

# Sacred Heart Parish

*Third Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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**December 15, 2024**

**SPES NON CONFUNDIT. “Hope does not disappoint”** (Rom 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. (...) Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. (...) Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that St. Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome. (...)



Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write: “We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope” (Rom 5:3-4). For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution (cf. 2 Cor 6:3-10). Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ’s cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practice a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another’s company. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centeredness.

Nor is there much place for patience in this age of the Internet, as space and time yield to an ever present “now”. Were we still able to contemplate creation with a sense of awe, we might better understand the importance of patience. We could appreciate the changes of the seasons and their harvests, observe the life of animals and their cycles of growth, and enjoy the clarity of vision of Saint Francis. In his Canticle of the Creatures, written exactly eight hundred years ago, Francis saw all creation as a great family and could call the sun his “brother” and the moon his “sister”.

A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for ourselves and for others. Saint Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God’s promises. Yet, before all else, he testifies to God’s own patience, as “the God of all patience and encouragement” (Rom 15:5). Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation. (...)

**Francis,**

Bull of indiction of the ordinary jubilee of the year 2025

To all who read this letter may hope fill your hearts

**„SPES NON CONFUNDIT”, „nadzieja zawieść nie może”** (Rz 5, 5). W imię nadziei Paweł Apostoł napelnia odwagą chrześcijańską wspólnotę Rzymu. Nadzieja jest również głównym przesłaniem zbliżającego się Jubileusza, który zgodnie ze starożytną tradycją papież ogłasza co dwadzieścia pięć lat. (...)

Wszyscy mają nadzieję. Nadzieja jest obecna w sercu każdego człowieka jako pragnienie i oczekiwanie dobra, nawet jeśli nie wie, co przyniesie ze sobą jutro. (...) Pozwólmy, aby poprowadziło nas słowo, które Apostoł Paweł napisał właśnie do chrześcijan Rzymu. (...)

Paweł jest wielkim realistą. Wie, że życie składa się z radości i smutków, że miłość jest poddawana próbie, gdy wzrastają trudności, a nadzieja wydaje się załamywać w obliczu cierpienia. Mimo to pisze: „Chlubimy się także z ucisków, wiedząc, że ucisk wyrabia wytrwałość, a wytrwałość – wypróbowaną cnotę, wypróbowana zaś cnota – nadzieję” (Rz 5, 3-4). Dla Apostoła, ucisk i cierpienie są typowymi warunkami tych, którzy głoszą Ewangelię w kontekście niezrozumienia i prześladowań. Ale w takich sytuacjach, przez ciemność przebija się światło: odkrywamy, jak ewangelizacja podtrzymywana jest przez moc płynącą z krzyża i zmartwychwstania Chrystusa. A to prowadzi do rozwoju cnoty ściśle związanej z nadzieją: cierpliwości. Nawykliśmy już, by chcieć wszystkiego i natychmiast, w świecie, w którym pośpiech stał się czymś stałym. Nie mamy już czasu na spotkania, a często nawet w rodzinach trudno jest być razem i spokojnie porozmawiać. Cierpliwość została wygnana przez pośpiech, wyrządzając ludziom wielką krzywdę. Niecierpliwość, nerwowość, czasem nieuzasadniona przemoc biorą górę, rodząc niezadowolenie i zamknięcie.

Ponadto, w dobie internetu, gdzie przestrzeń i czas są wypierane przez „tu i teraz”, cierpliwość nie jest czymś zawsze obecnym w naszym domu. Gdybyśmy nadal byli w stanie patrzeć z zadziwieniem na stworzenie, moglibyśmy zrozumieć, jak bardzo decydujące znaczenie ma cierpliwość. Trzeba czekać na zmianę pór roku z ich owocami; obserwować życie zwierząt i cykle ich rozwoju; mieć proste oczy św. Franciszka, który w swojej Pieśni słonecznej, napisanej dokładnie 800 lat temu, postrzegał stworzenie jako jedną wielką rodzinę i nazywał słońce „bratem”, a księżyc „siostrą”. Odkrycie cierpliwości na nowo jest bardzo dobre dla nas samych i dla innych. Św. Paweł często odwołuje się do cierpliwości, aby podkreślić znaczenie wytrwałości i zaufania do tego, co Bóg nam obiecał, ale przede wszystkim świadczy o tym, że Bóg jest cierpliwy wobec nas, On jest „Bogiem, który daje cierpliwość i pociechę” (Rz 15, 5). Cierpliwość, będąca również owocem Ducha Świętego, podtrzymuje nadzieję i umacnia ją jako cnotę i sposób życia. Dlatego uczmy się często prosić o łaskę cierpliwości, która jest córką nadziei i jednocześnie ją wspiera.

