

st. priscilla church



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RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

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

PARISH REGISTRATION:

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

WEDDINGS:

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

BAPTISMS:

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

Rectory: 6949 W. Addison, Chicago, IL 60634 773-545-8840
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

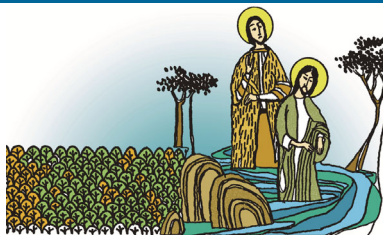
Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. - 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

HOLY DAY MASSES:

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



The Baptism of the Lord **January 13, 2013**

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— *Titus 3:5*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Reflecting on God's Word



The other night I was looking out the window as the sun was setting and the layers of clouds allowed the sun to create an extraordinary sunset, painting some clouds with a golden hue, while others were orange and red, moving to purple and gray. It was a stunning moment. The baptism of Jesus is one of those brief moments of beauty, occurring in the first three Gospels (and alluded to in the fourth).

Luke's account differs from the others in that the dramatic moment does not occur as Jesus is coming up out of the water but only after his baptism, while he is praying. Luke's Gospel has been called the Gospel of prayer, and from its beginning the adult Jesus is presented as one who prays. At this moment of intimacy, "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove" (Luke 3:21–22). While he was at prayer, the voice spoke to him: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (3:22). From here on we find that Jesus is under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and this Spirit directs him first into the desert to be tested, then into his years of service.

With this solemn celebration of the baptism, we too are sent back into the days called "Ordinary Time," reminded that God has spoken these same words to us at our baptism: You are my son, my daughter. I delight in you. I send you forth to serve as my Son, Jesus, went forth to serve, accompanied by the Holy Spirit.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

Living God's Word

We pray as Jesus prayed that we might hear the voice of the Father, a voice that speaks of God's love for us. We ask that we might allow that Spirit, God's holy breath that came upon us at our own baptism, to move us out into the world in service to those most in need whom God has set before us.

Oto Baranek Boży...

„Oto Baranek Boży, który gładzi grzechy świata” (J. 1,29). W ten sposób Jan Chrzciciel przedstawił Pana Jezusa. On jest tym Barankiem, który zostanie złożony w ofierze za grzechy świata. Słuchacze Jana Chrzciciela rozumieli go bez trudu. Przez całopalną ofiarę z niewinnego baranka Izraelita wyznawał swoją wiarę w Boga w swoją własną grzeszność. Uznawał Boga za Pana swego życia i mienia, próbował Go przebłagać i otrzymać odpuszczenie grzechów. Starotestamentalny Baranek ofiarny był tylko dalekim podobieństwem „Baranka Bożego”, Jezusa Chrystusa. On, który jest samą niewinnością, bezgrzesznością i świętością przez ofiarę z własnego życia zniweczy grzech i zdejmie jego brzemię z ramion ludzkości.

Niewinny, najsprawiedliwszy, bez grzechu Chrystus, przyjmując z rąk Jana Chrzciciela chrzest pokuty, dał już wtedy do zrozumienia, że jest wybawicielem, który miał wziąć na siebie grzech i zło, które tkwi w głębi serca każdego człowieka. Jezus złożył ofiarę wynagradzającą za wszystkich, tak jak zakładnik odpowiada za innych i ratuje ich ofiarą własnego życia. W ten sposób Chrystus zgładził grzech, który jakby straszny ciężar, miazdzy człowieka i spycha na dno upodlenia.

Święty Paweł rozwijając tę naukę, nawiązuje do uwalniania niewolników lub jeńców, co w czasach ówczesnych było czynnością świętą, jak świadczą napisy z Delf i innych sanktuariów, opisujące uwolnienie niewolnika, lub jego nabycie przez bóstwo na własność.

Jezus oddaje swoje życie na okup za nas wszystkich, a narzędziem naszego odkupienia stał się krzyż. Tajemnica naszego odkupienia—to tajemnica miłości. Jest to wyjątkowy dowód miłości Boga ku człowiekowi.

Jezus zdecydował się tylko na nasze odkupienie z miłości do Ojca. Ale i nie tylko z tej racji. Każdy z nas może powiedzieć za św. Pawłem: „że ponieważ mnie ukochał, samego siebie wydał za mnie” (Gal. 2,20) oraz (Ef. 5,25). Chociaż całe życie Chrystusa było „jedną wielką miłością do ludzi”, to męka stanowi ten moment, w którym umiłował nas do końca, dopełniając swej miłości.

