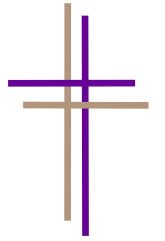




St. Colette Parish

Parroquia de Santa Colette



FOURTH

Sunday

of

Advent

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to
take Mary your wife
into your home.”

Matthew 1:20



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Rectory Office Hours | Horario de Oficina de Rectoría

Mon. - Thu. | *Lun. - Jue.*

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday | *Viernes*

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Saturday | *Sabado*

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday | *Domingo*

Closed | *Cerrada*

Mass Schedule | Horarios de Misa

Monday - Friday | *Lunes a Viernes*

6:30am, 8:00am

Saturday | *Sabado*

8:30am & 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday | *Domingo*

7:30am & 9:00am & 10:30am

12:00pm (***Español***)

5:30PM

Reconciliation | Reconciliación

Saturday | *Sabado*

9:00AM (English | *Ingles*)

Para confesiones en español, llamar a la oficina.

Parish Staff | Personal Parroquial

Pastor: Rev. Augustine Mahong ext. 105

Resident Priest: Rev. John Ekwoanya

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Raul Trejo

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Music Director: Catherine Reich ext. 103

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Sacraments | Sacramentos

Baptism: Second Sunday of the month at 10:30AM in English & 12:00PM in Spanish. Registration 2 months minimum at Rectory Office.

Bautismo: Segundo domingo del mes a las 10:30 AM en inglés y a las 12:00 a.m. en español. Registro mínimo de 2 meses en la Oficina de la Rectoría.

Matrimony: Contact Rectory Office a minimum of 6 months in advance to schedule appointment and set date.

Matrimonio: Comuníquese con la oficina de la Rectoría con un mínimo de 6 meses de anticipación para hacer una cita y reservar la fecha.

Quinceañeras: Contactar oficina con mínimo 4 meses de anticipación. Requiere deposito al reservar la fecha. Se requiere los Sacramentos de Iniciación.



Mission Statement

We, the faith community of St. Colette, in proclaiming the truth of the Gospel are committed to follow Jesus Christ by being "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world". By our Baptism we are called to serve people of all cultures, migrants, and those who have no voice of their own; our born and unborn children; victims of violence, and the impoverished. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by the Eucharist, we are led to promote human dignity and justice for all people. We believe that this is the way the Lord is calling us to be a sign of His kingdom in this time and place.

Declaración de Misión

Nosotros, la comunidad de fe de St. Colette, al proclamar la verdad del Evangelio estamos comprometidos a seguir a Jesucristo siendo "la sal de la tierra" y "la luz del mundo". Por nuestro Bautismo estamos llamados a servir a personas de todas las culturas, migrantes y aquellos que no tienen voz propia; nuestros hijos nacidos y no nacidos; víctimas de la violencia y los empobrecidos. Fortalecidos por el Espíritu Santo y nutridos por la Eucaristía, somos conducidos a promover la dignidad humana y la justicia para todas las personas. Creemos que esta es la manera en que el Señor nos llama a ser una señal de su reino en este tiempo y lugar.

Mass Intentions: December 21st-29th
Intenciones de la Misa del 21 al 29 de diciembre

Saturday, December 21st: Late Advent Weekday

8:30AM: Jennifer Faflik
 5:00PM: Henry Geisen, Bob Pitts, Roger Mueller, Violet Zimmanck, Michael Broska

Sunday, December 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM: Joseph J. & Violet Brdecka, Sr. Jo-Ann Brdecka OSF, Tom Hintz, Tommy Loesch, Chuck Camarata
 9:00AM: Anita & Elden Snyder, Arlene & Ron Chmielewski, Frank Tortorella, James Genschoreck
 10:30AM: Donald Graetz, Robert Syoen, Frank Syoen, Michael Pacheco, Mr. & Mrs. James Connolly, Mr. & Mrs. James Hutton Sr., Mr. & Mrs. James Connolly Jr., Scott Connolly.
 12:00PM: Fatima Gonzalez Quiralte, Ignacia Garcia Serrato
 5:30PM: Wojciech Gron

