



The Church of Holy Apostles

Iglesia Catolica de Santos Apóstoles

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

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to Hear



THE CHURCH OF HOLY APOSTLES



ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

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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
Cullen Kleinhanzl
Joshua Neckar
Kimberly & Tom Neckar
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Kale Brenner
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Tom Paustain
Diane Hirsch
Andrew Gullo
Mary Pifer
Mike Krasucki
Brittany Lee
Travis Romero
Glen Paustain
Judy McCarthy
Kathy R.
Cheryl Hoglund



THOSE WHO DIED THIS WEEK:

Danielle Dukas
Robert Reith

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. 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. Prayer Line requests are NOT published in the bulletin.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Holy Apostles Parish Family,

During the Advent Season, we remember the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY in a very special way, acknowledging and recognizing the role she played in the eternal plan of salvation. With the Archangel Gabriel, we proclaim: *“Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women.”* However, Mary is not the only one blessed by God. Through her Son, Jesus, we, too, have been blessed by God, both materially and spiritually. The only reason why we do not realize this, and why we continue to have inner conflict and disharmony is the reign of sin in our lives. Sin is basically disobedience to God. Mary is great, not only because of her unique gift and privilege of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, but mainly due to her TOTAL and UNCONDITIONAL OBEDIENCE to the will of God: *“Be it done unto me according to your word.”* Complete rejection of sin and total obedience to God made Mary truly great and *“blessed among women.”*

We can also be great if we follow the example of Mary. We cannot follow her as Mother of God. We cannot be like her as the Immaculate Conception. But we can imitate her in being totally obedient to God’s will and commands. May she always inspire us to be humble and obedient children of God. In these times of trouble and uncertainties, we may always have confident recourse to her motherly protection and care.

Father Mio

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE NOVEMBER 2024

	Total received Nov. 24, 2024	Total through Nov. 24, 2024	Budget for November 2024
Sunday Mass	\$ 7,845.72	\$ 37,119.42	\$ 40,671.00
Online Giving	9,245.90	43,213.76	44,234.00
Children’s Gifts	432.12	1,912.13	2,027.00
Mail-in Gifts	870.00	6,816.72	6,227.00
Christmas	21.19	221.19	
Thanksgiving	175.00	290.00	3,100.00
Assumption	.00		
Immaculate Conceptio	.00		
All Soul’s Day	0.00	997.00	0.00
All Saints Day	3.00	3,682.72	2,270.00
Total	\$ 18,592.93	\$ 94,288.94	\$ 98,529.00

Final Report for July-October

Total Received	\$ 368,134.23
Total Budget	<u>398,047.00</u>
July-Oct. Shortfall	\$ (29,912.77)

November has
4 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 Tithes for December will be given to **Home of the Sparrow.**

Come experience **Simbang Gabi**, a traditional Filipino Mass and celebration of the Advent season! Open yourself to the ways different cultures welcome the birth of Jesus.

Simbang Gabi Mass is on **Sunday, December 15, at 7 PM**, followed by a delicious Filipino dinner and celebration.



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). This means that as long as the Sacred Host is intact and possesses the physical properties of bread, the **Real Presence of Jesus Christ**, body, blood, soul and divinity, remain. 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 are:
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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THIS WEEK AT HOLY APOSTLES

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRIES SIGN-UP

- 8:00 AM Mass: †Marie Oltz, †Denise Tomasello and †Taylor & Austin Lockwood
- 8:30 AM Family Faith Formation classes in Sherry Center & various rooms
- 9:00 AM RICA Class (Spanish) in Gold 6
- 10:00 AM Mass: †Joan Morison, †Linda Hayes and †Butch Meyer
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Small Group in Gold 6
- 12:00 PM Misa en Español:
†Alejandrina Rubio y Acción de gracias por los bienes Recibidos, y cumpleaños de Jace Gael Gomez
- 1:30 PM Dance Practice in Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

- 7:00 AM Rosary
- 7:30 AM Holy Day Mass: †Bill & Michelle Michaelis
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study in Red 15 and 17
- 10:00 AM Montini All School Mass
- 10:00 AM Women's Small Group in Gold 6
- 12:10 PM Holy Day Mass: †Souls in Purgatory
- 5:00 PM Community Kitchen Special Christmas Meal in Sherry Center and Green 8 and 10
- 5:30 PM Holy Day Mass: †Souls in Purgatory
- 5:30 PM Community Kitchen Small Group in Green 9
- 6:00 PM MCAC (JCP) in Red 2 and 4
- 7:00 PM Holy Day Mass (Spanish): †Por las almas del purgatorio

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024—OUR LADY OF LORETTO

- 7:00 AM Rosary
- 7:30 AM Mass: †Nemesia Mahinay
- 9:00 AM Senior Small Group in Green 9
- 10:00 AM TCOHA Design Team Meeting in Green 8
- 11:00 AM TCOHA Staff Meeting in Green 8
- 5:00 PM Family Faith Formation in Sherry Center & various classrooms
- 6:00 PM EDGE Middle School Ministry in Sherry Center
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus (3rd Degree) Meeting in Gold 6

