



# The Church of Holy Apostles

## Iglesia Catolica de Santos Apóstoles

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2024

# *Rejoice*

In Hope



# THE CHURCH OF HOLY APOSTLES



ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 5pm | Friday: 9am - 3pm

PARISH STAFF WILL RESPOND TO VOICEMAILS, EMAILS, TEXTS AND MESSAGES ON SOCIAL MEDIA DURING OFFICE HOURS ONLY.

## HEARING LOOP SYSTEM

If you use hearing aids or have a cochlear implant with a telecoil or "T" coil, flip the switch and you will have the priest's spoken word or the music fed directly into your hearing aid, eliminating background noise. Headphones enabling the use of the Hearing Loop system in the Information Center for use during Mass.

## ARE YOU HOSPITAL BOUND?

Please reach out if you are in the hospital or going to be hospitalized and you would like a priest to visit. We are not able to get your information from the hospital so you must request that we be informed. Call the parish at 815-385-5673 to arrange a visit.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Jim Hendrix  
Loren Shedbalker  
Peyton R.  
Lauren Peterson  
Bella K.  
Linda Bonifacio  
Romulo Zambrano  
Tom Spaeth  
Ellie  
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Mary Pifer  
Mike Krasucki  
Brittany Lee  
Irene Green  
Judy McCarthy  
Kathy R.  
Cheryl Hoglund  
Richard Boettcher, Jr.  
Melanie Ann Lohr-Miller



### THOSE WHO DIED THIS WEEK:

John Bazan

### THOSE WHO DIED DURING THIS WEEK LAST YEAR:

Edward Ligeza

Names on the long term list will be removed after six months. Please call the Parish Office if you would like the name to be placed back on the list. Thank you!

Please be aware that from now through the end of 2024, LPI, our bulletin printer, requires early submission of the upcoming December bulletins. This may result in the delay of a name being placed on the Prayer List or a Mass Intention listed on the schedule page.

## GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS!

Please allow the whole parish to pray for your loved one or intention by adding his/her name to our Prayer List (or to remove someone's name) by calling the Parish Office at 815-385-5673 or email to [awest@tcoha.org](mailto:awest@tcoha.org). To request prayers from our Prayer Line Ministry (or if you would like to become part of our Prayer Line Ministry) call 815-385-4547 (leave a voicemail message) or email your request to [prayerline@tcoha.org](mailto:prayerline@tcoha.org). Prayer Line requests are NOT published in the bulletin.

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

#### Dear Holy Apostles Parish Family,

Three drunken men were walking down the road. The first one noticed the wind, and said, "It's windy, isn't it?" The second one replied, "No. It's Thursday." The third guy said, "Yes, me too. Let's get some more beer."

The three men were not able to hear each other properly because they were drunk. Alcohol impairs the senses. When a person is drunk not only with alcohol, but also figuratively drunk with the pleasures and concerns of this world—promiscuity, lust, rivalry, jealousy, ambition—they will surely be deaf to truth and right reason, and definitely, deaf also to God's voice.

According to recent medical findings, more and more people nowadays, especially the young, have defective hearing faculties. This generation is turning deaf. With cell phones and iPods stuck to their ears all the time, this is expected. With noise and sound at all times, and with defective ears, who will hear the word of God? With all the excitement and attractions all around, who will be interested to listen to teachings about salvation and eternal life?

Although the amazing technological inventions have made communications faster and easier, it has also brought in more noise, distractions and confusion among the people. The voice of truth is muffled, and the facts are subjected to manipulations and distortions. Worst of all, the voice of God is drowned and rendered irrelevant and ineffective in the world.

The Season of Advent is inviting us to heed the voice of the Lord. As followers of Christ we are being reminded to listen and appreciate the Gospel. The Gospel that is challenging us to repentance and to reform of our lives. May this season of Advent make our hearts listen more to Gospel and make us more eager to welcome the coming of Jesus Christ.

