



# St. Hugh Parish

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## December 18, 2016

## Fourth 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. Assisted Saint Bruno in founding the Carthusians. Feast: April 1.

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**Rev. Robert J. Burnell**

**Saturday December 24: Children's Pageant 3:45pm**  
**First Christmas Mass 4:00pm**

**Sunday December 25: The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Christmas Mass at 8:00am and 10:30am**

**Joseph,  
do not  
be  
afraid  
to take  
Mary  
into  
your  
home**





# From the Pastor's Desk

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. On Sunday December 18 at 9:15am Saint Nicholas will visit the Religious Education classes. All are invited to his presentation in church.

As we gaze upon the candles that count the Advent Sundays and provide both light and warmth to a world that is at times dark and cold, we recall that the wonder of the Incarnation is not just that God became human, but that God did so with a purpose: to seek us out and to bring us from sin to redemption.

The events surrounding the birth of Jesus put into an historical context and give meaning to the activities of tree trimming, hall decking, card sending, cookie baking, and gift giving. As individuals, families, and as a parish may we know the God who chooses to be among us, who comes into the world as one born like us, and who continues to be revealed to us in the simple and ordinary events and experiences of our lives.

Our Christmas Mass Schedule:  
On Saturday December 24: Children's Pageant at 3:45pm prior to the first Christmas Mass at 4:00pm

On Sunday December 25: The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord with Christmas Masses at 8:00 and 10:30am



Members of our choir will lead the singing of seasonal songs for twenty minutes prior to the final Mass on Christmas Day. Please add your voice, beginning at 10:10am next Sunday.

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

## Christmas Hospitality

There is a story about someone who once complained to the pastor that whenever he came to church the music was always the same: "Silent Night" or "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." Those of you who are here Sunday after Sunday can be a welcoming presence to those who come to church only on Christmas and Easter. Our hospitality can be a powerful way of saying, "We're glad you're here. Please join us every Sunday for worship." Our hospitable friendliness can be a powerful tool of evangelization, reaching out to those who do not feel regularly connected to a parish. Copyright © 2009 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

Here are some suggestions for extending Christmas Hospitality:

- **Before Mass:**  
Greet one another. Introduce yourself. Move toward the center of the pew so that it is easier for others to enter. Silence your phone. Smile.
- **During Mass:**  
Actively participate. Sing. Take the initiative at the sign of peace. Pray with and for each other. Smile.
- **After Mass:**  
Return two copies of *Breaking Bread* to each book rack. Return the Order of Service card to the hat clip with the word WELCOME being the first thing that the next person will see. Put the kneelers up so that it is easier for the next person to enter. Remove whatever you have brought into the pew including the bulletin, tissues, diapers, papers, and water bottles. Smile.  
Thank you!

### You are invited to:

**Abbey Farms** Choose & Cut trees, precut fir trees, seasonal store, café at Marmion Abbey, 2855 Hart Rd., Aurora. [www.abbeyfarms.org](http://www.abbeyfarms.org) or call Adam at 630.966.7775+6

**Joyful Again!** Two day program for widows & widowers who want to find joy in living again. January 21-22 at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer in Lemont. Space is limited - register early at 708.354.7211 or [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)

**O** The late Advent days are associated with the **O Antiphons** sung during Vespers (Evening Prayer). The seasonal hymn **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** is based on these antiphons:

December 18 (evening of 12/17) =  
**O Wisdom / O Sapientia**

December 19 =  
**O Sacred Lord / O Adonai**

December 20 = **O Flower of Jesse's Stem / O Radix Jesse**

December 21 =  
**O Key of David / O Clavis David**

December 22 =  
**O Radiant Dawn / O Oriens**

December 23 = **O King of All the Nations / O Rex Gentium**

December 24 = **O Emmanuel**

## Gratitude and Congratulations from the annual SCW Bazaar

First expressions of thanks to all who participated in the annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday December 3. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time, made donations to the various booths, took chances on raffle prizes, purchased food, rolled dice, won and lost at games of chance. Importantly, many people seemed to have a good time in Keating Hall while supporting our Society's fund raiser. That day \$4860.65 was raised for the charitable activities of the Saint Hugh Society of Catholic Women. Thank you!