Monday, December 23rd: Late Advent Weekday

8:00AM: People of St. Colette

Tuesday, December 24th: Late Advent Weekday

8:00AM: People of St. Colette

Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

4:00PM: People of St. Colette

Wednesday, December 25th: Christmas Day

12:00AM: Matthew Hill, Terry Miesner
 7:30AM: People of St. Colette
 9:00AM: Dawn Wittig, John Gadd, Yvonne Gadd, Marcella Gadd
 10:30AM: Vinezeano Children and their families, Carmen & Bernice Vinezeano Donald & Gladys Faflik, Nicholas Faflik, Thomas Faflik

Thursday, December 26th: St. Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00AM: Mary Hobin Healy, Marie E. Healy, Deacon Stephen Norys

Friday, December 27th: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00AM: People of St. Colette

Saturday, December 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30AM: People of St. Colette
 5:00PM: People of St. Colette

Sunday, December 29th: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30AM: Joseph J. & Violet Brdecka, Sr. Jo-Ann Brdecka OSF, Chuck Camarata
 9:00AM: Anita & Elden Snyder, Donald & Janice Miller
 10:30AM: People of St. Colette
 12:00PM: Fatima Gonzalez Quiralte,
 5:30PM: Stanislaw Spyrka



Events at St. Colette

Monday, December 23rd

7:00 PM NW Band Practice/PC

Tuesday, December 24th

See Christmas Schedule on page 5

Wednesday, December 25th

See Christmas Schedule on page 5

Thursday, December 26th

No events scheduled

Friday, December 27th

5:30 PM Bingo/HH

Saturday, December 28th

6:30 PM Branches Prayer Group/CHPL

Sunday, December 29th

No events scheduled



Dec. 28th & 29th	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:00AM	Sunday 10:30AM	Sunday 12:00PM	Sunday 5:30PM
Presider	Rev. Brian Simpson	Rev. Brian Simpson	Rev. Augustine Mahonge	Rev. Brian Simpson	Rev. Augustine Mahonge	Rev. Augustine Mahonge
Lectors	Kuivinen & Fecko	Arroyo & Lombardo	Lukawski & Stastny	Pamplona	TBD	Brandt & Aniol
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Lund F. Mazzuca G. Moran M. Chybicki R. Anesi J. Wenzel	E. & B. Meyer J. & D. Dubinski J. Perez M. Loesch	S. Kirmse M. Bugiel E. Reading M. Benson T. Benson L. Brandt	M. Flanagan J. Johnson K. Johnson D. Murray M. Nerger V. Zemko	TBD	E. Guillen S. Kuivinen G. Benas

From the Pastor

Christmas story and Mary's apparitions

Born of a woman, conceived by the Holy Spirit! Now, that is the story that catches one's attention and deeper questions follow. The child to be born had prophets speaking of him for ages, and an angel breaks the news to a young woman, virgin girl and of humble beginnings, that She, "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son" who is of God's will. Mat: 1:23. Have you ever wondered why Mary's apparitions always happened at little to not so known places on earth; with very humble surroundings and to very much "unbelievable" individuals? The famous Our Lady of Fatima – she appeared to little children in Europe. The East Africa, has Our Lady of Kibeho in Rwanda, appearing to adolescent school children. In Mexico, to Juan Diego on the Hill of Tepeyac. The first descriptions of each apparitions by these individuals were anywhere accepted but through various signs – Mary manifested herself to humanity; usually with very special divine message attached. I will leave that part for the month of Mary writing!

Mary gives birth to a child linked to a family tree of Kings, yet the child comes to us as a Prince of Peace and Savior of the world. Born of a woman like each of us gives the intimate connection that we can relate to. Born on a manger surrounded by animals in a stable depicts humble space, with nothing like electric source that illumines everywhere, perhaps simply a flickering fire to keep them warm and provide light around this historic family.

What intimate story of God's choice to be born in human form – incarnation, as the Church teaches it. He comes to us humbly and inserts himself so naturally that we can connect to his deeper love for humanity. Ages after Mary's assumption, She assumes a new role - the mediatrix – the go between earth and heaven – the intercessor before God. Mary's Yes to bear God's child is a gift of love, peace and joy that humanity will never run away from since the prophet clearly put it "they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." It is archaic.

Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus.
Bring us lasting Peace and Joy.

