



# St. Hugh Parish

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**December 13, 2015**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Weekend Masses** Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

**Daily Mass** Monday - Saturday  
10:30am

**Penance** A priest-confessor is available Saturday after the morning Mass or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick** Contact Father for a family member who is seriously ill.

**Communion for Homebound** Call the Parish Office to request a Minister of Care to visit.

**Baptism** Infants are baptized at the parish where their parents are active members - usually on Sunday after the Mass. Contact the Pastor to schedule.

**Marriage** Celebrated for current parishioners. Engaged couples should begin preparations with the parish at least six months in advance of a proposed wedding.

**Funerals** The family of the deceased should rely on the professional skill of a funeral director who will assist in making arrangements with the parish and cemetery.

**Parish Office Hours** Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 3:00pm  
fax: 708.447.9870

**Saint Hugh of Grenoble 1052 – 1132**

He was named a bishop at age 27. In time of famine he sold his Episcopal ring in order to aid the poor. Along with Saint Bruno, he founded the Carthusians. Feast: April 1.

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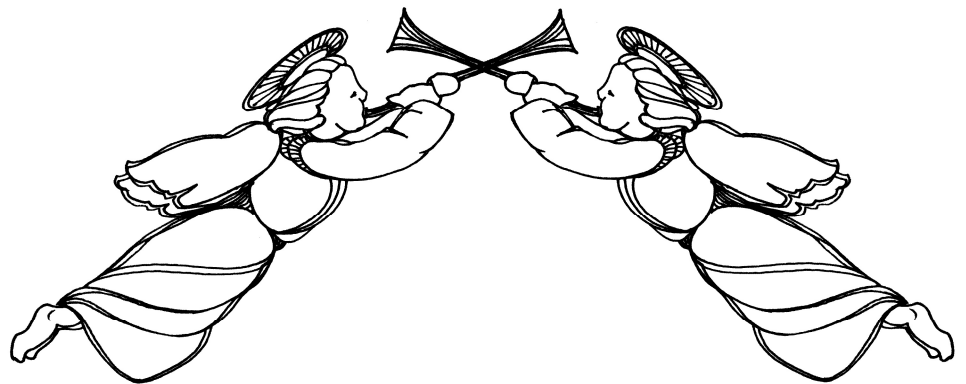
**Pastors Emeriti** (not in residence):

**Rev. James T. O'Connor,**

**Rev. Edward S. Stokus,**

**Rev. Robert J. Burnell**

## REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



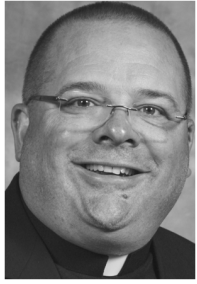
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**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Thursday December 24 at 4:00pm**

**Friday December 25 at 8:00 & 10:30am**



# From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Advent! Today we light the third candle on our Advent wreath. The rose/pink color is used in both Advent and Lent to remind us that we are more than halfway through a season of preparation (think violet/purple). Tradition has named this *Gaudete* Sunday from the Latin word for *Rejoice!*

As was previously announced, this weekend we take up the collection for the Retired Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests. See the letter from Archbishop Blase Cupich at the lower right of this page.



On December 8 we began the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In his announcement, Pope Francis said: *I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of*

*rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness.*

Throughout the Jubilee our bulletin will include the *One Word at a Time* feature developed by the Archdiocese of Chicago for this Year of Mercy. The first installment, composed by Father Lou Cameli, is on page five of this issue.

Congratulations to Robert and the late Dorothy Stephansen on being honored with the *Christifideles* award. This recognition was established for the Archdiocese of Chicago by Francis Cardinal George and is given annually

to laypersons who demonstrate faithfulness and dedication in ministry. It was my honor to nominate Dorothy and Bob Stephansen as a couple after consulting with and receiving the unanimous endorsement of the members of the pastoral staff and of our Parish Pastoral Council. Bob will receive this award from Archbishop Cupich during an afternoon ceremony at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday January 10. The previous recipients from Saint Hugh Parish are: Bob and Sheila Sullivan, Luella Burke, Ann Karasek, Arlene Houda, Liz Shermack, Theresa Schultz and Laverne Candlish.

Let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish.