Congratulations to the raffle winners:

- Barb Blazina x2
- Phyllis Reszel
- Eileen Koca
- Sue Wolfe
- Lisa Romanowski
- Genevieve Wright
- Lucille Sitko
- Sue Lee
- Fran Serpe - Won the Bike

Watch for your name in this space after our next bazaar, tentatively scheduled for December 2, 2017.

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



**Fourth Sunday of  
Advent**

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24;  
Rom 1:1-7;  
Mt 1:18-24

4:00 Fernando Solis; Rosann Gutierrez  
8:00 Intentions of the Parish  
10:30 Pro-Life; Phyllis Jordan

**Monday December 19**

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

10:30 Sr Barbara Jean & Wally Cizek

**Tuesday December 20**

St. Peter Canisius

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38

10:30 Mothers & Fathers

**Wednesday December 21**

Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45

10:30 Saint Hugh Purgatorial Society

**Thursday December 22**

St. John of Kanty

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2; Lk 1:46-56

10:30 Bernice Cizek

**Friday December 23**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

10:30 Frances Vranish

**Saturday December 24**

2 Sm 7:1-16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79

10:30 Rita Paasch

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**



Is 9:1-6;  
Ps 96;  
Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14

4:00 Intentions of the Parish  
8:00 Leona & Paul Carrabotta;  
Sister Barbara Jean & Wally Cizek  
10:30 Robert Swift; Phyllis Jordan

**Weekly Vincentian Reflection**



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery

of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

**Rest in peace**

In your kindness, pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner George Stercay. Funeral services for Mr. Stercay are planned for Monday December 19.

**Pray for the sick**

Fr. Angelo Biancalana, George Boksa, Liz Bryson, Virginia Bryson, Richard Callahan, Ronald Demco, Dawn Gilbert, Glen Gilbert, Florence Gorgen, Will Gorgen, Dawn Hainsworth, Annette Jaworski, Leo Jeselski, Gloria Kucan, Patrick Miller, Lorraine Polcyn, Marianne Salvino, Elaine Snella, Vicki Stephansen, Pat Stone, Elsie Tobolaski

*Help us keep this list accurate.  
Contact the parish office with updates.*



**Thank You**

**Weekend of December 24 - 25**

Mass	Priest / Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00pm	Father Reszel	Caylei Hallberg	Sue Stafford Olivia Quezada Cathy Bergman	Mary S Emma S
8:00am	MCCJ Father	Andy Arellano	Edgardo Ramos Rosemary Kufra Allison K	Alexis S Teagan W
10:30am	Father Reszel	Farrah Koca	Liz Shermack Nicki Mendez Patti Krueger	Anthony W Madison K

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

## Stewardship thought

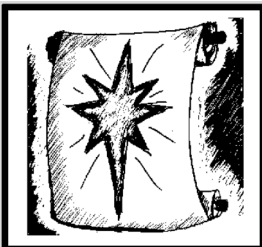
*When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.*

- MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

## 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.



## Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

by Paul Turner

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ is a formal announcement that may be sung at Christmas Mass during the Night.

The proclamation states that "today", the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, "is the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to the flesh." It recalls the main events of history: the creation of the heavens and the earth, and of man and woman in God's own image; the appearance of the rainbow, the sign of God's covenant, after the flood; Abraham, our father in faith; the exodus from Egypt under Moses; the presence of Ruth and the judges; the anointing of David as king; the prophecy of Daniel; the founding of Greece and Rome; and the peace of Augustus. The birth of Christ culminates both secular and religious history. It is an event that flows seamlessly from the past and begins a new era of hope and peace.