Jeżeli do dziś wielu ludzi nie wierzy w Chrystusa, to z pewnością również dlatego, że chrześcijanie za mało lub wcale nie świadczą o Chrystusie—przeciwnie, często świadczą przeciwko Niemu. Nie wystarczy być tylko „dobrym człowiekiem” - ale trzeba być kimś więcej; trzeba być świętym chrześcijaninem.

-ks. Idzi-

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (13)**

- 8:30 — ++Salvatore & Maria DeSimone (Michael)
 +Henry A. Kmiec (Neva & Joe Cmiel)
 +Patricia Kieras (Dolores Poltorak)
 ++Michele & Donato Allegretti (Family)
 +Mitchell L. Radycki 14th Death Anniversary
 (Barbara)
- 10:30— O opiekę Matki Bożej, zdrowie i wszelkie Łaski dla
 Magdaleny Adamowski z racji urodzin
 (Rodzina)
- O Boże bł., zdrowie i potrzebne Łaski dla Stanisława
 Tolwińskiego z racji urodzin (Polska Grupa)
- O radość w wieczności dla:**
 ++Katarzyna i Paweł Dziura (Tato z rodziną)
 +Sobiesław Łabno
 +Maria Mortka 1 sza rocz. śmierci (Brat z rodziną)
 +Victor Burzynski (Rodzice)
 +Józef Sopek (Żona)
 +Marian Rewucki
 +Bronisława Oleksy 4-tą rocz. śmierci
- 12:15— Health & Blessings for Zegarski Family
 (Zegarski Family)
- 6:00 — +Leszek Kupliński 12-tą rocz. śmierci
 +Olga Modła 9-tą rocz. śmierci
 +Mieczysław Modła

MONDAY (14) Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

- 8:00 — Most Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (Anne)
 +Adeline Wcisło (Grandson & Family)

TUESDAY (15) Weekday

- 8:30 — +Ruth Schweitzer (Friend)
 +Edward DuPlantis 21st Death Anniversary (Denise)
 +Mitchell L. Radycki 14th Death Anniversary
 (Barbara)

WEDNESDAY (16) Weekday

- 8:00 — St. Priscilla Parishioners #3
 8:30 — W dniu urodzin O Boże bł. i wszelkie Łaski dla
 Justyny Matelski (Babcia)

THURSDAY (17) Saint Anthony, Abbot

- 8:00 — +James Feely (Family)

FRIDAY (18) Weekday

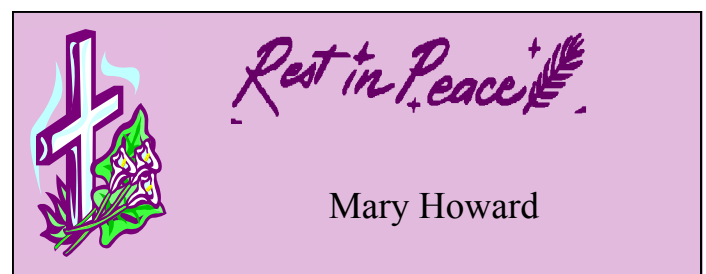
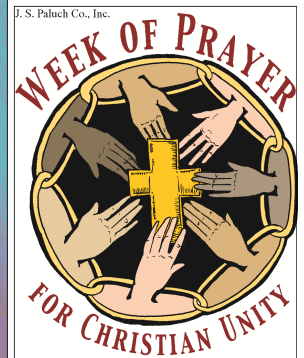
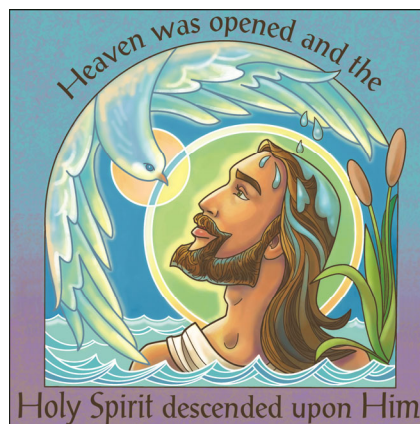
- 8:00 — Health & Blessings for Denise DuPlantis on her
 Birthday

