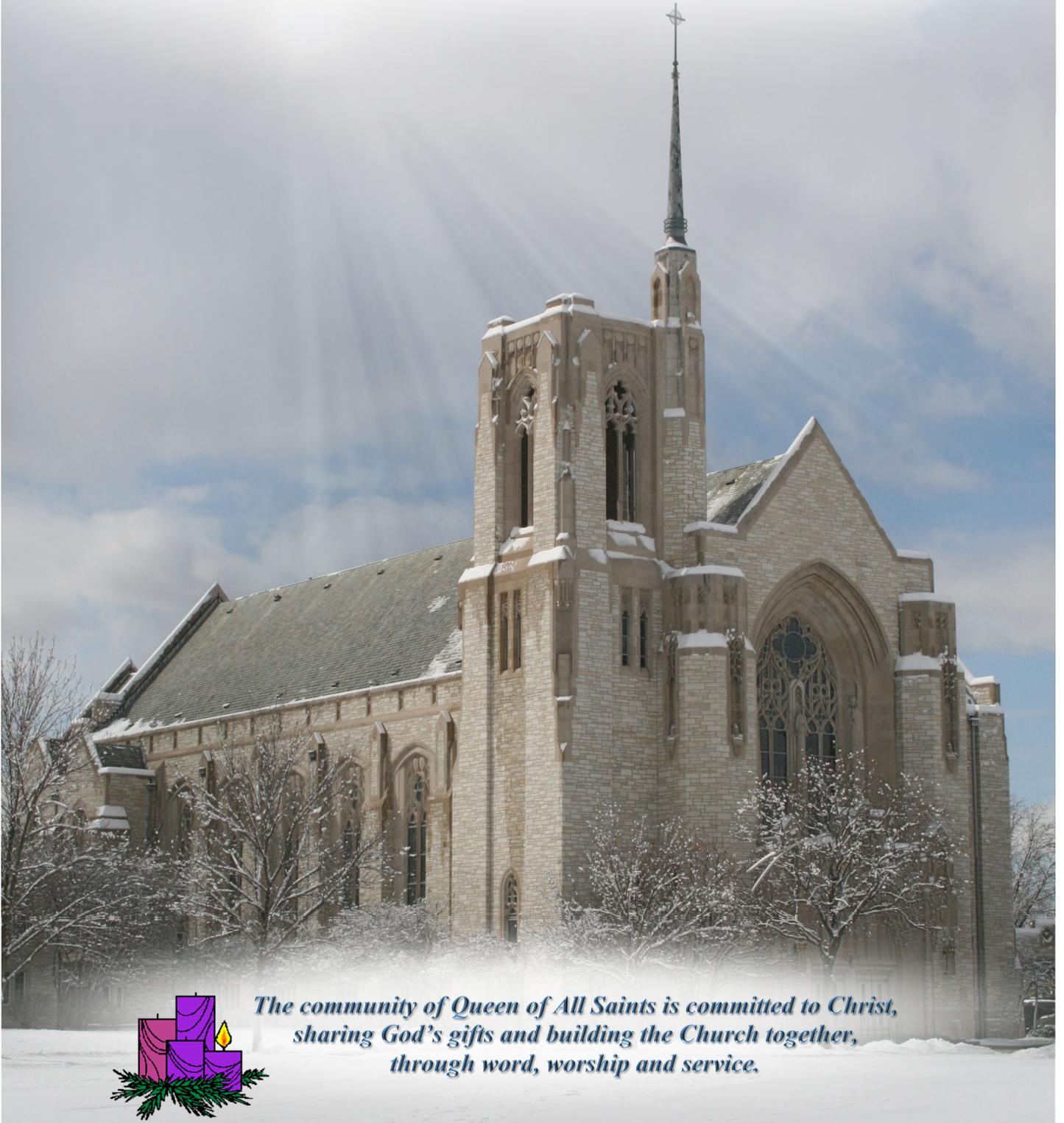


QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

A Roman Catholic Church

DECEMBER 1ST, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ,
sharing God's gifts and building the Church together,
through word, worship and service.*

FROM FATHER SIMON



Advent and the season of Christmas come at the start of the year, not at the end, as Jesus' birth marks the beginning of a new era in human history. So, on this first Sunday in Advent, we celebrate the start of a new liturgical year.

Today we set out on a time of prayer and preparation for the celebration of the greatest gift of all, God's gift of his Son, and with it, the gift of new life for us all. What greater love for us could God have shown than to send his beloved only Son to be with us? He, the Son of God, came into the world as a tiny helpless baby, one like us in all things but sin, fully human, while fully divine.