Rev. Mahonge

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Del Párroco

Historia navideña y apariciones de María

¡Nacido de una mujer, concebido por el Espíritu Santo! Ahora, esa es la historia que llama la atención y siguen preguntas más profundas. El niño que iba a nacer tenía profetas que hablaban de él por siglos, y un ángel le da la noticia a una joven, virgen y de humildes comienzos, de que Ella: "La virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo" que es de la voluntad de Dios: Mat: 1:23. ¿Alguna vez te has preguntado por qué las apariciones de María siempre ocurrieron en lugares poco conocidos de la tierra, con un entorno muy humilde y con individuos muy "increíbles"? La famosa Nuestra Señora de Fátima: se apareció a los niños pequeños en Europa. África Oriental tiene a Nuestra Señora de Kibeho en Ruanda, apareciendo a los adolescentes escolares. En México, a Juan Diego en el cerro del Tepeyac. Las primeras descripciones de cada aparición de estos individuos fueron aceptadas en cualquier lugar, pero a través de varios signos: María se manifestó a la humanidad; generalmente con un mensaje divino muy especial adjunto. ¡Dejaré esa parte para el mes de María para escribir!

María da a luz a un niño vinculado a un árbol genealógico de reyes, pero el niño viene a nosotros como Príncipe de Paz y Salvador del mundo. Nacer de una mujer como cada uno de nosotros da la conexión íntima con la que nos podemos identificar. Nacido en un pesebre rodeado de animales en un establo representa un espacio humilde, sin nada parecido a una fuente eléctrica que se ilumine en todas partes, tal vez simplemente un fuego parpadeante para mantenerlos calientes y proporcionar luz alrededor de esta familia histórica.

Qué historia íntima de la elección de Dios de nacer en forma humana: la encarnación, como lo enseña la Iglesia. Él viene a nosotros humildemente y se inserta tan naturalmente que podemos conectarnos con su amor más profundo por la humanidad. Edades después de la ascensión de María, Ella asume un nuevo papel: la mediatrix, la que esta entre la tierra y el cielo, la intercesora ante Dios. El Sí de María para dar a luz al hijo de Dios es un regalo de amor, paz y alegría de la que la humanidad nunca huirá, ya que el profeta lo expresó claramente "lo llamarán Emmanuel, que significa" Dios está con nosotros ". Es arcaico.

Maranatha - Ven Señor Jesús.
Tráenos paz y alegría duraderas.

P. Mahonge



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Christmas Schedule

Celebrate the birth of our Savior, in your home, St. Colette Church.

DEC. 24

Christmas Eve

4:00PM FAMILY MASS

11:30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS

12:00AM MIDNIGHT MASS

DEC. 25

Christmas Day

7:30AM MASS

9:00AM MASS

10:30AM MASS

12:00PM MASS (SPANISH)





Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Across this liturgical year, we hear Saint Matthew's Gospel. And in this holy season that celebrates the birth of Jesus, we hear a story unique to Matthew—the journey of the Magi. He writes: "The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

We can imagine their joy. They discovered the one for whom they longed and searched. He is the newborn Jesus. His mother Mary holds him in her arms and, at the same time, presents him to the world. In this simple gesture, she evangelizes, gives us the living good news of her son. Then and now, it is a moment wrapped in joy.

On our journey of renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago, may this image of Mary, mother of the Lord, inspire and encourage us to carry and present Jesus to a world that is so much in need of him. In our marriages, families, workplaces, and communities, may we joyfully carry and present him who is the great light shining in darkness.

God bless you and all your loved ones in this holy season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Cardinal Cupic
Archbishop of Chicago





Estimados hermanas y hermanos en Cristo,

A lo largo de este año litúrgico, escuchamos el Evangelio de San Mateo. Y en esta temporada santa que celebra el nacimiento de Jesús, escuchamos a Mateo una historia única: el viaje de los Reyes Magos. Él escribe: "Cuando vieron la estrella, se regocijaron sobremanera con gran alegría. Y entrando en la casa, vieron al Niño con su madre María".

Podemos imaginar su alegría. Ellos descubrieron a quien anhelaban y buscaban. Él es el recién nacido Jesús. Su madre María lo sostiene en sus brazos y, al mismo tiempo, lo presenta al mundo. En este simple gesto, ella evangeliza, nos da la buena nueva viviente de su hijo. Entonces y ahora, es un momento envuelto en alegría.

