- **Tuesday, January 9**
First All School Mass in 2018

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

We have a flexible and secure system that allows you to support Santa Lucia online. You can give a single donation or as frequently as you like. Thank you for your generous support. For more info, please, visit: santaluciachicago.org/giving.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

December 24

Envelopes (58)	\$1,323.50
Online giving (2)	\$225.00
Loose Donations	\$60.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1,608.50</u>

(average gift \$25.80)
