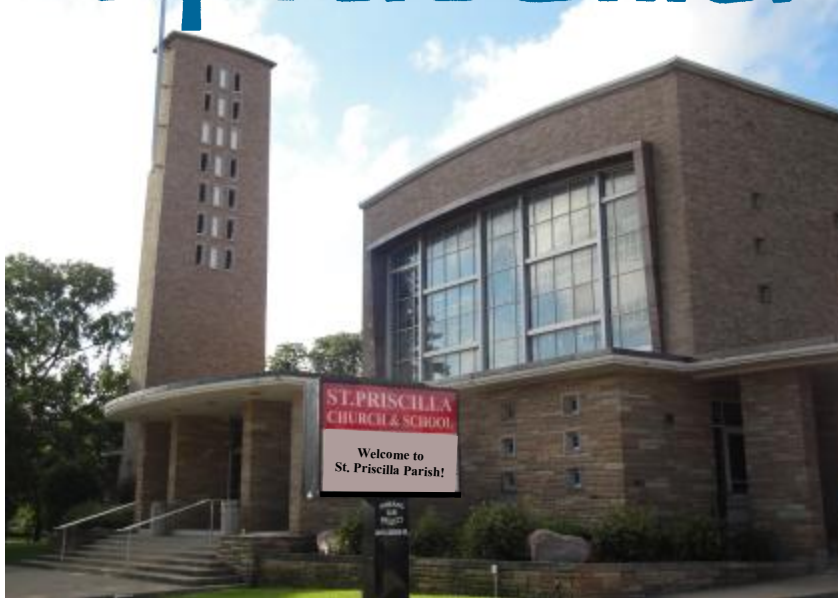


st. priscilla church



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RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

(Confession) 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M., Saturday or by appointment.
Weekday Confession daily starting at 7:45 A.M. until morning Mass.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

At the rectory during office hours.
Monday-Wednesday- Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. / Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

WEDDINGS:

Arrangement must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the date of the wedding. Confirm desired date at the church before making other arrangements. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Priscilla. Weddings are not scheduled on Sunday.

BAPTISMS:

English Baptisms will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Polish Baptisms will be held on the first and third Sundays. Attendance at Baptismal Preparation class is mandatory. Register by calling Rectory.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. - 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Mass in Polish: Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

7:00 PM Vigil Mass, 8:00—11:00 AM (English)
9:00 AM—7:00 PM (Polish)



Second Sunday of Advent **December 9, 2012**

God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.
— Baruch 5:7

Pastor's Notes

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Reflecting on God's Word

On most days since early October, the students in the college residence in which I live have been eagerly and insistently bouncing Christmas carols off walls and into hallways. It began with occasional songs on the piano. Soon after, the Christmas CDs were brought out, and a week later one of them came upon an old turntable and some Sinatra Christmas LPs. As they left for Thanksgiving vacation, they each reminded me that the radio would begin playing Christmas music all day long on the day after Thanksgiving. As a result of all this I've found myself wondering what it is that's driven these twenty-year-olds toward such early visions of Christmas sugarplums.

I've come to believe that beneath all the glitter draped and swagged with ribbons and bows over these days, deeper longings are at play, longings beyond desire for the newest iPod or the latest cell phone, longings for community or healed relationships, longings too for peace among nations and for some sort of equality among people.

Curiously, such deepened longings are never marketed by any hype. Yet like Christmas spirit, they just seem to sprout wherever the human spirit finds a niche. I suppose one could make the observation that a twenty-year-old's longing for Christmas is little more than leftover nostalgia for childhood Santas and once-upon-a-time daydreams. Maybe so. Yet Paul once wrote to the Philippian community that such urgings for goodness all begin with God and that ultimately "the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). In other words, these deeper longings, they seem to be God's doing, and who are we to put them on a timetable?

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis



ADWENT - CZASEM CZUWANIA

Dziś w drugą niedzielę Adwentu staje przed nami św. Jan Chrzciciel jako Prorok, „który obchodził całą okolicę Jordanu i głosił chrzest nawrócenia dla odpuszczenia grzechów” (Łk. 3,3). Mówiąc prostszym językiem, Jan Chrzciciel nawoływał ludzi do zmiany życia, pragnął ich należycie przygotować na przyście Chrystusa. Otworzyć się na Chrystusa, to nie tylko poznać Chrystusa, ale to znaczy także wejść na drogę pokuty.