SATURDAY (19) Weekday

- 8:00 — St. Priscilla Parishioners #4
 8:30 — Za parafian św. Pryscylli #5
 4:00 — +Edward DuPlantis (Denise)
 +Bernice Hujar (Hujar Family)
 +Mary Smolenski (Son Richard & Family)
 +Jack Ferrier Birthday Remembrance (Wife)
 +William Cloclanes (Serafina Alesi & Family)
 ++Vincente & Josefina Rodriguez (Rodriguez Family)
 +Josefa Dela Cruz (Rodriguez Family)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (20)

- 8:30 — +Katharina Weiterschan (Family)
 +Raimundo Ferreira
 +Florinda Paulina Osseliere
 +Wasington Louiz Ferreira
 +Edmundo Dantes Ferreira
 +Jose Raymundo Ferreira
 +William Taschler 19th Anniversary of Death
 (Barbara & Family)
- 10:30—
O radość w wieczności dla:
 ++Katarzyna i Paweł Dziura (Tato z rodziną)
 +Stanisław Cichy 2-gą rocz. śmierci
 ++Władysław i Zofia Krypciak
 +Piotr Tacyn 7-my miesiąc po śmierci
 +Karolina Grudzień 15-tą rocz. śmierci (Córka z rodz.)
- 12:15—
 6:00 — ++Zofia i Jan Zieliński w rocz. śmierci (Rodzina)



Our Weekly Offering		December 30, 2012
Currency	\$	3,786.00
Checks	\$	3,580.00
Loose Coin	\$	4.93
Total	\$	7,370.93
Weekly Goal	\$	7,500.00
Budget Year to Date		\$232,500.00
Collections Year to Date		\$211,181.11
Under Budget		\$< 21,318.89>
Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.		



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

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

Chicago Priest

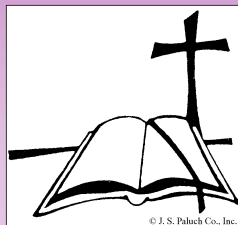


National Vocation Awareness Week January 13-19, 2013 is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education. We are called to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. For more information go to <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/>

In today’s powerful Gospel, God speaks to Jesus, “*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*” Is God revealing himself to you through a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Men 22 to 40 years old are invited to participate in the **INSEARCH** Priesthood discernment program. If you feel called to the priesthood, **INSEARCH** will help you gain clarity around the call you feel. We meet every Tuesday night at Quigley Pastoral Center. For more information contact Fr. Brian Welter at bwelter@archchicago.org or 312-534-8298, or go to www.ChicagoPriest.com.

Krajowy Tydzień Świadomości Powołaniowej 13-19 stycznia, 2013 to coroczne tygodniowe obchody Kościoła Katolickiego w Stanach Zjednoczonych, poświęcone promowaniu powołań kapłańskich, diakonatu stałego i życia konsekrowanego poprzez modlitwę i edukację. Jesteśmy wzywani do odnowy modlitwy i wspierania osób rozeznających jedno z tych powołań.

Więcej informacji na stronie <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/>



W dzisiejszej Ewangelii, Bóg mówi do Jezusa: „*Tyś jest mój Syn umiłowany, w Tobie mam upodobanie.*” Czy Bóg objawia ci drogę powołania kapłańskiego lub zakonnego? Mężczyźni w wieku od 22 do 40 lat zaproszeni są do wzięcia udziału w programie **INSEARCH**. Jeśli odczuwasz w sercu powołanie do kapłaństwa, **INSEARCH** pomoże rozeznąć ci Boże Wezwanie. Nasze spotkanie odbywają się w każdy wtorek w Quigley Pastoral Center. Więcej informacji uzyskać można kontaktując się z ks. Brianem Welterem, pod numerem telefonu 312-534-8298 lub pisząc na adres email bwelter@archchicago.org.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

January 19th & January 20th

MINISTER(S)	SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.	SUNDAY 12:15 P.M.	SUNDAY 6:00 P.M.
LECTOR	Michelle Adamowski	Erlinda Villegas	Maria Razniak	Jim Miketta	Hanna Kurzatkowski
COMMENTATOR			Waclaw Rzeszutek		Krystyna Cioch
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	As scheduled	As scheduled	Maria Razniak Stanislaw Slonina	As scheduled	Hanna Kurzatkowski Krystyna Cioch

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“Same-sex Marriage:” What do Nature and Nature’s God say?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Illinois General Assembly is being asked to consider a bill called “The Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act.” This is a deceptive title that ignores basic truths.

