

# Sacred Heart Parish

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## MISSION STATEMENT

**Sacred Heart Parish** is a family of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. **We** open our lives to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit that we may see all things in the light of Faith.

**We** welcome all on our journey to the Kingdom of God. Sacred Heart nourishes the parish family through the ministries of Evangelization, Education, Sacramental Worship and Christian Service.

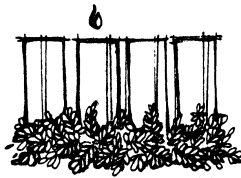
**We** offer our time, talents and treasure as stewards of God's Church. **We** call on each other's support as we build God's Kingdom.

With our Lord's help, **we** will live the Gospel values of Faith, Hope, Justice and Love.

## Fall Drive 2009



## Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord



## SUNDAY MASSES:

Sat. 5:00 pm, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am;  
and 12:30 pm Spanish

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

8:00am

## HOLY DAYS:

8:00, 10:00am, & 7:00pm (or as posted)



## First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2009

I will raise up for David a just  
shoot; he shall do what is right  
and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

## PARISH INFORMATION

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 4:00 to 5:00pm

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** The first Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 7:00pm, with Benediction at 7:00pm.

**BAPTISMS:** Sunday Afternoon at 2:30pm on the First & Fourth Sunday of each month. Arrangements should be made by both parents in advance at the rectory with one of the priests. Both parents and sponsors must attend a meeting on the Third Monday at 7:00pm in the Rectory. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least four months in advance to assure time for the banns and the procurements of the necessary documents. It is the wish of the Church that all marriages be solemnized at a Nuptial Mass.

**FUNERALS:** All arrangements should be made at the rectory by a member of the immediate family. The family is encouraged to receive Holy Communion at the Funeral Mass.

**SICK CALLS:** Holy Communion will be brought to the sick upon request. In the case of any probable danger of death, call the priest immediately.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome you to Melrose Park and particularly to the Family of Sacred Heart Parish. We ask that you register at your earliest convenience at the rectory.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** IF YOU LEAVE THE PARISH OR MOVE TO A NEW ADDRESS, PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** PRESIDENT – Jose Suarez; VICE-PRESIDENT - Louisa Ostrowski; SECRETARY - Lucy Mahnke; MEMBERS: Joe Augelli, Lois Behrendt, Ray Behrendt, Randy Cerqua, Barbara Ciconte, Maria Galvin, Don Klaput, Arnoldo Martinez, Norberto Ojeda, Barbara Richter, Aida Flores, Eduardo & Maribel Rodriguez

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** MEMBERS: Albert Castellan, Frank Cerqua, Vince Consalvo, Earl Crovedi, Len Gassmann

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** PRESIDENT Donald Klaput

**WOMEN'S CLUB:** PRESIDENT Barbara Richter

### SCHOOL:

**SCHOOL BOARD:** PRESIDENT Frank Pope, Jr

**ATHLETIC COMM.** PRESIDENT Barbara Rubright

**PTO:** PRESIDENT(s) Sue Golding & Teresa Colella



**PARISHIONERS:** When moving in or out of Sacred Heart Parish, please notify the Rectory Office.

**YOUR WILL:** Please remember

Sacred Heart Parish in your wills and bequests.

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & PARISHIONERS** are encouraged to write articles for the Bulletin and the Church Web Site. Bulletin copy **must** be in the Rectory Office **no later than 12:00 Noon Each Monday**. Copy material received past the deadline will not be published in the Bulletin until the following weekend. All copy material is subject to approval.

*This Week*

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29: ADVENT BEGINS

CCD- NO CLASSES

2:00-4:00pm Spanish Social (Marian Hall)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30:

3:30-5:00PM Brownies (Upper Grade Hall)

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1:

4:00pm Bible Study (Rectory)

6:00-8:00pm Spanish Music (Room 13)

7:00-8:00pm Women's Club Board Meeting (MH)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2:

6:30pm Adult Choir

7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3:

1:00-7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 7pm (Church)

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4:

PTO Wreath Delivery in the Courtyard

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5:

10:00am English CCD Advent Reconciliation (Church)

**Women's Club Christmas Bazaar in Marian Hall**

5:00pm Mass Mandate Liturgical Ministers

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6:

CCD Classes: 9:30am English; 11:00am Spanish

2:00-4:00pm Spanish Social (Marian Hall)

2:30pm English Baptisms (Church)

## The Gift of Giving...

That's the theme of our bazaar this year.

There's nothing like giving to enjoy receiving. Christmas time is here and our thoughts turn to giving. What should we give Aunt Nellie for Christmas? What should we give grandpa? What should we give to the child who has everything? That's where we enter. There are many children in Stroger Hospital who don't have everything - who have, in fact, very little. So, we are collecting new toys, games, and books again this year for "Santa" to deliver to these boys and girls on Christmas. None of us would want our children or grandchildren to wake up on Christmas morn and not find something from Santa. We don't want that to happen at the hospital either.