Why did he come? The prophet Isaiah tells us that he came so "That he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." He came to "let us walk in the light of the Lord." How easily we can lose our way without him. To walk in his way is to walk in the way of life and goodness, peace and love. It is no accident that our Christmas cards are adorned with messages of love, joy, peace and blessings.

The weeks leading up to Christmas can be so fast and frenetic. There is all the activity that accompanies the end of the calendar year, preparations for the Christmas season and the holiday break. Let us not let the hustle and bustle of the activities and preparations distract us from the mystery of God's love for us that we celebrate.

In our gospel today, Saint Matthew offers us a sobering reminder: "you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Truly, none of us knows what the future holds, nor when our own time will come to leave this world and go to the "world" of the Father.

We can so easily lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas and indeed of our lives. We can forget that we give gifts at Christmas in celebration and thanksgiving for the great gift that God has given to us in Jesus. We can also forget that our most important gift to others – and the gift that matters most – is not what we buy for them, but what we give of ourselves in our daily words and acts of loving concern, care and compassion.

During this season of Advent, I invite you to give to yourself the gift of a few moments each day praying with your family around the Advent wreath, availing yourself the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation or just spending some time in silence before the blessed sacrament. We have adoration and confessions on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 pm. Christmas will come and go and most of us know we will not be ready, but will you be ready when Christ comes?

Blessings!!

ADVENT 2019 CALENDAR

Advent Prayer - Monday Evening Holy Hour

On Mondays, December 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Prepare your heart for Christ with an hour of prayer each week before the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will be in the confessionals during the Holy Hour for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

First Week of Advent

December 6, Friday - Gingerbread House Family Night, 6:30 pm in the cafeteria

December 7, Saturday - Tree Lighting at 4:45pm outside of the rectory, followed by the Early Childhood Family Mass at 5:00pm

Second Week of Advent

December 8, Sunday - Second collection to support the Retired Religious

December 8, Sunday - Santa's Workshop, beginning at 10am to 1pm, in the Gym

December 8, Sunday - Share Christmas and Toy Drive, Gifts collected at all of the weekend Masses

December 8, Sunday - Elizabeth Ministry's Worldwide Candle Lighting Memorial at 6:45pm in the basilica

December 9, Monday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception, not a holy day of obligation this year

December 13, Friday - Handel's "Messiah" concert at 7:30pm in the basilica.

Third Week of Advent

December 15, Sunday - Second collection to support our monthly sharing with the needy

December 17, Tuesday - Holiday coffee after all morning Masses

December 19, Thursday - School Concert, "The Angels Sing", 7:00pm

December 21, Saturday - Simbang Gabi, Traditional Filipino Advent Liturgy, 7:00pm in the basilica with a reception following in the gym

Fourth Week of Advent

December 24, Tuesday - only 8:30 am morning Mass

December 24, Tuesday - Midnight Mass Prelude, Christmas Carols & Choral Reflections at 11:00pm

December 24, Tuesday - Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 & 6:00pm and 12:00 midnight

December 25, Wednesday - Christmas Day Masses at 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am & 12:30pm



SHARE CHRISTMAS



FINAL WEEKEND

Every holiday season, the St. Vincent de Paul Society oversees gift distribution to less fortunate children.

There are still Christmas trees in the vestibule with gift tag ornaments, each indicating a specific item or items.

Families are invited to take one gift tag from the tree and bring their unwrapped present back next weekend.

NEXT WEEKEND

DECEMBER 7 & 8

GIFTS ARE DUE AT MASS

Many families in the Chicagoland area, including some locally, are greatly appreciative of your generosity.

Thank you in advance and God bless you for your generosity.



Worldwide Prayer Service & Candle Lighting

to honor and remember children gone too soon

Sunday, December 8, 2019

6:30 p.m. Doors Open
6:45 p.m. Program Begins
7:00 p.m. Candle Lighting

Queen of All Saints Basilica

6280 N. Sauganash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60646

*The twenty-third annual **Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting** service will be hosted by the Elizabeth Ministry at Queen of All Saints parish. At 7:00 p.m. local time, family and friends around the globe unite in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of any child of any age who has died (miscarriage, medical trauma, illness, suicide, military service or any other reason). Everyone is welcome to participate in all or part of the service as you feel comfortable.*

Our simple gathering includes prayer, reading, music and time for reflection. All are invited to bring a keepsake for the Remembrance Table if you choose. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. We are most fortunate this year to have the evening's music selections curated and performed by Northshore Opera Hour and St. Visitor's Adult Choir. Please contact Kathy Haring at kmharing@gmail.com with any questions.