W czasie Adwentowym mamy nie tylko obowiązek wejść na drogę pokuty, ale utwierdzić się w przekonaniu, że jest nam ona nieodzownie potrzebna. Nie jest łatwo być dobrym zawsze i we wszystkich okolicznościach życia. Być dobrym dla każdego, a nie tylko dla tych, którzy są mili wobec nas. Być dobrym, gdy jesteśmy zmęczeni, gdy dręczy nas choroba, gdy niesłusznie cierpimy. Napewno nie jest to proste i łatwe.

Wspomnijmy chociaż robione z okazji spowiedzi nasze postanowienia poprawy. Ile z nich zostało zrealizowanych? Często brak poprawy doprowadza nas do zaniechania spowiedzi, gdyż twierdzimy mówiąc: „*że i tak nie jestem lepszy*”. Święty Paweł Apostoł w dzisiejszym czytaniu przypomina nam ważną prawdę: „*Mam ufność, że Ten, który zapoczątkował w nas dobre dzieło dokończy je do dnia Jezusa Chrystusa*”. A więc o to, abym był dobry martwię się nie tylko ja, ale jeszcze ktoś inny. Na tym, abym był dobry zależy nie tylko mnie, ale i Bogu. Co więcej - ze słów św. Pawła wynika, że to właśnie Bóg zapoczątkował naszą poprawę i ON ją dokończy. Czy my o tym pamiętamy?

Może szereg niepowodzeń w naszym życiu religijnym pochodzi właśnie stąd, że za bardzo chcemy robić wszystko sami. Upieramy się i nie chcemy pozwolić Bogu na działanie w nas. Dlatego Bóg zostawia nas samych sobie i czeka, aż się przekonamy, że zadanie jest ponad nasze siły.

Zamiast mówić Bogu: poprawię się z tego, czy tamtego - powiedzmy przy adwentowej spowiedzi: „*Ojcze, proszę Cię o pomoc w poprawie. Wiem, że sam nie dam rady - ale jeżeli Ty mi pomożesz - potrafię!*” Zobaczymy wówczas, że owoce takiego postanowienia będą znacznie piękniejsze.

W czasie przygotowującym nas na przyjście Pana, trzeba drogi swego życia wyprostować i uświadomić sobie, że muszą one zaprowadzić nas do Boga. W przeciwnym razie zaprowadzą nas albo na brzeg przepaści, albo w samą przepaść. A przecież chyba tak bardzo pragnęlibyśmy być blisko Boga, tak bardzo pragnęlibyśmy powiedzieć Mu wszystko o sobie, z Nim się zjednoczyć i żyć pełnią życia.

Bezpieczna droga wiodąca do Boga - to droga Bożych Przykazań. Niech więc one staną się prawdziwym drogowskazem naszego życia.

-ks. Idzi-

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (9)**

- 8:30 — +Salvatore & Maria DeSimone
(Michael DeSimone)
+Victor Szatkowski (Triantefel Family)
+Elaine Tovar (Tovar Family)
+Helen Wasiukiewicz Anniversary of Death
(Family)
+Dorothy Cloherty Anniversary of Death (Family)
+Aleksander Chwał (Family)
+Felicita Kaffka (Helen, Alex and Family)
10:30— O odnowienie miłości ku Bogu wśród młodzieży
i powołania do służby Bożej oraz za dusze
w czyśćcu cierpiące
O zdrowie i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Marka
Młynarczyka (Mama z rodziną)

O radość w wieczności dla:

- +Paweł Dziura (Przyjaciele)
+Katarzyna Dziura 3 tygodnie po śmierci
(Tata z rodziną)
+Józefa Domin 11-sta rocz. śmierci
+Franciszek Jasek w rocz. śmierci (Syn z rodziną)
12:15— St. Priscilla Parishioners #33
6:00 — +Marian Dobosz 1-sza rocz. śmierci
(Żona z rodziną)
+Wojciech Bronowicz (Żona z rodziną)

MONDAY (10) Advent Weekday

- 8:00 — +Lorraine & Otto Ackermann (Daughter)