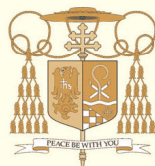
En nuestro viaje de renovación en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, que esta imagen de María, madre del Señor, nos inspire y motive a llevar y presentar a Jesús a un mundo que está tan necesitado de él. En nuestros matrimonios, familias, lugares de trabajo y comunidades, que podamos alegremente llevarlo y presentarlo a él, que es la gran luz brillando en la oscuridad.

Dios los bendiga a ustedes y todos sus seres queridos en esta temporada santa.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blase Cupic". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Arzobispo de Chicago



2019 PADS End of Year Report

Respectfully Submitted by
Mary Tornabene

PADS 2019 END OF YEAR SUMMARY

IN SUMMARY

September 30 concluded our second season of serving as an emergency shelter provider with Journeys the Road Home. This year our ministry served more guests, provided more meals, and improved our processes. There were no major incidents. By all accounts, our ministry was very successful.

REASONS FOR OUR CONTINUED SUCCESS

- The support of Father Mahonge, Father Simpson, and the St. Colette community.
- Commitment of volunteers to serve, and to follow the rules and guidance set forward by Journeys the Road Home.
- A Leadership team that is willing to problem solve, collaborate, and step up consistently.

VOLUNTEERS

- Members of St. Colette parish served alongside people from other local congregations, winter PADS sites, and companies. We had **104** people volunteer to help this season. This number does not include the generous donations we received in our basket in the vestibule each week.

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

- St. John's United Church of Christ /Congregational United Church of Christ, Arlington Heights: Prepared and served a dinner one time per month, they will continue next year.
- Christ Lutheran Church of Palatine: This church serves as a Sunday Night PADS site in the winter. Donated multiple bags of food to help us start our year. Many of their volunteers worked with us this summer.
- The Cake Box Bakery: This Arlington Heights Bakery provided 12-18 loaves of bread and 4 dozen pastries each week.
- Heartland Alliance Health: The Chicagoland areas federally funded Health Care for the Homeless program Physicians and Nurse Practitioners prepared and served dinner for our guests as they did last year.
- Xylem, Inc.: A Morton Grove, IL Corporation donated a significant amount of toiletry supplies to start the year
- Rational USA-Rational AG: A Rolling Meadows company prepared and served dinner to our guests.

2019 CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

We had the following changes/improvements

- New television: Our new television offers better reception but will continue to work with our antenna. We still need assistance with the reception (antenna).
- Room Dividers: Matt Feikes designed and coordinated the build of 20 room dividers which enabled us to NOT use ladders, cut down our set up and clean up time considerably, and allowed us to configure the space easily for families as required.
- Set up time changes: Our parish asked that we change our set up to allow the people who attend 5:00 mass to help with set up. We accommodated that change and will continue this next season.
- Keurig's: Our ministry received 2 of these and by the amount of coffee pods replaced each week they are a hit!
- Pillows: This year our parish members generously purchased 65 pillows for use.
- Sleeping PADS: together with Journeys the Road home we were able to purchase 60 high quality sleeping pads of our own.
- Halpin Hall AC Condensation Management: Karen Gill purchased overflow bins to help with water overflow allowing us to empty the buckets less often and allowing our guests to sleep undisturbed.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY INITIATIVES

- We were gifted cutlery/silverware for use at meals.
- Purchasing biodegradable plates, bowls and cups.
- Using earth friendly cleaning products.
- Continued commitment to recycling – volunteers take recyclables home.

PADS MINISTRY NUMBERS

- Weeks: **22**
- Individual nights of shelter provided: **985** (up from 917). We averaged 1-2 families, which is less than last year. This is a great testament to the staff of Journeys the Road Home and their ability to house families.
- Age ranges of guests: 18 months to 73 years.
- Number of newly homeless served: **8**.
- Meals: **2,955**.
- Each week there were **26** food items requested. Some simple items such as a bunch of bananas and others were preparing a main dish for 15. That is a total of **572** food items donated with meal prep average of 1.5 hours with an approximate total of **858 Hours** of meal prep service.
- There were **792** volunteer sign ins with an average of 4 hours of service for approximately **3168** hours of onsite service.
- This summer no participant of Journeys the Road home participating in the shelter system died. Being homeless increases your age-related health risks by 25 years. A person age 50 experiencing homelessness has the same health risks as a 75-year-old. Add street living to that and you can add up to an additional 15 years to their health risks. Getting people off the street and into shelter saves lives. Our community was part of that and I am incredibly grateful.