The Compassionate Friends
www.compassionatefriends.org

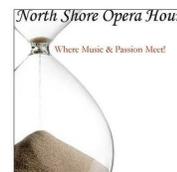


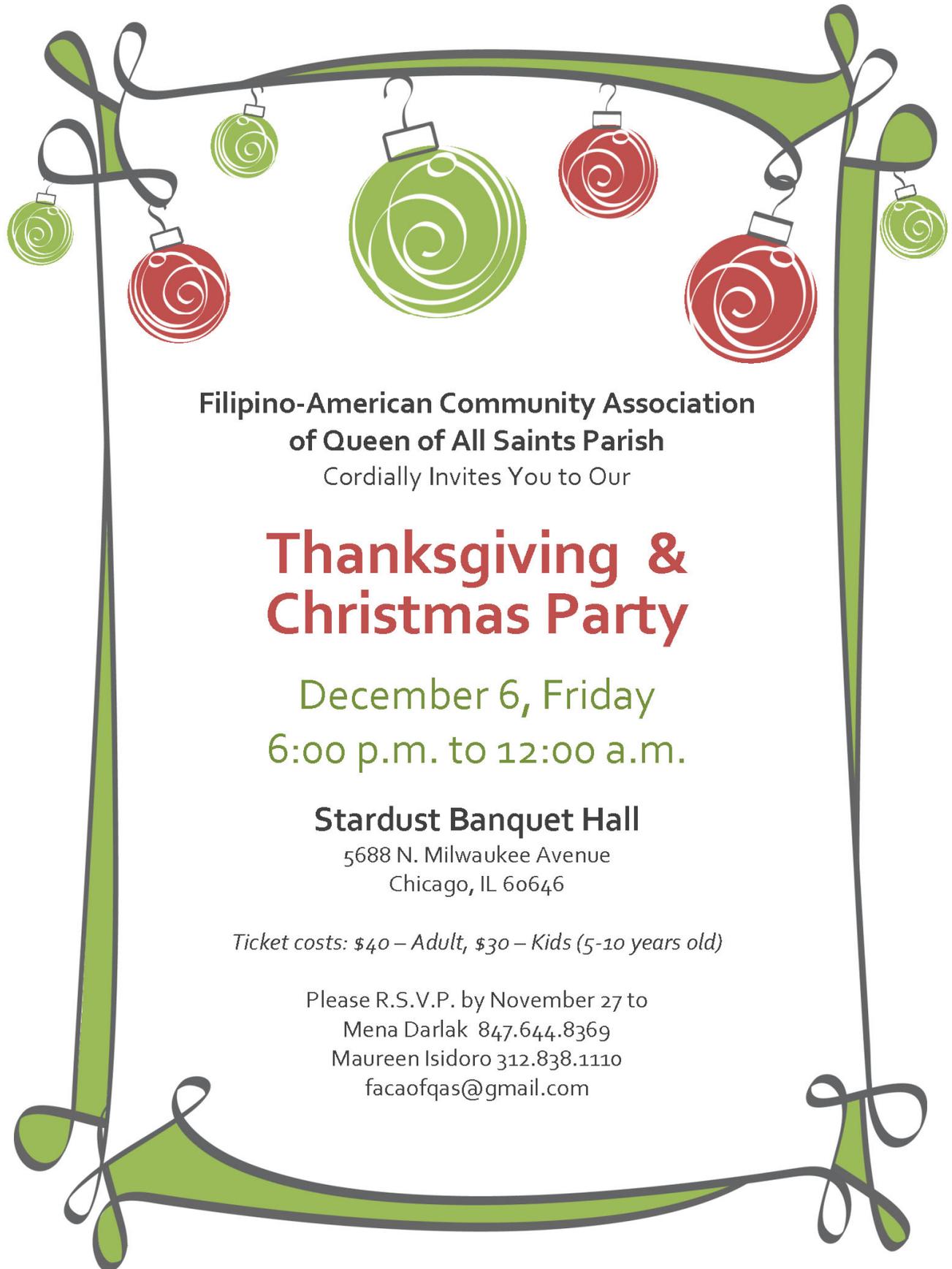
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Please R.S.V.P. by November 27 to
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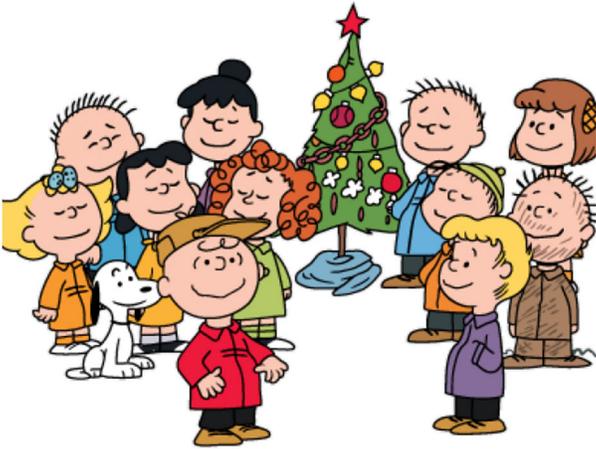
PARISH NEWS