TUESDAY (11) Saint Damasus I, Pope

- 8:00 — +St. Priscilla Parishioners #34

WEDNESDAY (12) Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:00 — +St. Priscilla Parishioners #35
8:30 — +Sobiesław Łabno
+Aleksander Czechowicz (Córka z rodziną)

THURSDAY (13) St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- 8:00 — +Stanisław Karbarz Birthday Remembrance
(Fr. Idzi)

FRIDAY (14) Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 — +Ruth Schweitzer (Friend)
+John Pytko 58th Death Anniversary (Daughters)

SATURDAY (15) Advent Weekday

- 8:00 — St. Priscilla Parishioners #36
8:30 — +Czesław Świdorski (Żona z dziećmi)
4:00 — +Edward DuPlantis (Lorraine)
+John Czekaj (Daughter)
+Bernice Hujar (Hujar Family)
+Dr. Jorge Tovar Death Anniversary
(Tovar Family)
+Mary Smolenski (Dee Dee & Jason)
+Elaine Tovar (Lois Traficante)
+Irene Colletti (Rose & Lou)
+Mark Kuehl (Aquino)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (16)

- 8:30 — +William McGlynn (Mary Garvin)
+Donald Hum 13th Death Anniversary (Mom)
+Elaine Tovar (Tovar Family)
+Evelyn Hoffman
+Henry A. Kmiec (Cmiel Family)
+Eleanor Arnes (Maria)
10:30— O odnowienie miłości ku Bogu wśród młodzieży
i powołania do służby Bożej oraz za dusze
w czyśćcu cierpiące

O radość w wieczności dla:

- +Paweł Dziura 6 miesięcy po śmierci (Żona i córka)
+Anna Cybulska 5-ta rocz. śmierci
(Córka z rodziną)
+Kasia Dziura miesiąc po śmierci (Tata z rodziną)
+Genowefa Wojcik (Syn z rodziną)
+Edward Sięka 9-ta rocz. śmierci
12:15— St. Priscilla Parishioners #37
6:00 — Za parafian św. Priscylli #38



Today after Mass we will go to the lower level of the Rectory for our Christmas Meeting and a brunch with our wives and widows of former members.

All members and wives please attend this Christmas celebration and let's enjoy the togetherness and the brunch!



Our Weekly Offering		November 25, 2012
Currency	\$	4,312.00
Checks	\$	2,624.00
Loose Coin	\$	14.91
Total	\$	6,950.91
Weekly Goal	\$	7,500.00
Budget Year to Date		\$195,000.00
Collections Year to Date		\$175,405.03
Under Budget		\$< 19,594.97>
Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.		

Christmas is coming!

We would like to warmly thank the parishioners and volunteers who came out on Saturday, December 1st, to decorate the outside of our church. Among our volunteers, a representative from our Boy Scout Troop also helped with the decorations, as pictured below.



Pictured below: Young and adult parishioners.



Thank you!

Once again we would like to say thank you to Maria and Casey Czochara, our parishioners, who made and donated a new kneeler which will be used for special devotions.

As pictured below, this kneeler is different from our other kneelers in our sanctuary area because it includes a microphone holder, a book holder and a seat. And for this reason, we are very grateful.

This kneeler will only be used by the president.

Casey also modified our banner holders, which are on both sides of the main cross in our sanctuary.



Pictured to the left:

“Do you know how this works?” ...

“Yes, I can show you!”


Pray for ...

George Adamick - Ann Aitken - Joe Bargi - Lorraine Belokon - Dorothy Castronovo - Rosemary Cursio - Jan Drożdż - Nick Grossmayer - Dorothy Heck - Jennifer Hebda - Marian Henaghan - Tony Inacay - Andrew Jennings - Carrie Kacen - Marie Kane - Janet Kaplan - LaVerne Kmiec - Giuseppe Lamanna - Dolores LaValle - Maria Lech - Peter Leyden - Mary Lund - Mary Lynch - Michael Maneczko - Barbara McDonald - Mike Muka- Antoni Nierzejewski - Carol Niewinski - Henry Orry - Augusto Sandoval - Norbert Schultz - Genowefa Solak - Mary Spiewak - Gina Swensen - Patricia Tytro - Roger Vlasos - Stanley Wcislo - Jola Wolfe - Katie Young

If you have not yet done so and would like to have your name added to our Parish “Pray For...” list, please call the rectory at **773-545-8840 ext. 221**. Thank you!