Father Mio

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### DECEMBER 2024

	Total received Dec. 1, 2024	Total through Dec. 1, 2024	Budget for December 2024
Sunday Mass	\$ 9,145.72	\$ 9,145.72	\$ 50,839.00
Online Giving	10,922.21	10,922.21	55,293.00
Children's Gifts	498.18	498.18	2,534.00
Mail-in Gifts	1,170.00	1,170.00	7,784.00
Christmas	240.00	240.00	30,000.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Immaculate Concept.	48.00	48.00	3,100.00
Thanksgiving	- 2,133.00	2,133.00	-
All Saints Day	10.00	10.00	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,167.11</b>	<b>\$ 24,167.11</b>	<b>\$152,100.00</b>

#### Final Report for July-November

Total Received	\$ 462,423.17
Total Budget	<u>496,576.00</u>
July-Oct. Shortfall	\$ (34,152.83)

December has 5 weekends.

Text any dollar amount to 84321 or give online at GiveCentral.org

Thank you for your continued generosity and support! Please remember Holy Apostles in your Will.

#### WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS!

Our Parish Title for December will be given to Home of the Sparrow.



Come experience Simbang Gabi, a traditional Filipino Mass and celebration of the Advent season! Simbang Gabi Mass is on Sunday, December 15, at 7 PM, followed by a delicious Filipino dinner and celebration.



#### Giving Tree Gifts Due Back Today



If you took a tag from the Giving Tree in the narthex, please return the gift with the tag attached by today, December 15. You can still also give a monetary donation online by using this QR code. Gifts will be distributed this coming week. Your generous giving benefits local clients of St. Vincent de Paul, Kids in Need, Pioneer Center and Senior Services.



Thank you for your generosity!



## THIS WEEK AT HOLY APOSTLES

MOST MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRY SIGN-UPS

8:00 AM Mass: †Deceased members of Holy Apostles who died in December in past years

9:00 AM RICA Class (Spanish) in Gold 6

10:00 AM Mass: **The People of Holy Apostles**

11:00 AM Sunday Morning Small Group in Gold 6

12:00 PM Misa en Español: †Fernando Herrejon, Jr., †Salvador, †María Guadalupe y †Max Zermeño y †Serafin, †Placida y †Alicia Aguilar cumpleaños de Armando Delgado

