

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 13, 2009**

**SAINT ANNE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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REJOICE!

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This is the Advent Sunday of joy. Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and second reading call us to express joy in three ways. We are summoned to "shout for joy" (Zephaniah 3:14), to "cry out with joy" (Isaiah 12:6), and to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Expressing Christian joy is quite distinct from the kind of joy we express, for instance, when our favorite sports team wins an important game. That kind of joy is fleeting. Christian joy is an inner peace and spiritual happiness that is developed throughout our lives and sustains us even when we struggle. It is the kind of joy that is infectious. Others can tell that there is simply something different about us. Let us rejoice this day, for to us shall come Emmanuel. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools; and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic, John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Avila for her Discalced ("barefoot," evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from The Dark Night of the Soul, through The Ascent of Mount Carmel, to his Spiritual Canticle and The Living Flame of Love. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love." —Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



Please remember to use our parish website at <http://www.saintannecc.org>

RECONCILIATION SERVICE ON MONDAY

This Monday, December 14th, is our parish Reconciliation Service at 7:30pm in church. We will have a liturgy of the Word followed by individual reconciliation and absolution.

LOOKING AHEAD

As you make your plans to visit family and go to parties, don't forget about the party that God is throwing on December 24th and December 25th. It's a birthday party. But more than a birthday party, it's a celebration of who we are – a people cared for and loved by our God.

Masses at St. Anne on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are as follows:

Christmas Eve	4:30pm Family Mass
Christmas Eve	Midnight Mass at 12:00am, carols at 11:30pm before Mass
Christmas Day	Mass at 9:30am

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

I had forgotten to mention that we have envelopes in the back of Church for the Religious Retirement Fund. Please take one of these envelopes home with you, bring it to your prayer, and return the envelopes in the collection basket on the 4th Sunday of Advent. 0196

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Due to circumstances beyond our control, I regret to inform the parish that the Annual Christmas Pageant (scheduled for Sunday, December 20 – 6:00pm) has been cancelled for this year. In order to compensate for this, I am encouraging all parishioners to sing a little louder at our Christmas Masses!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Our imperfections are the wounds that catch God's eye and qualify us for his mercy and healing.”

MASSES:

Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
Mon-Thurs: 8:30 AM
Fri: 8:30 AM Communion Service
Holy Days: 8:30 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

PARISH REGISTRATION:

New members are always welcome. Please phone or come into Rectory at your earliest convenience. Also see the registration form in the bulletin.

BAPTISMS:

Parents are expected to participate in a preparation session held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Baptisms are held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at a 12:00 PM service. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE:

Preparation is a must. Arrangements must be made at least four months in advance; preferably as soon as the engagement takes place.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Call as early as possible.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL: (708) 335-1766



St. Anne Holy Hour

Prepare For the Coming of Christmas
Through Prayer, Adoration and Song:

- Dec 1: Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 8: Mass Immaculate Conception 7:30 p. m.
- Dec 15 Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 22: Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.



Please join us for one hour of prayer.

Christmas "Giving Tree"

You may think that it is too early to talk about
Christmas...

BUT...
We need to get a head start!!!



We are calling upon your generosity again to donate *Christmas Presents* for needy children in our church and community.



Our "Giving Tree" will be located in the Hospitality Area of the church. There will be "tags" on the tree with a child's name, sex, and 3 "wishes".

PLEASE...

- ♥ Take a "tag" from the "Giving Tree"
- ♥ Purchase **one of the wishes** on the "tag"
- ♥ Bring the **WRAPPED gift** to church **WITH THE ORIGINAL TAG** taped onto the gift.



- ♥ We ask that you **return the wrapped gift on the following 2 weekends:**

❖ December 5-6

❖ December 12-13



Please keep in mind that if you do not bring a gift back to church, the child whose name is on the "tag" you took, may not have a gift for Christmas this year!!

And again, **"THANK YOU"** for your generosity!!!