ISSUES

- Loss of Volunteers

	2018	2019
Number of new volunteers	108	23
Number of Returning Volunteers	---	81
Total Number of Volunteers	108	104
<i>Number of volunteers that did NOT return from previous year</i>	---	27

- We intend to survey all volunteers past and present to make improvements, and make all volunteers feel welcome.
- Reorganize our SignUp contact Lists and separate them into Volunteer Cooks, shift volunteers, and Goods Donations. This will reduce the number of emails sent and make the ones they receive more meaningful.
- Journeys will offer *bilingual* on-site trainings this coming winter to help with volunteer recruitment.
- Laundry service costs are covered by Journeys the Road Home, however there were multiple issues with dirty laundry that our laundry coordinator Sheila Feikes consistently addressed with the service.

UPCOMING

- St. Colette FOCUS will be coordinating 4th Thursday of each month for Congregational United Church of Christ PADS. St Colette will be setting up, providing the dinner and serving the dinner.
- Winter PADS: Many members of our ministry will be supporting winter sites.
- Volunteer Recruitment: Have a goal to increase our number of volunteers in 2020 from 104 to 130.
- Donating food to winter sites that will expire prior to the start of our season between 3 sites that supported our mission this past year: Our Savior Lutheran, Christ Lutheran, and Congregational United Church of Christ

Weekly Collection/Colecta Semana

Due to an early bulletin deadline, last week's collection, December 15, is not available. We will provide you with that information in the next week. issue.

Debido a un plazo temprano para el boletín, la colecta de la semana pasada, 15 de diciembre, no se pudo anunciar. Le proporcionaremos esa información en la próxima edición.



Christmas Offering

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." -C.S. Lewis

The greatest gift we receive on Christmas is the gift of salvation. Salvation that has come from a humble stable in Bethlehem. As we reflect on the precious and divine gift of the Child Jesus, we thank you, our parishioners, for your gifts of treasure, time and talent. Your continued generosity this Christmas will provide for the needs of the evangelizing and ministerial work of the church.

El regalo más grande que recibimos en Navidad es el regalo de la salvación. Salvación que ha venido de un humilde. establo en Belén. Al reflexionar sobre el precioso y divino regalo del Niño Jesús, les agradecemos a ustedes, nuestros feligreses, sus regalos de tesoro, tiempo y talento. Su continua generosidad esta Navidad cubrirá las necesidades de la obra evangelizadora y ministerial de la iglesia.



Readings of the Week / Lecturas de la Semana

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Christmas Dinner Prayer

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen, alleluia!

All: The Salvation of our God, alleluia!

Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: The Lord is God and He has shone upon us.

Leader: Unto us a child is born, Alleluia

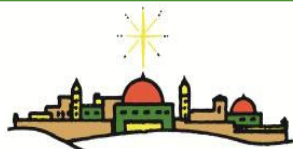
All: A Son is given to us, Alleluia.

Leader: Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish House Office will be closed on December 24 & 25 in observance of Christmas.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



FELIZ NAVIDAD

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

La Oficina de la Casa Parroquial estará cerrada el 24 & 25 de diciembre por la Navidad.

December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary and Joseph play a key role in our Catholic devotional and spiritual life. No doubt, much of our devotion to Jesus' mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, is rooted in our appreciation of their willingness to put themselves at the disposal of the will of God, to seek what God most desired of them and to carry it out. We find their example inspiring, and their proximity to the Lord consoling and encouraging. Knowing that they said yes to God in such dramatic and pivotal ways, even when there was so much at stake and there were so many obstacles to take into account, gives us much to ponder. Yet there is something else we must not forget: while God could have come to be with us as a child in any manner at all, God chose to be with us through the active and humble cooperation of a woman and a man, Mary and Joseph.