We are also collecting homemade cookies and other holiday treats for "Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly" to distribute to elderly people who have no one to care for them. "Little Brothers" prepare meals for hundreds of needy people, many are homeless, throughout the year. They even have presents for them on Christmas. Our Sacred Heart family has always been very generous. We bring happiness to a lot of children and give hope to poor folks knowing they are not forgotten. The Gift of Giving - indeed. Deadline is December 16th. For more information call Jeanne Flyke: 708-345-6688.



## Pastor's Corner

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### Reflections on this First Sunday of Advent...

Happy New Year! We begin the new liturgical year today. Once again we recall the waiting time for the Messiah and prepare to celebrate His birthday into this world. While the commercial world is already playing Christmas music and buying and selling for the day, hopefully we are singing Advent music and preparing ourselves spiritually to welcome the Messiah anew. Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

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Our Fall Drive follow-up letter is going out this week. It will hopefully make its' way onto your Christmas shopping lists and you will help out good old Sacred Heart! Last fiscal year's parish financial report is on the back side. Any help you can give is needed and will be appreciated!

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Talking about the parish financial report; it is also in today's bulletin. If you have any questions, feel free to call me or Mr. Joe Augelli, our parish business manager. We will do our best to give you a sensible answer.

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Our thanks and prayers for all of our Auxiliary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass (commonly called Eucharistic Ministers), and all of our Ministers of Care who bring Holy Communion to the homebound or to patients in hospitals. They were re-mandated last Sunday (or soon will be) for three more years of service. We thank them for their ministry and ask God to bless them always!

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One of the things that the Archdiocese is trying this Advent and Christmas Season (basically going from mid-December to mid-January) is a "Catholics Come Home Campaign". There will be month long series of television ads inviting lapsed Catholics back to church and the sacraments. There will be a "welcome table" with greeters and brochures in the vestibule of our church. And there is a request to all of us to invite Catholic people we know back to church. Deacon Mike Barnish is in charge of our "welcome table". If you are willing to be a greeter, please see him...

Now when you see those commercials in December, you will know what is going on!

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It seems like we have had our own little crime wave around the parish church during November. First some "modern moron/s" stole the candle money box at the St. Joseph Shrine. Then some "mindless maniac" bashed out one of the leaded cross windows in the main rear doors of church. Then the next week the "moron/s" returned to steal the candle money box at St. Mary's Shrine. We have involved the police and we pray that the Good God sees all will bring these thugs to justice!!!

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However, in the mean time we have to do something. We have temporarily chained other boxes by the shrines, but we have not been able to find replacements for the two strong boxes we had. It seems there are a couple of possibilities. One, we could go back to having one candle deposit box in the sacristy and people pick up their candles there, as was done when I first came to the parish in 2000. Or secondly, we could go to an envelope system. There would be no money boxes in church. People would take an envelope from a shrine, put in their offering, and put it in the Sunday collection or drop it off at the rectory. We would light the candle for them the following week. What do you think? Please let Joe Augelli or me know your suggestions. Maybe there is another way we have not thought of yet.

Enough for now,

Fr. Friedl

Next week; thoughts about the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Advent Penance Services, etc...

## Sacred Heart Women's Club Christmas Bazaar *"The Gift of Giving"*

Saturday, December 5th - 10 AM to 6 PM - Marian Hall

### GRAND RAFFLE

1st Prize—\$500 CASH    2nd Prize—\$300 CASH

3rd Prize—14K Gold Jewelry    4th Prize—Ceramic Piece



- There is a need for "new" and "like new" items (no clothing) for the White Elephant table. We need crafts from our parish family for our craft table. Please drop these items off at the Rectory during business hours. The bakery table is in need of homemade bread, cookies, cakes or pies. Anyone wishing to donate bakery items may drop them off at the Marian Hall on Friday, December 4th, 9am-3pm or anytime on Saturday morning, December 5th. Please help make this a success. Your contributions and attendance are valued. May you be blessed with a beautiful holiday season!

FREE Pictures with Santa 1pm to 3pm



ADORATION  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament

**ADORATION OF  
THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

**Thursday, December 3  
1:00 – 7:00pm with Benediction at 7pm**

*“In a world there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”*  
-Pope Benedict XVI



**Sacred Heart Advent and  
Christmas Giving Tree**

**“EVERY CHILD DESERVES HAPPY MEMORIES”**

The Advent and Giving Tree is dedicated to fulfilling the Holiday wishes of some less fortunate children and the elderly who would otherwise be without gifts. For the past several years, Mr. & Mrs. Milt Flyke, our parishioners, have volunteered to collect toys and homemade cookies and other treats for the children at Stroger (Cook County) Hospital and for the Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly. This year Jeanne Flyke will volunteer again.