Father Reszel



## Hope Out of Darkness

*We should appeal to the basic sense of fairness that is very much alive in the human spirit*

-Archbishop Cupich

We recall the journey of Mary and Joseph, searching for a place to give birth, being told there was no room. Open our hearts to always have room for the migrant and refugee searching for a place to live in dignity.

Urge Congress to extend support for Syrian Refugees. For a list of actions to welcome Syrian Refugees visit: [www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org)

## Tenth Annual Posada Seeking Immigration Reform

On Friday December 18 from 7:00 to 9:00am, walk and pray in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters, who - as the Holy Family sought a place to stay - are seeking legislative shelter *Posada*. Starting at 101 W. Congress the route includes the Correctional Center (71 W. Van Buren), DePaul (1 E. Jackson), the Federal Plaza, and St. Peter's (110 W. Madison). For more information contact Jose Torres at 312.534.8103 or [jtorres@archchicago.org](mailto:jtorres@archchicago.org)

## Stewardship thought

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. - PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7*

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.



Dear Father and Parish Staff,  
Pope Francis declared that the Year of Consecrated Life be celebrated throughout the world from November 29,

2014, through February 2, 2016. During this special year for religious, please join me in supporting the upcoming appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. We have all witnessed the selfless dedication of religious serving in our parishes, schools, hospitals, and numerous areas of ministry during our lifetime. In our often troubled world, they remain a visible sign of Christ's love.

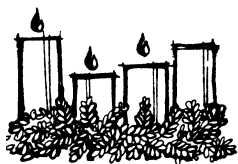
As I ask your support of this appeal, I invite you to think of it not only in terms of a matter of justice to care for their needs, but as an act of solidarity with them, letting them know that our appreciation for their witness is so strong that it prompts a desire to join them in their unique contribution to the life of the Church and society. Please share this message with your parishioners in a way you consider most effective, either from the pulpit or in your parish bulletin. The collection is scheduled to be taken at all Masses on December 12 and 13, 2015.

This letter gives me the opportunity to thank you for the many ways you as pastor and the parish staff witness to the Gospel by your service to the people under your pastoral care. Please express to your parish family my heartfelt best wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

**Saints or Observances,  
Readings, and Mass Intentions**

**Third Sunday of Advent**



Zep 3:14-18a;  
Is 12;  
Phil 4:4-7;  
Lk 3:10-18

4:00 Doris Gallagher; Emil T. Sergio  
8:00 Leona & Paul Carrabotta;  
Wally Cizek  
10:30 Intentions of the Parish

**Monday December 14**

St. John of the Cross  
Nm 24:2-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27

10:30 Saint Hugh Purgatorial Society

**Tuesday December 15**

Zep 3:1-13; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32

10:30 Margaret Moro;  
Dorothy Stephansen

**Wednesday December 16**

Is 45:6b-25; Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23

10:30 Carole Turlek

**Thursday December 17**

Gn 49:2-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17

10:30 Theresa Roebuck

**Friday December 18**

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25

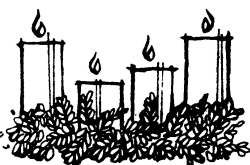
10:30 Salvatore Guccione

**Saturday December 19**

Jgs 13:2-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25

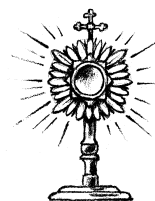
10:30 Jaime Tovar

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



Mi 5:1-4a;  
Ps 80;  
Heb 10:5-10;  
Lk 1:39-45

4:00 Intentions of the Parish  
8:00 Wally Cizek;  
Sister Barbara Jean Cizek  
10:30 Robert Swift



**Holy Hour**

Each Sunday at 4:00pm  
Enter church through the  
ramp (south) door.  
Watch this space for any  
changes to the schedule.