Early Childhood Mass

Saturday, December 7
4:45pm Tree Lighting Outside of the Rectory
5pm Mass in the Basilica

All preschoolers and their families are invited to join together and celebrate Mass on Saturday, December 7th at 5pm. We ask that you arrive at 4:45pm for the annual tree lighting outside of the rectory.

In the spirit of giving, we are asking each child to bring a toy or book for Lurie Children's Hospital. The item will be placed in a "Treasure Box" in the Oncology Bone Marrow transplant division. The children range in age from infant to 21 years old. As children complete a procedure they are able to take a toy from the "Treasure Box" in hopes that the special gift will help comfort them.



During the 5pm Mass, our children attending the Mass will be called to the altar to listen to a special homily. In addition, they will be singing the song "Jesus is Coming." They have been practicing this song in school and RE classes.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Vlasic at vlasicl@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Grade Masses

5th Grade - December 14th @ 5:00pm
Catholic Schools Week Mass - January 26 @ 11am
3rd Grade - February 2nd @ 9:30am with reception

Youth Ministry News

Two weeks ago, our own Lily McManamy received the Golden Rose Leadership Award from the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.



Scholarship Opportunity

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), offers a \$1,000 scholarship renewable for four years to the deserving young Catholic woman who can successfully articulate what it means to be a Catholic woman in the world today.

The applicant should currently be a high school senior. She does not have to attend a Catholic high school, nor does she have to select a Catholic college or university. The rules, criteria and application for scholarship are available for download on the ACCW website: accw.archchicago.org.

You may also access our website via the Archdiocesan website, www.archchicago.org. If you use this website, select "Office Ministries" and click on "Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women", then select the tab for "Scholarship."

The deadline for submission of a completed application and all required letters of recommendation is March 20, 2020. You may call the ACCW office for any additional questions or information at 312-534-8330.



Gingerbread House Family Night

Please join us and decorate your own gingerbread house!
Friday December 6th, 2019
6:30-9:00pm
QAS cafeteria
\$30 per gingerbread house
Refreshments will be available

Complete the form below! All checks made payable to QASPA.

Please contact Nicole Dillman at 773.718.0295 or
dillman8381@gmail.com with any questions.

This event fills up quickly! Please RSVP as soon as possible!

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PARISH NEWS



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Ann White



Please join us for *Misericordia's* *Christmas Luncheon*

Thursday, December 12th 10:00am Holiday Shopping and Cocktails
12:00pm Buffet Luncheon, Holiday Dessert
1:00pm HeartBreakers Perform

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Purchase tickets at www.misericordia.org/events

Christmas Chairs: Melissa McManamy, mmcmanamy@gmail.com
Esther Nichol, ecnichol@ameritech.net



STEWARDSHIP

The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ, sharing God's gifts and building the Church together, through word, worship and service.

Stewardship — A Time of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is an American holiday with a distinctly religious foundation, one with a special focus on our obligation of stewardship and generosity to each other, in a grateful remembrance of all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Gratitude lies at the very heart of stewardship.

This is a time to give thanks to those who came before us, who prudently set aside savings for us to borrow from if we had a sudden need to make necessary repairs, as has been necessary in the last few years to make repairs to our basilica ceiling and bell tower.

This is the time to show respect to those whose generosity has enabled us to keep our shared worship space in good repair.

In particular, this is the time for each of us to respond to the call to pay back that borrowing, to be a part of our effort to replace \$5 million back into savings over the next 10 years through a 25% or more increase in our Sunday collections today.

Our gifts to our parish family are gifts to each other, and to our shared future.