This year we again put the **Sacred Heart Family Advent & Christmas Giving Tree** in the gathering area with tags. Each tag will have a request for an inexpensive gift for a poor child in the parish and children in Cook County Hospital, or food for the poor in the parish and cookies for Little Brothers Elderly.

We ask you to take a gift tag off the tree. Go find the gift, and you need not wrap toys with gift paper. Return your gift to the Giving Tree before December 16th. If your gift is a perishable item and needs to be kept in the refrigerator, please bring it to the Rectory. **This is one small way to keep the true spirit of Christmas alive.** For more information please call the Rectory.



**SNOW PLOWER NEEDED...**

If there is anyone in the parish who can help out with the snow removal in our parking lot this winter season, it would be greatly appreciated! Please call the rectory if you can help.



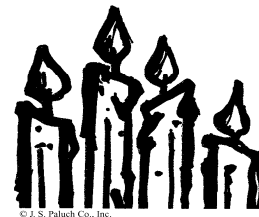
*“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”*

- Luke 21:28

Images of the final judgment can be scary, especially if we have not been faithful to God’s commands throughout our lives. However, if we have been good stewards, we have left nothing to chance. We have carefully planned our giving and followed Our Lord’s example of service and sacrifice. Thus, no matter the day or the hour we will be ready to stand erect and raise our heads to meet God face to face.

**“Catholics Come Home”**

The Archdiocese of Chicago is sponsoring a campaign to encourage those who have left the Church, or stopped the active practice of their faith to come back and become active members of the Body of Christ again. It is called “Catholics Come Home”, and involves several activities including a TV ad Campaign. Each parish is asked to set up a “Welcome Table” in church, with greeters present at Masses during the period of Dec 16 through Jan 24. We need greeters to staff the table for all the weekend Masses during this time. If you are willing to volunteer for any Mass(es) during this time, please call the rectory. Thanks for your willingness to help Sacred Heart reach out.



**I Will  
Fulfill  
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Promise**

**MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT - Nov 21/22, 2009**

	ADULTS	TEENS	CHILD	TOTAL
5:00 PM	115	4	5	124
7:30 AM	55	1	2	58
9:00 AM	127	2	6	135
11:00 AM	126	12	76	214
12:30 PM	350	75	75	500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>1031</b>



# Poinsettias

## A Christmas Tradition

Donate a poinsettia to church in Memory of a Loved One or to decorate for the Holidays.

**\$10.00** – Medium – 6.5" Pot

**\$15.00** – Large – 8" Pot

**Orders Due by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Pick-up – Monday, December 21st

Rectory: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

or We will Deliver (In Memory of) donations to Church

SIZE	QTY	PICK UP	CHURCH DELIVERY	TOTAL	IN MEMORY OF / FROM (FOR CHURCH DONATIONS ONLY)
Total Amount Enclosed				\$	(Please Print Names Clearly)

Checks Payable to Sacred Heart School – PTO.

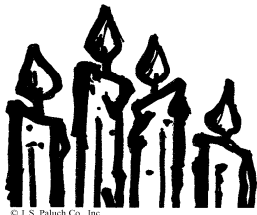
Thank you for your support!

Customer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



Many Thanks to all the Sacred Heart Parishioners, Our Lady of My. Carmel Parishioners, Sacred Heart School Families and Melrose Park Community Members who attended our successful Pasta Dinner. A great time was had by all. Sacred Heart is blessed to have so many generous donors and volunteers that made this event a great gathering. We thank you for your continued support! Sacred Heart School will keep you in our prayers this Advent Season!  
Sacred Heart School



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**MANY, MANY THANKS** to ALL of our loyal and supportive customers. Our **Pie Sale** profit this year was \$900 which directly supports Sacred Heart School. The winning families for our Monthly Raffle were the Ramirez & Moore families. Market Day is pleased to offer Cookie Dough Bonus Days this month with 10 delicious flavors. Please check your December order guide for more details. If you would like to place an order, visit [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) or call Caroline Cruz at 708-345-6228.

### New Televised Sunday Mass!

Beginning on Sunday, November 29th, a televised Sunday Mass will begin airing on CBS Channel 2 from 5:30 to 6:00 am each Sunday morning. The Sunday Mass is produced by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers of New York City. Too early for you? Tape or Tivo it! For more information visit [www.TheSundayMass.org](http://www.TheSundayMass.org)

### GIRL SCOUT THANK YOU...

Sacred Heart Girl Scouts would like to thank all the parishioners who came out to help complete 30 pillowcases for wounded veterans that will be going to Veteran Hospital's across the country. We had enough adults to allow the girls to complete several badge requirements. Thank you all.