SIMBANG GABI ST. PRISCILLA CHURCH

DECEMBER 15, 2012

6:30 P.M. - Holy Rosary
7:00 P.M. - Simbang Gabi Mass

Volunteers are WELCOME
for your time, talent, and treasure!
Bring a favorite food to share!



Retirement Fund for Religious

Give to those who have given a lifetime. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift to today's second collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Christmas is about love and family and that is what we strive to be for the many women in difficult pregnancies who come to us. This year we saved approximately 1,000 babies from abortion and helped their mothers with our friendship and love.



Last year over 1,400 children and adults attended our annual client Christmas parties. This year's parties will be on the south side, 12/15 and the north side 12/22. To donate food or a large quantity of paper products, please call 773-794-1313.



Save the date: Saturday, February 9, 2013 is the date for our 28th Life Banquet. We are excited to announce our keynote speaker is Monsignor Philip Reilly, founder of Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

If you have an item, gift certificate or service to donate for our silent auction, it would be most appreciated. For tickets or to donate, phone 773-794-1313.

The Second Week of Advent: December 9-15, 2012 Dreaming with Guadalupe

~ Light two purple candles during the second week of Advent ~

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, Then we thought we were dreaming... Those who go forth weeping, Carrying sacks of seed, Will return with cries of joy, Carrying their bundled sheaves.

--Psalm 126: 1; 6

Second Week of Advent: Dreaming with Guadalupe
Learn more about the Catholic DREAMers of Chicago at
<http://www.facebook.com/CatholicDreamersofChicago>

Join Our Lady of Guadalupe festival at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines. Go to
<http://motherofamerica.us/> for more information.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY December 15th & December 16th

MINISTER(S)	SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.	SUNDAY 12:15 P.M.	SUNDAY 6:00 P.M.
LECTOR	Elzbieta Molek	Kathleen Leahy	As scheduled	Maura Clancy	As scheduled
COMMENTATOR			As scheduled		As scheduled
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LoPiccolo Nabor Sulak	Poran Leahy Mizera Chesna	As scheduled	Miketta Hernandez Masacupan	As scheduled

Celebrating St. Cecilia - Patron of Choirs and Church Music

On November 25th at 2:00 P.M., we celebrated St. Cecilia Feast Day with our children and adult choirs in McGowan Hall. The pictures below present this event.

Saint Cecilia is the patroness of musicians and Church music because, as she was dying, she sang to God. It is also written that as the musicians played at her wedding she "sang in her heart to the Lord". St. Cecilia was an only child. Her feast day is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church on November 22. She is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. It was long supposed that she was a noble lady of Rome who, with her husband Valerian, his brother Tiburtius, and a Roman soldier Maximus, suffered martyrdom.



Pictured to the left: Some children from our Children's Choir and parents who attended the celebration and enjoyed light refreshments.



Pictured above: Members of our Adult Choir.



Pictured above: Clara and Teresa Harmata gave a presentation about St. Cecilia. It was part of Clara's project for confirmation and she also showed her portrait of St. Cecilia, which she painted herself.



Pictured above: Everyone who participated in the celebration to St. Cecilia, including: Our Children's Choir and our Adult Choir.

Capital Improvement Collection

There are additional parishioners who donated throughout the end of the month of November.

We give special thanks to these parishioners:

\$60 - Eugene Emil Warta

\$50 - Zbigniew Kwasnik, Teresito Villegas

\$25 - Anonymous

\$20 - Nicholas Allewa, Mieczyslaw & Krystyna Jasek,
Richard Koziar, Tadeusz Madon, Krystyna Swiderski,
Geraldine Timmreck, Gene Urban

\$15 - Marian Henaghan

\$10 - Rosalie Battaglia, Carol Dombek, Ryszard Domusiewicz,
Evelyn Gale, Jerzy Kornacki, Joseph LoPiccolo,
Andrzej Ostojki, Frank Reckmann, Theresa Tyc

\$7 - Anna Prokopiuk

\$5 - Elena Carravetta, Stefania Drzymala, Daniela Fita,
George Gloms, Maria Greco, Jean Hanisko

\$3 - Eloise Biglete

\$2 - Joanne Gogolewski

Thank you to these and all parishioners who contributed to our Capital Improvement Collection in November!