EMMANUEL

Of all of the names connected to our Lord, two stand out in the ways that they describe the identity and mission of the Lord: "Emmanuel: God is with us" and "Jesus: God saves." The most stunning thing about our Christian faith is that God is not distant, abstract, demanding, a god of wrath and military might. Rather, God desires to be near to us, in relationship, one with us in our challenges and in our joys. God is with us even when remaining with us will lead to betrayal, persecution, and violent death. God who is beyond all of this struggle remains with us so that we might transcend the limitations of our human nature in order to become more like God, to embrace the divine light that resides within each of us. As we approach the celebration of Christmas, consider this: what does it mean to you that God is with us, now and always? What does this call you to be and to do as a Christian, as a follower of God's Son, Jesus, who is with us and who saves us?

Today's Readings: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

22 de diciembre de 2019
Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

María y José tuvieron un papel protagonista en nuestra devoción y vida espiritual católica. Sin duda, gran parte de nuestra devoción a María, la madre de Jesús, y a José, su padre adoptivo, está enraizada en nuestra apreciación de su disposición a ponerse ellos mismo en las manos de Dios, para buscar lo que Dios más deseaba de ellos y a llevarlo a cabo. Descubrimos su ejemplo inspirador, y su cercanía con el Señor, consolador y esperanzador. Conociendo que ellos dijeron sí a Dios en esas formas fundamentales y extraordinarias, incluso cuando había tanto en juego y demasiados obstáculos a considerar, nos da mucho en que reflexionar. Sin embargo, hay algo más que no debemos olvidar; aunque Dios pudo haber venido a estar con nosotros como un niño de cualquier manera, Dios eligió estar con nosotros mediante la cooperación activa y humilde de una mujer y un hombre, María y José.

EMMANUEL

De todos los nombres asociado con nuestro Señor, hay dos que sobresalen en la forma que describen la identidad y misión del Señor: "Emmanuel: Dios con nosotros", y "Jesús: Dios salva". Lo más impresionante acerca de nuestra fe cristiana es que Dios no está lejos, es algo abstracto, exigente, un dios de ira y poder militar. Al contrario, Dios desea estar cerca de nosotros, tener una relación, estar con nosotros en nuestros desafíos y alegrías. Dios está con nosotros aun cuando permaneciendo con nosotros nos lleve a la traición, la persecución o una muerte violenta. Dios que está más allá de esta lucha permanece con nosotros para que podamos trascender las limitaciones de nuestra naturaleza humana para llegar a ser más como Dios, para abrazar la luz divina que reside dentro de cada uno de nosotros. Al acercarnos a la celebración de Navidad, consideremos lo siguiente, ¿qué significa para ti que Dios esté con nosotros, ahora y siempre? ¿Qué te llama a ser y hacer como cristiano, como seguidor del Hijo de Dios, Jesús, quien está con nosotros y nos salva?

Lecturas de hoy: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24 (23):1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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THE TIME IS NOW WHERE YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A 75 PERCENT ILLINOIS STATE TAX CREDIT AND HELP FUND SCHOLARSHIPS AT ST. COLETTE SCHOOL. THE ILLINOIS INVEST IN KIDS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LIKE ST. COLETTE SCHOOL WHILE ALLOWING DONORS TO CLAIM A SIZEABLE CREDIT AGAINST THEIR STATE INCOME TAX.

THIS YEAR, 59 STUDENTS RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP, WHILE 21 STUDENTS AT ST. COLETTE SCHOOL WERE LEFT ON A WAITING LIST. THE NEED IS GREAT, AND YOUR DONATION CAN HELP. IF YOU ACT BETWEEN NOW AND FEB 29, 2020 YOUR GENEROUS GIFT WILL BE MATCHED 2:1, EFFECTIVELY TRIPLING THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 847-392-4098.



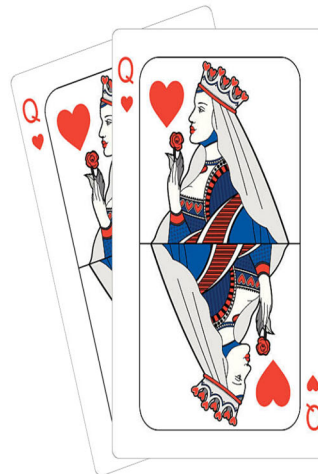
Saint Colette Catholic School

HOME OF THE TIGERS!