If you have any questions,


Please contact the Religious Education Office (708) 335-2286

Please Pray for our St. Anne Servicemen, Servicewomen and Their Families:

- Fr. Bob**, Lt., Navy
- Nick Battistoni**, Air Force, Grandson of Maureen McDonald—Deployed to Iraq
- Angela Bulanda**, 1Lt., Army, Daughter of Robert and Elaine Bulanda—Deployed to Afghanistan
- Brian Campbell**, Army, Grandson of Paul & Mary St. Aubin
- Chris Churilla**, Sgt., Army, Son of Bill & Theresa Churilla—Stationed in South Korea
- James S. Dyer II**, MM3rd Class, Navy, Son-in-Law of Michael and Beverly Collins
- Donald English**, Army, Nephew of Steve & Millie Moore—Deployed to Iraq
- Erik Fischer**, 3rd Class Petty Officer, Navy, Son of Mike & Marian Fischer
- Mark Fischer**, 3rd Class Petty Officer, Navy, Son of Mike & Marian Fischer
- Milton Herring**, Major, Army, Brother of Norine Maney
- George Logan, Jr.**, Army, Nephew of Marilyn Mester
- Philip Logan**, Col., Army, Nephew of Marilyn Mester
- Amy Mackowiak**, SSgt., National Guard, Daughter of Tom & JoAnne Mackowiak
- Mike McFarlin**, Navy, Grandson of Richard and Margaret Shel-drake

- Ken Ohlson**, Lt Col, Air Force, Son of Bill & Phyllis Ohlson
 - Kendra Ohlson**, Major, Air Force, Daughter-in-Law of Bill & Phyllis Ohlson
 - Steven L. Pachuca, Sr.**, Pfc., Army, Husband of Stacey Farris
 - David Salgenback**, Spc., Army, Godson of Rose Cameron—Deployed to Iraq
 - Maria Sheldrake**, Navy, Daughter-in-Law of Richard and Margaret Sheldrake
 - Jason Spaargaren**, Sgt., Army, Godson of Jim Cameron—Deployed to Iraq
 - Keith Staros**, Marines, Nephew of Pat & Georgia Forde
 - Glen Summers**, Sgt., Army, Grand-nephew of Sandra Harper—Recuperating at Walter Reed Hospital from injuries sustained in Iraq
 - Mark J. Swiderski**, PFC, Army National Guard, Boyfriend of Sharon Forde—Deployed in Iraq
 - Manuel L. Vasquez**, Sgt., Army, Son of Manuel & Maria Vasquez
 - Derrick Velazquez**, Cpl., Marines, Son of Martha Taylor
 - Shinane Velazquez**, 2nd Lt., Army, Daughter of Martha Taylor
 - Kyle Walgenbach**, Pfc., Army, Cousin of Rose Cameron—Deployed to Iraq
 - Jeffrey R. Witsken**, Col., Army, Nephew of Jim & Jo Austing
- Please notify the Parish Office as your loved ones are released from active duty.



 Sacrificial Giving	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED WEEKEND OF: December 05-06, 2009: \$5,795.60
Adult Envelopes:	\$ 5,534.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 4.75
Loose Collection:	\$ 256.85
Adult Envelopes Used	121
Children Envelopes Used	7
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:	\$ 15.00
St. Paul Sharing	\$ 0.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Operation We Care	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 22.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 125.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 64.00

AVERAGE ENVELOPE DONATION PER WEEKEND MASS

MASS	ENVELOPE TOTAL \$	NUMBER OF ENVELOPES	AVERAGE / ENVELOPE
12/05/09 4:30 PM	\$3,086.00	37	\$83.41
12/06/09 8:30 AM	\$1,389.00	52	\$26.71
12/06/09 10:30	\$1,059.00	32	\$33.09
Totals	\$5,534.00	121	\$45.74



Please pray for our sick....

- Laura Acevedo (*Parishioner*)
- Jo Austing (*Parishioner*)
- Rose Cameron (*Parishioner*)
- Robert Campa (*Nephew of Pat Centner*)
- Louise Gillon (*Parishioner*)
- Mary Kolodziej (*Niece of Dorothy Lazuka*)
- Gabriel Lazuka (*Grandson of Dorothy Lazuka*)
- Chuck Long (*Brother-in-law of Linda Kurz*)
- Richard McGathey (*Parishioner*)
- Patrick Mulkerrin (*Brother of Maureen Mulkerrin*)
- Renee Oatis (*Parishioner*)
- Helen Ramberg (*Parishioner*)
- Harold Tolliver, Sr. (*Father-in-law of Sandra Tolliver*)



- Dorie Coluzzi (*Mother of Cathy Coluzzi*)
- Gerald Benner (*Brother of Jessie Wakefield*)
- Nicolasa Ortiz (*Aunt of Irene Perez*)
- Florence Glaenzer (*Mother of Marge Isom*)
- Rev. Thomas McNeff (*Former Associate Pastor at St. Anne*)