**Morning of Meditation**

*In the Presence of Love* - Reflection by  
Joan Binder on Relationship with Jesus.  
Saturday December 19 with hospitality  
beginning at 8:30am at Saint John of  
the Cross Parish, 5005 Wolf Rd.,  
Western Springs. The program includes  
small group sharing, periods of  
meditation, and *Lectio Divina* is from  
9:00-11:30am. Registration requested  
but not required: 708.246.5108 or  
mary105105@gmail.com. Information  
on Christian Meditation is available at  
wccm-usa.org and wccm.org

**Pray for the sick**

August Bose, Virginia Bryson, Kathy  
Buckland, Vincent Caccamo, Mike  
Cahill, Richard Callahan, Bob Ferrill,  
Dawn Gilbert, Glen Gilbert, Roseanne  
Gilbert, Dawn Hainsworth, Chuck  
Herrig, Annette Jaworski, Peg Kocar,  
Sue Lee, Lorraine Polcyn, Marianne  
Salvino, Vicki Stephansen, Pat Stone

**New Life in Christ**

Nicholas Alexander Flores, son of  
Maria (Martinez) and Carlos Flores,  
was baptized on Sunday December 6.  
Congratulations.

**Rest in Peace**

In your kindness, pray for the repose of  
the soul of William Bensfield. Saint  
Hugh Parish provided the funeral rites  
for Mr. Bensfield following the Holy  
Day Mass on Tuesday December 8.



**Giving  
Tree**

The Giving Tree for the children of  
Lyons is near the baptismal font. Gifts  
are to be placed under the tree on or  
before Sunday December 13.

<b>Weekend of December 19 - 20</b>					
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Priest</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
4:00pm	Father Reszel	Giselle M	Cindy McCarthy Olivia Quezada Arlene Houda	Carole Hallberg	Mason W Alexys A
8:00am	MCCJ Father	Daniella P	Edgardo Ramos Nina Konopasek Tom Cooney		Makayla L Katlyn L
10:30am	Father Reszel	Alexis S	Tony Diaz Maggie Schemenaur Patti Krueger		Emma S Mary S

MCCJ = Comboni Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; *Missionarii Comboniani Cordis Iesu*



## Girl Scouts Coat Drive & Pancake Breakfast

Please bring

laundered coats to Keating Hall on Sunday December 13 at the Girl Scouts' Pancake Breakfast with Santa between 8:00am and Noon. Tickets for the all you can eat pancake breakfast are available at the door while they last. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children (12 and under), children 3 and under eat for free.

## B-I-N-G-O & Pull Tabs

Every Thursday in Keating Hall. Doors open 5:00pm / Concessions Early Bird game 6:45pm Crew #4 to assist on December 17.

## Manna Group Scrip

See Marilyn Krebel (4:00), Nina Konopasek (8:00), or Theresa Mendez (10:30) next weekend after Mass. They have in-stock scrip for: Amazon \$10, Burger King \$5, CVS \$25, Dunkin Donuts \$10, Home Depot \$25, iTunes \$10, Jewel \$25, Meijer \$25, Menard's \$25, Walgreens \$25, Walmart \$25. An Order will be placed on Tuesday for other retailers. See the complete list at [www.sthughlyons.org](http://www.sthughlyons.org) (click FUNDRAISING) or on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

## Question of the Week

How can I answer the Gospel question "What should I do?" in a way that shows my heart "beats in time" with God's?

## Thank you

We are most grateful to all who supported the annual S.C.W. Bazaar on December 5. Blessings to you and yours this Christmas.



S.C.W.

## Oplatki

This Christmas wafer is a central European holiday tradition celebrated in Poland, Lithuania, and Slovakia during *Wigilia*, or the Christmas Eve Vigil. An envelope with two white rectangular wafers is available for purchase in the sacristy or the parish office for \$1.

## Treasures from our tradition

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning December 18, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. In ancient Spain, December 18 was once celebrated as the "Feast of the Expectancy," and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes.

Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. Beginning tonight, those who pray Vespers will sing in the opening phrase a beautiful title of Christ. These titles belong to a collection of opening phrases called the "O Antiphons" after the awe-inspired "O" sung on the first note. There's a playful code in the titles: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Flower of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn, O Ruler, O Emmanuel. When you take their Latin names—*Sapientia*, *Adonai*, *Radix*, and so on—the titles form an acrostic when you read them backwards: "ERO CRAS." In Latin, that is translated as "I will be there tomorrow!" It's as if Christ were answering the prayers of the waiting people in the words of the prayers themselves.

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## "O" by Paul Turner

Yes, you read the title right. That's "O" the letter of the alphabet that most reminds us of breakfast cereal, tires, doughnuts, hula hoops, no hitters, and Advent.