Are you looking to complete your Christina Initiation?

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the faith?

Registration for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) is open and waiting to help people in their faith journey. We encourage you to ask questions about the process and classes and times are flexible. Please call Brian Lovitsch for more information (224) 305-2845 .



St. Colette School

Queen of Hearts

Raffle!

Drawings

held at

8:40pm

Guaranteed \$100

winner each week

Tickets are sold at

Rep's PLACE

on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays at 4pm-8pm

Tickets will also be sold at the school; during school hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays.

Winners do not have to be present at drawing.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE ST. COLETTE LECTOR MINISTRY IS IN NEED OF NEW READERS FOR ALL SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MASSES. GETTING INVOLVED IS A ONE STEP PROCESS : ORIENTATION & TRAINING. PLEASE CONTACT : DONNIE SHIRMER OR AMANDA HARO VIA EMAIL AT AMANDAHARO714@GMAIL.COM OR BY CONTACTING THE PARISH HOUSE AT 847.394.8100 WHEN CONTACTING THE PARISH HOUSE PLEASE LEAVE US YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND WE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU.



TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS TEEN CHALLENGE

For the 12 Days of Christmas

FIRST DAY of Christmas reach out to a friend(s) who needs some hope.

SECOND DAY of Christmas choose a family activity to lead your family in.

THIRD DAY of Christmas prepare or help make all three meals for your family.

FOURTH DAY of Christmas spend the day smiling at everyone you cross paths with.

FIFTH DAY of Christmas falls on Sunday, gather your family and attend Mass together.

SIXTH DAY of Christmas clean out your closet and donate clothes you don't wear anymore.

SEVENTH DAY of Christmas bake your favorite kind of cookies and give them to a neighbor.

EIGHTH DAYS of Christmas make a snack bag for your mail carrier.

NINETH DAY of Christmas donate food to the food pantry.

TENTH DAY of Christmas pray the Rosary.

ELEVENTH DAY of Christmas decide on something you want to change about yourself and create a plan.

TWELVTH Day of Christmas write a Thank you letter to Jesus.



Respect Life Daily Herald Ad

The Catholic Parishes in Vicariate 1 are sponsoring a pro-life ad in the Daily Herald to mourn the 46th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, the lives of over 60 million innocent babies have been lost.

Please consider contributing \$5.00(minimum) toward the cost of the ad. Sponsors have the option of listing their names in the ad or remaining anonymous. The ad will run on Sunday, January 19, 2019 ,full color, in the first section of the newspaper. The Daily Herald distribution area includes: Cook, DuPage, Kane, and McHenry Counties.

Respect Life representatives will be available to accept your donations after masses on the weekends of December **21st & 22nd & 28th & 29th.**



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Anuncio de Respeto a la Vida en el Daily Herald

Las Parroquias Católicas del Vicariato 1 están patrocinando un anuncio en favor de la vida en el Daily Herald para lamentar el 46 aniversario de la decisión Roe vs Wade de la Corte Suprema de legalizar el aborto a través de los nueve meses de embarazo. Desde la decisión de Roe v. Wade en 1973, las vidas de mas de 60 millones de bebés inocentes se han perdido.

Considere la posibilidad de aportar \$ 5.00 (mínimo) hacia el costo del anuncio. Los patrocinadores tienen la opción de incluir sus nombres en el anuncio o anónimo. El anuncio se publicará el domingo 13 de Enero de 2018, todo en color, en la primera sección del periódico. El área de distribución de Daily Herald incluye: condados de Cook, DuPage, Kane y McHenry.

Representantes de “Respeto la Vida” estarán disponibles para aceptar sus donaciones después de las misas del fin de semana del **21, 22 y 28, 29 de diciembre.**



St. Colette Parish is accepting online donations through GiveCentral. GiveCentral is a safe, secure, and paperless way to make your Sunday offertory and other contributions.

It was designed specifically for Catholic churches and schools in the Chicago area. The site allows you to make a one time or automatically repeating payments on a schedule that works best for you, using any credit card, debit card or electronic bank account. We believe that having a flexible online giving option will make it easier for many of you to support St. Colette.