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024—ST. DAMASCUS

- 7:00 AM Rosary
- 7:30 AM Mass: †James Nikolai, †Ariel Nikolai and †Dave O'Neall
- 9:00 AM Widows Small Group in Green 9
- 10:30 AM Food Distribution preparation in Sherry Center narthex
- 12:10 AM Mass: †Souls in Purgatory
- 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 Green 9 and 10
- 6:30 PM Misa en Español: †Por las almas del purgatorio
- 7:00 PM Parents of Special Needs Small Group in Red 15 and 17
- 7:00 PM Women's Emmaus (English) Meeting in Green 9 and 11
- 7:00 PM LifeTeen High School Ministry in Youth Center
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (4th Degree) Meeting in Gold 6

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024—OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

- 5:00 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mananitas in Church and Sherry Center
- 7:00 AM Rosary
- 7:30 AM Mass: †Souls in Purgatory
- 1:30 PM Daytimers Small Group in Green 9
- 5:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary and Traditional Dancing
- 5:30 PM Adult Small Group in Gold 6
- 7:00 PM RICA Class in Gold 6
- 7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024—ST. LUCY

- 7:00 AM Rosary
- 7:30 AM Mass: †Lucille Krasucki (Heavenly birthday)
- 12:10 PM Mass: †Mary Tripp and †Peter Stumpf
- 4:00 PM JPC Ministry Christmas Dinner in Sherry Center
- 5:00 PM DSMP 6 Diabetes Self-Management Class in Red 15 and 17
- 6:30 PM Hispanic Choir Rehearsal in Gold 12 Choir Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024—ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

- 7:00 AM Rosary
- 7:30 AM Mass: †Souls in Purgatory
- 8:00 AM Men's Small Group in Gold 6
- 9:00 AM RICA Make-up Class in Green 8 and 10
- 4:00 PM Reconciliation/Confession until 4:45 PM
- 5:00 PM Mass: †Ellisabeth Lay and blessings on Cassie Victor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 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 Hereson, Jr., †Salvador, †María Guadalupe y †Max Zernefio y †Serafin, †Placida y †Alicia Aguilar
- 7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Mass
- 8:00 PM Simbang Gabi Celebration 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 a date in the coming week will not appear in the bulletin.**

Knights Raise 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.



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Thank you to all who made HALO's Holiday Bazaar an outstanding success! To all who created and donated a craft item, baked and donated delicious treats, especially cookies for our Cookie Walk, all who bought a Raffle Ticket or made a purchase at the sale, WE THANK YOU! Your support of the Bazaar allows HALO to give the proceeds to help maintain, repair and/or upgrade our parish buildings and grounds. Your support is SO appreciated!

Celebrating Our Blessed Mother in December

Today, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary being conceived without original sin in preparation for becoming the Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation but since December 8th is a Sunday, **the Holy Day will be observed tomorrow, December 9th. Masses are at 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM and in Spanish at 7 PM.**

Thursday, December 12, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico and a major holiday for Mexican people, will be celebrated here at Holy Apostles beginning at 5 AM Mañanitas (morning prayers/songs), Rosary and refreshments. Then at 5 PM there will be traditional dancers followed by the Rosary, 7 PM Mass and ending with refreshments and fellowship in Sherry Center. *(All Guadalupe events are in Spanish.)*

Your Gifts Help Needy Through Difficult Times

The winter season can be beautiful with freshly fallen snow. However, cold temperatures increase heating bills at the same time some seasonal workers see a reduction of hours, all of which stress budgets. **St. Vincent de Paul** recently assisted several families with past due utility bills and with gas for their vehicles so they can get to work. Vincentians helped the families sign up for a Christmas meal and provided information on the Giving Tree, a project that provides Christmas gifts for children. Your donations of coffee (instant and ground), powered coffee creamer, and dish soap are always appreciated by our neighbors in need. *"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailling kindness."* Jeremiah 31:3



Use this QR code to give.

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. More information is available at rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion.

Help the Knights Provide Holiday Meals to Needy

Since 2008, Knights of Columbus Councils 1288 and 16448, have been raising funds to provide a holiday meal to those in need in our community. They raise funds and, through a partnership with Meijer Foods, secure and pack food so that a family has everything to prepare a holiday meal. 100% of your donations are used to purchase food that will benefit needy families in our own McHenry area. Last year over 800 boxes of food were distributed. Thank you for your amazing generosity but can we ask you to help us provide meals again?

Please make your donations at <https://store.koc1288.org/> (or use this QR code) or send checks to Knights of Columbus Council 1288, P. O. Box 148, McHenry IL 60051. It costs about \$65 for the food inside each boxed meal but any amount you are able to give is greatly appreciated.



Want to volunteer to help pack the meals? Meals will be packed and distributed on **Saturday, December 21, at 7 AM.**

Make Someone's Christmas Special



Please take a tag from the Giving Tree that will be on display in the narthex on Thanksgiving and purchase the requested gift item for a needy person in our community. **Please return the gift with the tag attached by December 15th.** You can also give online by using this QR code. Your generous giving benefits local clients of St. Vincent de Paul, Kids in Need, Pioneer Center and Senior Services. Thank you for your generosity!