7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Mass

8:00 PM Simbang Gabi Celebration in Sherry Center

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

7:00 AM Rosary

7:30 AM Mass: †Edward Ligeza and †Mrs. Marie Alvarez

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study in Red 15 and 17

10:00 AM Women's Small Group in Gold 6

12:10 PM Mass: †Tom Stubblefield

5:30 PM Montini Christmas Concert in Church/reception in Sherry Center

5:30 PM Community Kitchen Small Group in Green 9

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

7:00 AM Rosary

7:30 AM Mass: †Rev. Msgr. Philip J. Reilly and †Stanislaw Wierzb

9:00 AM Senior Small Group in Green 9

10:00 AM Montini Preschool Christmas Concert in Sherry Center

10:00 AM TCOHA Design Team Meeting in Green 8

1:00 PM Montini Preschool Christmas Concert in Church/Sherry Center

6:30 PM Posadas in Church

7:00 PM Compartir Posadas in Sherry Center

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting in Gold 6

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

7:00 AM Rosary

7:30 AM Mass: †Eleanor & Russell Bray

9:00 AM Widows Small Group in Green 9

10:30 AM Food Distribution preparation in Sherry Center narthex

12:10 AM Mass: †Ray Aguilá, †Judith Sullivan and †Dawn Holler

3:30 PM Food Distribution packing and distribution outside Sherry Center

5:30 PM Confesión en Español until 6:15 PM

6:00 PM MCAC (JPC) in Gold 6

6:30 PM Misa en Español: †Las almas del purgatorio

6:30 PM Posadas in Church

7:00 PM Compartir Posadas in Sherry Center

7:00 PM Parents of Special Needs Small Group in Red 15 and 17

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

7:00 AM Rosary

7:30 AM Mass: **For healing of JoLynn Simon and Theresa Hart**

1:30 PM Daytimers Small Group in Green 9

5:30 PM Adult Small Group in Gold 6

6:30 PM Posadas in Church

7:00 PM Compartir Posadas in Sherry Center

7:00 PM RICA Class in Gold 6

7:15 PM Music Rehearsal in Church

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

7:00 AM Rosary

7:30 AM Mass: **Birthdays of Jeremy Stubblefield and Prudy Garza**

12:10 PM Mass: †Mary Tripp and †Peter Stumpf

6:30 PM Hispanic Choir Rehearsal in Gold 12 Choir Room

6:30 PM Posadas in Church

7:00 PM Compartir Posadas in Sherry Center

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024—ST. PETER CANISIUS

6:00 AM Knights of Columbus Holiday Meals Distribution in Sherry Center

7:00 AM Rosary

7:30 AM Mass: †Richard Heneghan

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024 (CONTINUED)

8:00 AM Men's Small Group in Gold 6

10:00 AM Spanish Baptisms

10:00 AM Mom's Small Group in Red 15 and 17

1:00 PM **Montserrat Montes Quinceñera**

4:00 PM Reconciliation/Confession until 4:45 PM

5:00 PM Mass: †Julia Gradall, †Chuck Eggensammer and †Ronald E. Blaul

6:30 PM Posadas in Church

7:00 PM Compartir Posadas in Sherry Center

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Mass: †Sandra Conner, †John & Helen Biesiadecki and †Reynaldo Aguila

9:00 AM RICA Class (Spanish) in Gold 6

10:00 AM Mass: †Ann Gaul, †LeRoy Hiller and †Mathew Bentz

12:00 PM Misa en Español: **La Comunidad de Santos Apóstoles (The People of Holy Apostles)**

1:00 PM Christmas Decorating in church

1:30 PM Private Baptism in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

6:30 PM Posadas in Church

7:00 PM Compartir Posadas in Sherry Center

### Offer Prayers with a Mass Intention

Pray for the soul of a deceased loved one, or for the healing for one who is ill or another need by making them the intention of one of our Masses each week. Please consider a daily Mass; there are many available. Call the **Parish Office at 815-385- 5673** to request an intention. The customary donation is \$10 per Mass. Please make requests well in advance if you want a special date. **Mass intentions made after Tuesday for the current week will not appear in the bulletin.**

### Come Visit Jesus: Commit to an Hour of Adoration

Catholics believe that "the Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist" (CCC 1377). Praying before the Eucharist, then, is praying before the presence of Jesus Christ.

Schedule a permanent hour with Jesus, or if you cannot commit to a weekly time, sign-up as a substitute.

To sign-up call or text **Dawn Harris at 224-760-0700**

or use the QR code. Open hours:

**Saturday: 3 to 4 PM, 6 to 7 PM**

**Sunday: 12 to 1 PM; 3 to 4 PM; 4 to 5 PM**



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### Your Gifts Help Family Avoid Utility Shut-Off

Even with two incomes, a young family with four children has been struggling to make ends meet. They recently reached out to **St. Vincent de Paul** for assistance when they received a shut-off notice from ComEd. Thanks to our parishioners generosity to SVdP, this balance was paid in full directly to the utility, avoiding shut-off of this necessary utility. SVdP appreciates your monetary donations as well as those of body wipes, shampoo, conditioner and cleaning supplies, such as Lysol, Windex, Mr. Clean, and Comet. *"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."* John 4:8



Use this QR code to give.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a Wednesday Food Distribution on December 25th and January 1st as the Food Bank is closed. We are not able to get food on those days but the need remains. Please keep this in mind when making your donations to St. Vincent de Paul.**



### Order of Foresters Support St. Vincent de Paul

The Trustees of Catholic Order of Foresters Welfare & Relief Fund recently presented our St. Vincent de Paul chapter with a check for \$1,500 to assist those in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Shown left is High Court Trustee **Ron Freund** presenting the check to

**Rick Pizarek** of St. Vincent de Paul.

### Do You Love to Decorate?

Come share your helping hands and make our church look beautiful and festive for Christmas! Just come to church on **Sunday, December 22, at 1:15 PM** (after the Spanish Mass). We need many hands to help the work go faster!