Marriage comes to us from nature. The human species comes in two complementary sexes, male and female. Their sexual union is called marital. It not only creates a place of love for two adults but also a home for loving and raising their children. It provides the biological basis for personal identity.

It is physically impossible for two men or two women to consummate a marriage, even when they share a deep friendship or love. Does this mean nature is cruel or that God is unfair? No, but it does mean that marriage is what nature tells us it is and that the State cannot change natural marriage. Civil laws that establish “same-sex marriage” create a legal fiction. The State has no power to create something that nature itself tells us is impossible.

Neither did the Church create marriage. The Church asks if a man and woman proposing to marry are mature, responsible and free, willing to commit themselves to one another before the Lord in the presence of the community of the faithful to a lifelong relationship of fidelity to one another and openness to the creation and care for new life in their children. Christ raised marital union to the dignity of a sacrament, giving it significance beyond that given it by nature; but, like the State, the Church cannot change the natural basis of marriage. Does this mean that the Church is anti-gay? No, for the Church welcomes everyone, respects each one personally and gives to each the spiritual means necessary to convert to God’s ways and maintain friendship with Christ.

The Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago has consistently condemned violence toward or hatred of homosexually oriented men and women. Good pastoral practice encourages families to accept all their children and not break relationships with them.

The Archdiocese offers Mass and other spiritual help to those who live their homosexuality anonymously (Courage groups) and also to those who want to be publicly part of the gay community (AGLO, which celebrates its twenty fifth anniversary this year). People live out their sexual identity in different ways, but the Church offers the means to live chastely in all circumstances, as the love of God both obliges and makes possible.

Should the lame duck legislature or the new Assembly take up the passage of a “same-sex marriage” law, it will be acting against the common good of society. We will all have to pretend to accept something that is contrary to the common sense of the human race.

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Those who continue to distinguish between genuine marital union and same sex arrangements will be regarded in law as discriminatory, the equivalent of bigots. This proposed legislation will have long term consequences because laws teach; they tell us what is socially acceptable and what is not, and most people conform to the dictates of their respective society, at least in the short run.

What happens next? If we ignore in law the natural complementarity of man and woman in creation, then the natural family is undermined. Our individual lives become artificial constructs protected by civil “rights” that destroy natural rights. Human dignity and human rights are then reduced to the whims of political majorities. When the ways of nature and nature’s God conflict with civil law, society is in danger. It is to that danger that we direct your attention.

We urge you to visit www.ilcatholic.org to stay updated on the effort to redefine marriage in our state and to find information on how to contact your state legislator.

Pray for our State.

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.

Bishop George J. Rassas

Bishop Francis J. Kane

Bishop Alberto Rojas

Bishop John R. Manz

Bishop Andrew P. Wypych

Bishop Joseph N. Perry

Capital Improvement Collection

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

We give special thanks to these parishioners:

- \$120** - Elizer Aquino
- \$50** - Tadeusz Madon, Henry Majcher, Teresito Villegas
- \$30** - LeRoy Grochocki
- \$25** - Peter O’Grady
- \$20** - Anonymous, Mieczysław Jasek, Antoinette Sanders, Lorraine Sievers, Joan Szatkowski
- \$10** - Andrew Gaweda, Waclaw Komosa, John Koziara, Maria Lasko, Nancy Lee, Jan Miklas, Gina Severino
- \$5** - Elena Carravetta, Maria Greco, Jesse Kulaga
- \$3** - Jose Mejia, Michael Peszek, Witold Wasilewski
- \$2** - Harriet Borkowski, Anna Sobieraj
- \$1** - Angela Arnet, Dolores Maranion

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

Interfaith Coalition to Restore the Water Fee Exemption for Religious Institutions



We are pleased to announce good news regarding the ordinance signed by 29 aldermen to introduce an amendment to restore the water fee exemption for not-for-profit organizations! At this point we have to make sure we contact these aldermen for their continued support, and reach out to other aldermen for their support. We’ve come this far; we can’t give up.

We respectfully ask that congregants and other supporters continue to call their aldermen requesting that they support the Coalition’s requested amendment to the ordinance. Please call Jennifer Shankie with questions at 312.534.8791.