In many parishes, "O" is the first word said in the new church year. Actually we sing it in Advent's most popular song, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." It announces the season that anticipates the coming of Christ at Christmas.

This hymn, which tells us Advent is starting, used to announce that Advent was ending.

The last eight days of Advent form a little season all by themselves. As the church prepares for the birthday of Christ, the liturgy gets more intense. At daily Mass, the Gospels relate the events leading up to the first Christmas. At evening prayer we have a special series of antiphons that beckon the Messiah to come. Each night gives him a new name, drawn from the Old Testament. "O Wisdom," "O Sacred Lord," "O Flower of Jesse's Stem," "O Key of David," "O Radiant Dawn," "O King of All Nations," and the greatest of them all, "O Emmanuel," a name that means "God is with us."

For reasons that will be immediately obvious, we call that group of refrains the "O Antiphons," a hallmark of Advent, and a collection of music our church has treasured for many generations. The Mass now includes a version of them as the alleluia verses for the same eight days before Christmas.

By the middle ages, those seven antiphons got strung together into a popular hymn. The last one became verse one, and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" was born. Thus, the antiphon originally established for the last evening before Christmas Eve is now often sung to begin Advent.

That "O," of course, simply tells us that we're talking to someone. It's like saying, "Hey, you." Only more politely. But "O" reminds us of much more. It makes us think of something having no beginning and no end. Like love. Or an Advent wreath. It resembles the shape of our mouth and the sound we make when we face a mystery we cannot fully comprehend.

## Parish Support

December 6-7

Includes gifts through GiveCentral

Offertory	2865
Maintenance	442
Major Repair	10
Flowers	373
Immaculate Conception	83
<b>TOTAL FOR PARISH</b>	<b>3773</b>

### Budget for 2015 - 2016

Needed Weekly 2900

### Extraordinary

Retired Religious 10

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**THANK YOU**



## From the Faith Formation Office

December 13: RE (Religious Education) grades PreK-6, 9:05-10:20am / Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) 10:30am Mass / Girl Scout Pancake Breakfast, 8:00am-Noon / Coat Drive Drop-Off / Small Toy Drive / Giving Tree presents due

December 17: Youth Ministry Open Gym grades 7-12, 7:00-8:30pm

December 18: Advent Family, 7:00-8:30pm

December 20: RE grades preK-12, 9:05-10:20am / CLW 10:30am Mass

December 21 and 22: Classes Cancelled

Merry Christmas: Classes resume January 2016

## Ministries

708.447.3108 for all marked (\*)

### Liturgical

Altar Server (\*) +1  
 Music - Fran Serpe (\*) + 7  
 Reader - Arlene Houda  
 708.442.9268  
 Eucharistic Minister - Arlene Houda  
 708.442.9268  
 Minister of Care (\*) +5  
 Usher / Greeter (\*) +1

### Catechetical

Christine Alfred – Coordinator  
 Religious Education (\*) +6  
 Sacraments / RCIA (\*) +6  
 SPRED - Theresa Mendez  
 708.441.9271

### Service / Social

Bingo on Thursdays (\*) +8  
 Girl Scouts (\*) +6  
 Knights of Columbus  
 708.341.3141  
 Manna Group Scrip (\*) +1  
 Respect Life - Liz Shermack  
 708.447.6849  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society (\*) +4  
 S.C.W. - Rosemary Kuffa  
 708.447.7562

## Vocation Thought regarding the Diaconate

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue. Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. No registration required. For more information contact Deacon Bob Puhala, [bpuhala@usml.edu](mailto:bpuhala@usml.edu) or 847.837.4564 or visit us at [www.usml.edu](http://www.usml.edu).

## A YEAR OF MERCY

# Feed THE HUNGRY



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In his compassionate mercy, God has fed us and sustained us. Every day, we pray: *Give us this day our daily bread.* We are grateful, and we want to share food with those who do not have enough. Jesus said, *"I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they may faint on the way."* (Matthew 15:32)

ONE WORD  
AT A TIME

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## GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN

People asked John the Baptist what they should do to get ready for the coming of Jesus.

Zep 3:14-18 Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Directions: Ready, set, go! Find your way through the maze to Jesus.