### Stroke Scan Plus Screening Offered

**Stroke Scan Plus** will offer a Stroke, Vascular and Abdominal Ultrasound Screening here at Holy Apostles on **Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1**. The scans will check the carotid arteries in the neck for fatty plaque build-up which accounts for 80% of strokes, the abdominal aorta for aneurysms, the thyroid which controls the metabolism for cysts, nodules and enlargements, the liver, gallbladder and kidneys for cysts, masses and tumors. These screenings are typically not part of annual physicals nor will insurance companies pay for them unless your symptomatic. Stroke Scan will offer these screenings for \$169 for all of them. Health/flex savings accounts are accepted. A representative will be here January 18/19 to answer questions and for registration. Payment is due at day of screening. Call **832-437-7355** to make your appointment. "Prevention is the key to early detection."

### Take Part in Christmas Children's Mass

All school-aged children are invited to participate in either our Christmas Gospel Re-enactment as Mary, Joseph, the Centurion, an Angel or a Shepherd **OR** Children's Choir, both at the 4PM Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24.

- The rehearsal date for the Gospel Re-enactment is **December 23, at 5:30 PM.**
- Children's Choir rehearsals are **December 15 and 22, right after the 10 AM Mass.**

Register using this QR code. Contact **Craig at 815-388-0159 or ccolson@tcoha.org** for details.



### Knights Raising Funds for New Winter Clothing

For 15 years, **Knights of Columbus Council 1288** have been providing new children's winter clothing (coats, snow pants, boots, hats, scarves and gloves) to McHenry area children in need. Last year they achieved their \$20,000 goal. This year their goal is \$25,000. Please consider making a donation to this worthy cause by visiting <https://square.link/u/jOd78AnD> or use this QR code.



### Can You Cook a Meal for Monday Night Meals?

Our Community Kitchen Ministry that provides meals for those in need on Monday evenings is in need of more volunteers to cook and donate meals. Menus are planned and volunteers choose what they would like to donate. If you are able to help make meals, please contact **Sheila Lockwood at Laand3kids@yahoo.com or 847-219-9089.**

### Retreats Offer Healing from Abortion

If someone you know is experiencing pain due to a past abortion, there is healing available. **Rachel's Vineyard** offers weekend healing retreats. The next one will be **January 3-5, 2025**. To register call **815-354-7241** or email [info@rachelsvineyardrockford.org](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardrockford.org). More information is available at [rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion](http://rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion).

**ACTION NEEDED:**  
Oppose Assisted Suicide - IL Senate Bill 3499

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A doctor prescribes lethal drugs that can be sent through the mail to a person wishing to end his or her life if diagnosed with a terminal illness. There is no requirement that a doctor or anyone be present with a person should something go wrong when consuming the drugs. The person may take hours to die.

For more information, visit our issues page here:  
[www.rockforddiocese.org/life/opposing-assisted-suicide/](http://www.rockforddiocese.org/life/opposing-assisted-suicide/)

Write your IL state legislators to oppose Senate Bill 3499 before the start of the lame duck session on January 2, 2025. Visit here to do so: [www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-center/](http://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-center/)

## DE PADRE JHAKSON PARA TI

Después de haber celebrado la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, continuamos con la misma alegría a la preparación del Nacimiento de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Esta semana está enmarcada por el inicio de nuestras Posadas. Iniciaremos el día mares 17, porque el lunes 16 nuestros hermanos filipinos tienen su celebración. Igualmente estamos invitados a participar en ella.

Como les comenté en misa, sentí una gran preocupación cuando salí a algunos lugares en busca de la imagen del Niño Jesús para mi pesebre. Mi sorpresa fue que no es “algo” fácil de conseguir en los negocios.

Lógicamente me preguntaba que porqué, si la Navidad está centrada y nació con el Nacimiento de Jesús. Este pequeño detalle me hizo reflexionar sobre nuestra misión y tarea de educar a nuestros hijos o cómo los estamos educando.