Let's all do our part. We owe it to ourselves.

Time to Modernize Our Giving?

Is it time to join your fellow parishioners who have already made the move to electronic giving?

It's safe, convenient and dependable!

Go to the webpage at qasparish.org and click on the GiveCentral logo and follow the prompts.



Today's Readings

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
(Matthew 24:42)*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

From the Archives

Whoa - wait... go back... that's not QAS, is it?

In the 1990 film, *Home Alone* there is a church whose exterior looks very much like ours. The church is actually Trinity United Methodist in Wilmette. Of note, Queen of All Saints was one of the local churches approached to be in the film.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 1st (First Sunday of Advent) - *All Sunday Masses will be offered for the people of Queen of All Saints and the benefactors of our endowments for the school and the parish*

Monday, December 2nd - *School Endowment Fund benefactors, QAS Homebound, George Stegmaier, Rita Sullivan Watson, Esther Cohen, Alma & George Brown, Eleanor Alf, Charles J. O'Connor, Sara Testa, Aurelio H. Pulanco, Lois Doyle, Ernesto Ternida*
Readings: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3rd (St. Francis Xavier) - *Deceased members of the QAS Widowed Group, Eileen Stegmaier, John Lutsch, John J. & Mary Ellen Cronin*
Readings: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4th (St. John Damascene) - *Basilica Fund members, Ruth Stegmaier, Wednesday Women, Bornschlegl & Morcinek families, Richard F. Scheuer, Gaspar & Ria Erdelyi*
Readings: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5th - *Laurence Nee, Stegmaier & Allaire families, Charles Hansen, Katherine Hansen, John Hansen, Joe Kilroy, Joseph Onyeali*
Readings: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6th (St. Nicholas) - *Helen & Jerry Martin, Leslie Guderyahn, Raymond O'Brien, Richard Zajac, Deacon Michael Monnelly, William & Verna Murphy, John B. Bolte*
Readings: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7th (St. Ambrose) - *Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Guderyahn Sr., Joseph Olszowka family, In honor of our Blessed Mother - Ben & Sara Testa, Ray Budzban, Dr. Salude Rodriguez-Rocky, Anthony D. Rodriguez, Salvy Monastero, Matilda Marie Biesinger*
Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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Monday-Friday.....8:30am-4:00pm

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Contact Info

Address.....	6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago, IL 60646
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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil.....	5:00pm
Sunday.....	6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Daily Mass and Rosary

Monday-Friday.....	6:30, 8:30am
Saturday.....	8:00am
Rosary.....	Daily after the 8:30am Mass

Devotions and Holy Day Masses

Holy Hour.....Monday, 7:00pm
Please consult the parish bulletin or website for the Holy Day Mass schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday.....After the 8:00 am Mass until all are heard

To Register in the Parish

Please contact the Rectory Office.....773-736-6060

The Sacrament of Baptism

Queen of All Saints rejoices in the incorporation of new members into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are a registered parishioner, please come to the rectory during business hours to schedule your child's baptism. If it is not possible for you to come to the rectory, please call the rectory to make arrangements. The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is celebrated two or three Sundays of the month, depending on the time of year, at 1:30pm. Please call the rectory for the exact schedule. A Baptismal Preparation class for the parents is required. They are held once a month on alternate Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and must also be scheduled in advance. If an adult or a school age child seeks baptism, special arrangements should be made with one of the priests.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Queen of All Saints helps couples prepare not only for their wedding day, but also for the lifelong commitment of living a Christian marriage. Parishioners of Queen of All Saints Basilica who are baptized and free to marry in the Catholic Church may celebrate their marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica. Couples from Queen of All Saints seeking marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica should contact one of the parish priests at least six months prior to their intended date of marriage. The couple must meet with one of the priests before the date for the marriage can be confirmed.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. As soon as one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him or her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. Therefore, any member of the faithful who is seriously ill because of sickness or advanced age may properly receive this sacrament.

OTHER NEWS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another. (Isaiah 2:1-5)

Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Psalm 122)

Second Reading: But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh. (Romans 13:11-14)

Gospel: So too, you must also be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. (Matthew 24:37-44)



CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

- Next Sunday, December 8th
- 5:00pm - Fr. Edward Grace
- 6:45am - Fr. Michael Cronin
- 8:00am - Fr. Michael Cronin
- 9:30am - Fr. Simon Braganza
- 11:00am - Fr. Walter Cheboi
- 12:30pm - Fr. Robert Heidenreich



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