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.

Four Seasons December Lunch Invitation

Four Seasons, Holy Apostles' group of men and women aged 55 and better, who enjoy sharing meals and good conversation at various local venues, invites all to their December lunch on **Thursday, December 12, at 11:30 AM, at Uprooted, 1816 Rt. 120, McHenry.** Please call/text **Barb** at **815-382-2099** by **December 7th** if you plan on attending.

Pray "Keep Christ in Christmas" Rosary

Join hundreds of others throughout the nation by praying the Rosary to honor the Infant Jesus in front of **St. Mary's Church, 1401 N. Richmond Rd., McHenry, on Saturday, December 14, at 12 noon.** (Rosary will be prayed inside the church in the event of inclement weather.)

DE PADRE JHAKSON PARA TI

Hermanos y hermanas, esta semana que iniciamos está llena de celebraciones marianas. Aunque seguimos en preparación para el Nacimiento de Nuestro Salvador, las solemnidades de la Inmaculada Concepción y de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, también nos ayudan a ello.

Como sabemos el día de la Inmaculada Concepción se celebra el 8 de diciembre de cada año, pero este 2024 tiene una excepción por caer ese día en domingo; Siempre el domingo va a prevalecer sobre cualquier otra solemnidad, por ser Día del Señor.

La solemnidad de la Inmaculada, por tato, se corre al día lunes, pero siempre conservando el carácter de obligatoriedad, es decir misa de guardar y precepto como si fuese domingo.

En la parroquia vamos a tener la misa en honor a la Inmaculada, **el lunes 09 de diciembre a las 7 pm**. Todos estamos cordialmente invitados a participar.

Luego, el día 12 tenemos la solemnidad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Vamos a tener las mañanitas a partir de las 4:30 am y por la tarde tendremos la serenata con Mariachis, danzas tradicionales y la Misa solemne donde la coronaremos como Nuestra Emperatriz de América.

Mucha gente ofrece regalos a nuestra Madre de Guadalupe, si alguno desea ofrecer flores, puede traerlas el día miércoles 11 durante la tarde para adornar su altar y la base donde la tendremos. El amor que debemos expresar a nuestra emperatriz de América se debe notar no solo en lo que podamos ofrecerle, sino también con nuestra participación en la Eucaristía en su honor.

La devoción a Nuestra Madre, la Virgen María, es algo propio de nosotros como católicos; no la adoramos, la veneramos y le damos su debido respeto por ser la Madre del Salvador. El "Sí" que ella dio al ángel cambió nuestras vidas, porque fue la puerta que abrió la salvación del mundo.

Todos debemos reconocer que, aunque tengamos pensamientos diferentes, María es la Madre de Jesús y eso es un hecho indiscutible.

Su humildad de querer aparecer en el mote Tepeyac, en el caso de la Guadalupe, nuestra hace ver su cercanía, especialmente con aquellos más sencillos de sus hijos.

Les invito a estas fiestas Marianas, son parte también de nuestra preparación para recibir a su Hijo Jesús, Nuestro Salvador. Los espero el día 9 de diciembre y el día 12 para alabar a Nuestra Madre del cielo.

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:

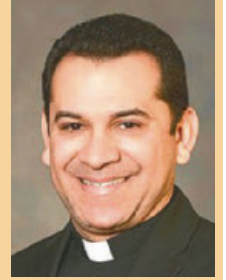
Miércoles 5:30–6:15 PM

HORARIO DE OFICINA:

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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.



Mañanitas

Nuestras tradicionales mañanitas a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe **el día 12 de diciembre**. Disfrutaremos de hermosos bailes de danza para nuestra morenita del Tepeyac al igual de cantos, alabanzas, y juntos rezaremos el rosario y celebraremos la santa misa. El itinerario será el siguiente:

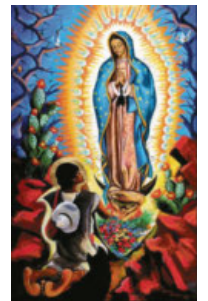
Por la mañana:

4:30 AM	Apertura de las puertas del Templo
5:00–5:15 AM	Cantos alabanza a la Virgen.
5:15–6:00 AM	Rosario con Intenciones de la Comunidad.
6:00 AM	Compartir Comunidad

Por la tarde:

5 PM	Danza para la Virgen de Guadalupe;
6 PM	Rezo del Rosario;
7 PM	Celebración de la Santa Misa y coronación;
8 PM	Convivio en el Sherry Center.

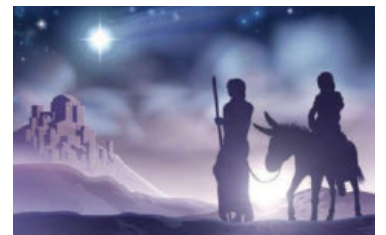
¡Los esperamos!



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, acompáñenos a vivir estas hermosas tradiciones.



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