Las Posadas ciertamente es una tradición muy hispana, que viene de la herencia española que nos dejó la evangelización y colonización. Sin embargo, más allá de ser una simple tradición es algo que habla de nuestras raíces, de dónde venimos, pero sobre todo de la fe que profesamos.

Ellas son una forma de enseñarle a nuestros hijos, que Navidad se traduce en “Amar a Jesús Niño” que nació en un pesebre. No se trata solo de la comida, del champurrado, del pan o de las piñatas, eso está bien, pero no debe ser el centro y el motivo.

No hay motivo más grande para ser parte de esta tradición que acompañar a La Virgen María y San José en su camino buscando lugar para darle un espacio con calor a su Hijo.

Esas frías noches, en un lugar que no era su tierra, ellos encontraron el lugar más humilde de donde inició la Salvación del mundo.

Si pensamos un momento que la manera de educar a nuestros niños es enseñarle con nuestras propias acciones, ellos van a llevar siempre y por siempre ese amor por Dios.

Pueden ver los horarios para que en familia podamos estar. Si alguno de sus hijos quiere ser parte de la comparsa que “vestimos” de san José, la Virgen y otros personajes, pues son más que bienvenidos. La idea es participar y que acompañemos a la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. Los espero aquí en la Iglesia.

En Cristo,

Fr. Jhakson

## Árbol de Generosidad

A regresado el árbol de donaciones de los Santos Apóstoles. Los invitamos a tomar una etiqueta del árbol de donaciones y comprar el regalo solicitado para una persona de nuestra comunidad. Devuelva el regalo envuelto con la etiqueta pegada **antes del 15 de diciembre**. Su generosa donación beneficia a las asociaciones sin fines de lucro, como: San Vicente de Paul, Pioneer Center, Senior Services y Kids in Need. Agradezca a Dios por todas las bendiciones que ha recibido y comparta con aquellos más necesitados para que esta Navidad puedan tener un regalo.

## Servicios en Español

### MISAS:

Domingo a las 12:00 PM y  
Miércoles a las 6:30 PM

### CONFESIONES:

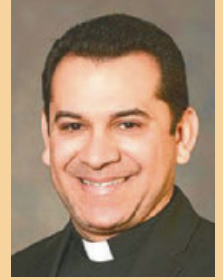
Miércoles 5:30–6:15 PM

### HORARIO DE OFICINA:

Lunes a Jueves de 9 AM–5 PM y  
Viernes de 9 AM a 3 PM

### TELÉFONO: 815-385-5673

Para citas con el padre, favor de llamar a la oficina y así poder agenda su cita.



Padre Jhakson Garcia

## Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

La Capilla de Adoración, está abierta de 5 AM a 10 PM siete días a la semana. Horarios que necesitan ser cubiertos:

**Domingo: 12–1 PM, 3–4 PM, 4–5 PM**

**Sábado: 3–4 PM, 6–7 PM**

Si a usted puede cubrir una de las horas disponibles, comuníquese con la **Sra. Dawn Harris al 224-760-0700** o código QR para registrarse.



## Posadas Navideñas

Daremos comienzo a nuestras tradicionales posadas navideñas el **día 17 de diciembre y se llevaran a cabo cada día hasta el 23 de diciembre.**

Comenzaran a las 6:30 de la tarde en la iglesia y pasaremos al Father Sherry Center después para convivir y compartir con los demás. Todos son invitados, acompañenos a vivir estas hermosas tradiciones.



## ¿Te encanta decorar?

¡Ven a compartir tu ayuda y haz que nuestra iglesia luzca hermosa para esta Navidad! Simplemente venga a la iglesia el **domingo 22 de diciembre a la 1:15 p. m.** (después de la misa en español). ¡Necesitamos muchas manos para ayudar a que el trabajo sea más rápido!



**Misa de Nochebuena: 24 diciembre, 8 pm**  
**Misa de Navidad en Espanol: 25 diciembre, 12 pm**

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