At the beginning of the Mass during the Night, the priest makes the sign of the cross and greets the people in the usual way. Then he or another minister may introduce the Mass and the proclamation. This introduction recalls what God promised through the prophets, a message the Church has pondered again during Advent.

Then a deacon, cantor or reader may sing or recite the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ from the ambo. It is followed by the Glory to God and the opening prayer of the Mass.

The most significant word of the proclamation is its first, "Today." Christmas is not a mere recollection of a historical event. It is a proclamation that Christ is born for us, and that Christ is really present for us—today.

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## Manna Group Scrip

Gift cards, aka Scrip, can be used for your holiday shopping or as a holiday gift. Next weekend after Mass see Marilyn Krebel (4:00), Nina Konopasek (8:00), or Kim Thomas (10:30).

They have in-stock gift cards for: Amazon \$10, CVS \$25, Dunkin Donuts \$10, Home Depot \$25, iTunes \$10, Jewel \$25, Meijer \$25, Menard's \$25, Starbucks \$10, Target \$25, Walgreens \$25, and Walmart \$25.

To order scrip from other retailers, see the list in the church vestibule or visit [www.sthughlyons.org](http://www.sthughlyons.org) and click FUNDRAISING

## Wills / Bequests

After providing for your loved ones, please consider naming Saint Hugh Parish as a beneficiary of your estate.

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

Every Thursday in Keating Hall.  
Doors open 5:00pm  
Early Bird game 6:45pm  
Crew #3 to assist on December 22

## Treasures from the tradition

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a "carol" anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn't make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol "Silent Night" comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church's organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the "Silent Night Memorial Chapel" at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

-Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

## Parish Support

December 10-11

Includes donations via GiveCentral

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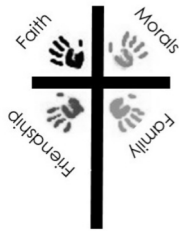
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Needed Weekly Offertory 3050

### Extraordinary

Sharing Parish	61
Retired Religious	336
CCHD	10
SVdP	25

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**THANK YOU**



## From the Faith Formation Office

December 18: RE (Religious Education) all grades 9:05-10:20am in church / CLW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) during 10:30am Mass

December 19: RE grades 8-11, 6:30-7:30pm / RCIA 7:30-8:30pm

December 20: RE grades 6-7, 6:00-7:30pm

December 22: Youth Ministry Open Gym grades 6-12, 7:00-8:00pm

December 24: Children's Pageant 3:45pm / First Christmas Mass 4:00pm

December 25: The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Masses at 8:00 and 10:30am

Merry Christmas / Happy New Year  
Religious Education sessions return on Sunday January 8, 2017

January 6: Family Movie Night - doors to Keating Hall open at 7:00pm *The Secret Life of Pets* begins at 7:30pm

## 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 773.703.1543

### Service / Social

Bingo on Thursdays (\*) +8  
Catholic Charities 708.329.4022  
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

When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him. Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Father Francis Bitterman, our Archdiocesan Vocations Director, at [fbitterman@archchicago.org](mailto:fbitterman@archchicago.org) or 312.534.8298

### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Mt 1:23

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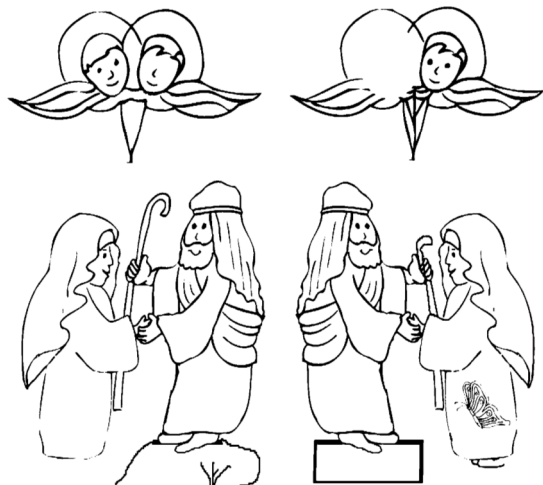
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## GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN

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