December 14, 2009 to December 20, 2009

- MONDAY – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**
8:30 AM – Parish Benefactors
- TUESDAY – ADVENT WEEKDAY**
8:30 AM – Purgatorial Society
- WEDNESDAY – ADVENT WEEKDAY**
8:30 AM – Nicolasa Ortiz by Ann Wynn
- THURSDAY – ADVENT WEEKDAY**
8:30 AM – Fathers Michael Sweeney & Edmund Schreiber
- FRIDAY – ST. DAMASUS I**
8:30 AM— Communion Service
- SATURDAY— VIRGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
4:30 PM — Peter Bzdyl by Elly Bzdyl
Phillip Rangel by Charles & Joan Grover
- SUNDAY — FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
8:30 AM – Helen Gini & Paul Yuknis by Yuknis Family
Mary Krzan by Military Small Group
People of the Parish
- 10:30 AM – Special Intentions of the Lanigan Family by the People of the Parish
Thomas Maloney, Sr. by the Murphy Family

Seton Academy Open House And Entrance Exam

Seton Academy will be holding an Open House on **Thursday, January 7, 2010 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. Eight Graders thinking of entering Seton Academy for the Fall 2010 school year are invited to come and visit Seton Academy on this day.

The Entrance Exam for those who wish to attend Seton Academy for the Fall 2010 school year will take place on **Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 8:00 AM**. You will need to bring \$25.00 (cash or check) for the testing fee, two #2 sharpened pencils and a calculator.

Seton Academy is located at 16100 Seton Drive, South Holland, Illinois. For more information call (708) 333-6314 or visit www.seton-academy.org.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO WILL HOLD ENTRANCE EXAMS ON JANUARY 9, 2010 AT 8:00 AM.

Advent...



A Time of Waiting

Do you hear the Christmas music on the radio and in all the stores?
 Are you inundated by companies "hawking" their wares in the media?
 Are you anxious about getting your house cleaned?

lights hung outside?
 decorations up?
 tree up and decorated?
 presents bought?
 gifts wrapped and shipped?
 cards sent?
 cookies baked?

WHEW!!!!
 Exhausting, isn't it!!!

Is this what "preparing for Christmas" is all about?
 We, as Christians, know that the answer has to be **NO!**

Advent is our time to prepare for the coming of Jesus

- at Bethlehem
- and
- at the end of time

The Advent Season calls us to a deeper relationship with Jesus so that we can be transformed into His image and likeness and thereby be prepared for His Coming.

How can we prepare?

- We recognize our own darkness and sin patterns in our lives.
- We repent and ask God for His forgiveness and help to do better.
- We walk closer to Him through Scripture reading, reception of the Sacraments and worship with our Church Community.

As we wait for Jesus to come, we are challenged to help bring about His Kingdom in the here and now.....
 where peace and justice reign
 where all people are welcomed and embraced
 where all people will come to know the saving grace and unconditional love of God.

Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2009



With joy you will draw water
 at the fountain
 of salvation.
 — Isaiah 12:3

Liturgy Corner

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin word for "coming". For hundreds of years the Mass was celebrated in Latin. As you have noticed, we have been lighting the candles on the Advent wreath. One candle is lighted each week until we have all four candles lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent. To celebrate the mid-point of Advent we light the pink one. Pink is considered a softer form of purple. We are half way to celebrating Christmas.

Oplatki Wafers

Oplatki Wafers and an explanation of the tradition are available on the table in the Hospitality Area. This is a beautiful and moving Eastern European tradition celebrated at the Christmas Family Meal.

Suggested Donation: \$2.00
 Please place the donation in the black collection box on the north west wall of the church.

Compassionate Friends Joins in 13th Worldwide Candle Lighting

—Grieving the deaths of children within their families, members of the Rich Township chapter of The Compassionate Friends (TCF), a national self-help bereavement support organization, will join tens of thousands of families worldwide in lighting candles at 7 p.m. Sunday, December 13 as an act of symbolic remembrance.