### GOING TO JEWEL-OSCO THIS WEEK?

Sacred Heart School will receive a check for 5% of the total purchases made by all who use the **Shop & Share** coupon when you shop. **Just present the coupon to the cashier when checking out (Can be used in the Pharmacy). Shop this Monday November 30, Tuesday December 1, & Wednesday December 2 and earn 5% of the sale for the school.** ID slips are available at the Church entrances.



Mark Buckley, Mickey Clohecy, Cross Family, Jerry DalCerro, Charles Felella, Regina Geotsalitis, Jose Gonzalez, Duke Lullo, Ethan Maidl, Frank McGarr, Vern Meyerhofer, Rev.

Cosmo Militello, Josephine Principe, Hilario Ramirez, Paul & Ruth Rossi, Agatha Scanio, Lois Solomon, Fran Springer, Della VanWetering.....

AND ALL OF OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS.  
*Heavenly Father, Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill. In the Midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul; may they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.*

\*If you or one of your loved ones wish to be included on or taken off the sick list, please call Rectory at 344-0757 before the first of each month.

*Welcome*  
to Our New Parishioners ...

The Higgins Family

**Are You Unemployed Due to a Recent Layoff?**

You May be Eligible for FREE TUITION at Triton College! Triton College has received \$1.6 million funding for training programs funded through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act. These funds are awarded through POET from the U.S. Department of Labor and are managed as part of the Workforce Investment Act. For more information, please call the Triton College TRAC Office at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3331



We Welcome the following children into our Sacred Heart Family:

**Aidan Edward Butscher**  
Son of Jason & Staci (Maffie)

**Ariana Rose Iosco**  
Daughter of Joseph & Sally Hernandez



Please join Fr. Meyr for Bible Study, every Tuesday from 4:00 - 5:00pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. No registration is necessary, just come to Bible Study on Tuesdays, for an enlightening discussion of scripture.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29** *1st Sunday of Advent*  
 SAT 5:00pm +**Al Theodore** by Daughter  
 +**George Mahnke** by Alberttis Family  
 7:30 +**Harry Hildebrand**  
 +**Jenn Johnson** by Janice  
 9:00 +**Milt Flyke** by Randy Cerqua  
 +**Claire & Rocco Culotta** by Randy Cerqua  
 11:00 +**Rocco & Lisa Sangiacomo** by Family  
 +**Tomaso & Susan DelRegno** by Family

12:30pm(*Spanish*)-Misa para el Pueblo  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30** *St. Andrew*

8:00 +**Purgatorial Society**  
 +**Cecilia Kirbach** by Joe Augelli

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

8:00 +**Frank Angiulo** by Family  
 +**Dolores Abruzzini** by Flyke Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**

8:00 +**Peter Giancarlo** by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Carnivelle  
 +**Milt Flyke** by Teresa Lucca

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3** *St. Francis Xavier*

8:00 +**Vincent Scanio** by Family  
 +**Anne M. Caprini** by Mr. & Mrs. S. Deluca

7:30pm -Spanish Rosary Novena Devotion

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

8:00 +**Father's Day Novena**  
 +**Frank Tyl** by Mary Ann Tyl

7:00pm -Spanish Rosary Novena Devotion

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

8:00 +**Nick Calendo** by Richter Family  
 +**Elizabeth Wietzorek** by Agatha Scanio

5:00 +**Janice Frascatore** by Rita Henneman & Family  
 +**Walter Henneman** by Rita Henneman & Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6** *2nd Sunday of Advent*



7:30+**Deceased Members of Esposito & DiIacova Families**

9:00 +**Mary Reich** by Scanio Family  
 +**Milt Flyke** by Joe Augelli

11:00 +**Cecilia Tyl** by Mary Ann Tyl  
 +**Dominica De Ano Daley** by Elizabeth Wally

12:30pm(*Spanish*)-Misa para el Pueblo

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE for Saturday/Sunday, December 5/6, 2009**

	5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	12:30 pm
 <b>Lectors Commentators</b>	Grace Marella	Linda Nelson Terry Nelson	Lois Behrendt	M. Hendricks Louisa Ostrowski	na
 <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Nancy Marella - W Lucille Cerra - W Jean Ganske - H Joanne Shuma - H	Beatriz Ramirez - W Cris Dorwart - W Sister Jan - H	Laura Urso - W John Lullo - W Susan Golding - H	Debbie Szeszko - W F. Valentine - W Chris McGrail -H Sister Nila - H	na
 <b>Altar Servers</b>	Justin Rienton Lizzy Rienton	n/a	Sofia Monteon Francisco Monteon	Eric Torres Ric Torres	na