Visit our website at www.stcolette.org and click on the “GiveCentral” link or go to www.GiveCentral.org and take a couple minutes to set up your donations. Questions? Please call the Parish Office at 847-394-8100.


PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in our parish who are in need of your prayers.
Por favor oren por estas personas en nuestra parroquia que necesitan sus oraciones.

Brandt Apa	Diane Moreno	Andrew Thelen
Lynn Beckman	Emily Moreno	Ralph Wilder
Jade Cali	George Wenzel	Kathie Adams
Jessica Cali	Susan Roman	Shirley Warden
Jack & Lorraine Grady	Aime Connor Green	Mark Pollard
Daniel Krysh	Regina Gorski	Joan Kuhn
Bob Placek	Blaine Williams	Roberto Campa
Celeste Travino	Thomas Abinanti	Mary Olson
Elizabeth ‘Lizzy’ Moreno	Joan Craig	Bernadette Drake
Frank Plunkett	Jake Hall	Clos Family
Virginia Genschoreck	Kelly Hogan	Bob Savage
Heather Atencio	Bob Mazzuca	Carol Capalbo
Annemarie Pollard	Donna & Tony Gurgio	Isabelle Goitien
Curt Taras	Sarah Fisher	Kathleen Kwandras
Sara Pawlak	David Urban	Ted Loesch
Tamara Pawlak	Alex Connor	Mary Lukachik
Lisa Zwilling	Jim Rosean	Anabella Anderson
Marc Miller	John Brankin	Adriana Guerrero
Lawrence Parker	Barbara Berry	Katie Houston
Julie Schindler	Valerie Anselmo	Mary & Stanley
Carina Tassone	Dennis Maeller	Schubert
John Lynch	Bob & Dee Lamb	Carmen Pasillas
Alex Dumlao	Mark Stastny	John T. Grady
Russell Williams	Mark Martell	Collins Foster
Anthony Mele Sr.	Stan Guzik	Victor Banuelos
William Taras	Mary Dealy	Hundt Family
Jamie Pawlak	Virgil Grewe	Rene Edde
Danielle Peterson	Mario Di Benedetto	Amanda Haro
Lourdes Lota	Montes Family	Marc Martell
Jim & Barb Coleman	Jean Kedziora	Ettienne Wilson
David Trevino	Dan Esta	Alejandra Quintero
Jeff Hill	Robin Esta	
	Lou Passarelli	


God's Word for Children


Joseph had a dream.
 In his dream an angel told him that
 Mary would have a baby—*God's own son!*
 Look at both of the angels below.
 Circle five things that make Angel #1
 different from Angel #2.





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Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Matthew 1:18–24 tells the story of
 Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.
 Read the sentences below and number them 1 to 4
 according to the order in which they happened.

 When Joseph found out that Mary was going to have a baby, he decided to call off the wedding.

 While Mary was engaged to Joseph, she learned that she would have a child through the power of the Holy Spirit.

 Out of obedience to the Lord, Joseph took Mary into his home as his wife.

 An angel told Joseph not to be afraid to make Mary his bride. Mary's baby was God's son. Joseph was to name the boy Jesus.







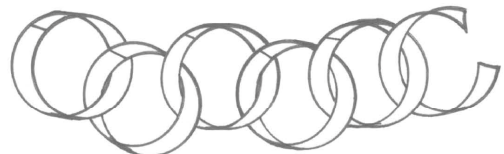
The angel of the Lord
 appeared to [Joseph] in a dream
 Matthew 1:20



GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

Christmas is almost here. We make the last links of our Advent chain. When it is complete draw a large star to use as a hanger. Write one of the "O Antiphon" names of Jesus in the middle. Hang it on your tree or use it to decorate your house. Think about all the things you learned about Jesus during this Advent season.

-  **December 22**
 "O King." "The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice" (Psalm 97:1).
 What sort of king is Jesus?
-  **December 23**
 "O Emmanuel." "God with us," the name first mentioned by the prophet Isaiah. Where do you find Jesus "with us" now?
-  **December 24**
 Christmas Eve! The Gospel of the Vigil Mass names Jesus' ancestors. Who are your family's ancestors in faith?
-  **December 25**
 "I proclaim to you good news of great joy... For today... a Savior is born for you who is Christ and Lord" (Luke 2:10–11).



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