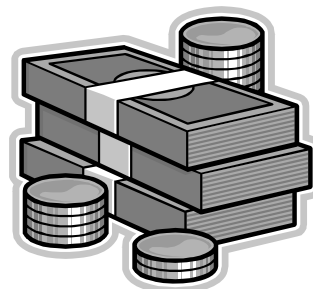
This is an annual event where persons around the globe, united in the loss of a child (no matter their age or circumstance), light candles for one hour the second Sunday in December. Candles are first lit at 7 p.m., local time just west of the International Date Line. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are then lighted in the next, creating a virtual 24-hour wave of light as the observance continues in countries around the world. The website, www.compassionatefriends.org, will also feature a Remembrance Book on December 13th which, in a 24-hour-period normally receives thousands of tributes from family members and other caring individuals, some in foreign languages.

We invite everyone, whether or not they have suffered the personal loss of a child, to join in this moving tribute.
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The Annual St. Anne Raffle

Let's sell-out
again this
year!

**BE A SELLER!
MAKE MONEY!**
(Just in time for Christmas)



St. Anne Church Fundraiser

RAFFLE

Sunday, March 7, 2010 - 12:00 pm

Drawing will take place at Sweeney Hall
at the Buffet Breakfast
16801 Dixie Hwy. Hazel Crest, IL

Ticket Price - \$25 each or 5 for \$100

1st PRIZE - \$5,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3-4TH PRIZE - \$500.00

5-6TH PRIZE - \$250.00

7-11TH PRIZE - \$100.00

12-26TH PRIZE - \$50.00

27-60TH PRIZE - \$25.00

Early Bird Drawing: 1 prize at \$200, 2 prizes at \$100, and 2 prizes at \$50. Drawing will take place on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at the Buffet Breakfast. All tickets for the Early Bird must be submitted by 11:30 am the day of the drawing.

HERE'S THE DETAILS



Sell each of the 5 tickets in a book for \$25 each ticket and keep \$25 for yourself. Just turn in the book with the 5 stubs and \$100.

(Or....)

Sell 4 tickets in a book (at \$25 each) and put your name on the last ticket for a free entry in the Raffle. Just turn in the book of 5 stubs and \$100.

(Or....)

If someone buys the whole book at the special rate of 5 for \$100, then turn in the \$100 and the book and you will get into a special \$200 drawing for only those sellers that sell a whole book to one person (all tickets in the book must have the same name on them).

See a Raffle coordinator after mass or call the office if you want to be a seller, or if you want to buy a ticket.

THOSE TO SERVE AT THE LITURGY – DECEMBER 19-20, 2009

Subject to change	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Ann Fidanza Elly Bzdyl	Mary Van Den Handel Jim Dunlavy Martha Taylor Peg Dunlavy Elaine Weathers Oscar Griffin, Jr.	Beth Ragona Mary Lu Larsen Elizabeth Wakefield Joyce Grzan
LECTOR:	Barb Budzik/Joan Easter	Elyse Webb/Theresa Churilla/ Wilma Roche	Marie Kielty/Jose Morales

WELCOME

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long-time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at St. Anne, or are registered and need to make changes, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

- () New Parishioner
 () New Address
 () New Phone Number
 () Moving. Please remove from membership list.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Bishop Perry's Men's Prayer Breakfast

Catholic Men of Chicago Southland presents **Bishop Perry's Men's Prayer Breakfast** on **Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 8:30 to 11 AM** (Breakfast at 8:30, event starts at 9 AM sharp). This event will take place at **St. Victor Parish in Calumet City, Illinois**.

The main speaker will be **Father Frank (Rocky) Hoffman** from Relevant Radio. Father Hoffman's topic will be *Live it and Love it or Leave it*. Also His Excellency, Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago will have a message. 0121

Father Frank (Rocky) Hoffman is a priest of Opus Dei and Senior Director of Mission, Programming, and Development for Relevant Radio. His "Question and Answer" column appears in *Our Sunday Visitor's The Catholic Answer Magazine*. Father Hoffman is a regular host of the *Go Ask Your Father* program heard weekdays at 1 PM on Relevant Radio. 1927

Get your tickets now and bring a man with you! Ticket pricing is \$10.00 for one man. \$7.00 each for two or more men. Make checks payable to: Catholic Men of Chicago Southland (CMCS), and postmark by Saturday, January 2, 2010, or call in your reservation to guarantee a seat. Inquiries contact Frank at (708) 935-2532 or email info@cmcsarchchicago.org. Mail your check to: **CMCS, P O Box 673, Homewood, IL 60430-0673.**