**Franciszek,**

Fragmety Bulli na Jubileusz zwyczajny roku 2025

Osobom, które przeczytają ten list niech nadzieja napelni serce



### Rekolekcje Adwentowe 15-17 grudnia 2024

W III-gą niedzielę Adwentu, 15-ego grudnia, rozpoczniemy Rekolekcje Adwentowe. Naszym rekolekjonistą będzie **Ks. Maciej Galle**, Proboszcz parafii św. Pryscylli w Chicago. Nauki rekolekcyjne będą w niedzielę na Mszy Św. o godz. 12:00 i od poniedziałku, 16 grudnia do wtorku, 17 grudnia, w czasie Mszy Świętych o godz. 10:30 rano i 7:00 wieczorem. **Zapraszamy!**

## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024**



### ADVENT CONFESSION

Friday, December 20  
6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

### SPOWIEDŹ ADWENTOWA

piątek, 20 grudnia  
6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

NO CONFESSION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

NIE BĘDZIE SPOWIEDZI W SOBOTĘ 21 GRUDNIA

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Tuesday, December 24**

4:30 PM (English) *(Christmas musical program 4:15 PM)*

9:30 PM (Polish) *(Christmas musical program 9:15 PM)*

12:00 Midnight (English) *(Christmas musical program 11:45 PM)*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Wednesday, December 25**

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM (English)

12:00 Noon (Polish)

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### FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

**Thursday, December 26**

7:30 AM (English) 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM (Polish)

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### SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

Vigil Mass—4:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

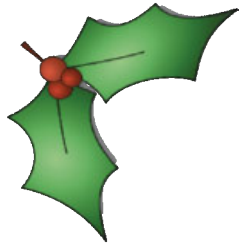
10:00 AM (English), 12:00 Noon (Polish)

(There will be no 9:00 AM Mass on January 1.)

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Sunday, January 5, 2025 *(regular weekend Mass schedule)*

BAPTISM OF THE LORD Sunday, January 12, 2025 *(regular weekend Mass schedule)*

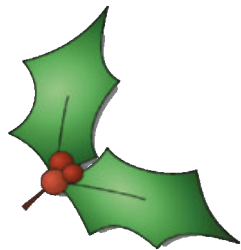


# Sounds of the Season

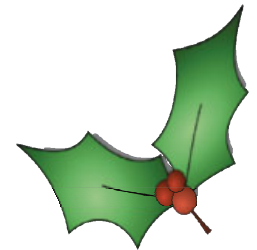


PLEASE JOIN US.....

“THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS” IN SONG  
PRESENTED BY THE SACRED HEART GUITAR GROUP AND  
PIANO ENSEMBLE  
FEATURING THE TEENS OF SACRED HEART PARISH



**THIS Sunday, December 15th, 2024**  
**4:00pm**  
**Sacred Heart Church**



## It's Back!!!

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Next Sunday, December 22

10:00 am Mass



At Mass, all children are invited to experience the Liturgy of the Word at their own level. Children will be called forward and after a blessing from Father, sent with their

catechists to hear the scriptures. Children will explore the scriptures through reflection, discussion and age-appropriate activities. They then return to the main body of the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We hope to offer Children's Liturgy of the Word once a month. All children of the parish are welcome to participate.

## Presentation of

### First Communion Candidates



This Sunday at the 10:00am Mass, we welcome the 35 children from our Religious Education program who are preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Please keep these young members of our parish and their families in your prayers throughout this year of preparation.

## FAIR TRADE

This weekend, Fair Trade products are for sale in the Narthex and chapel hallway. Stop by to purchase coffee, tea, chocolate and other delicious products. Perfect for "stocking stuffers" or holiday gifts for teachers, neighbors, co-workers and loved ones. Your purchase is more than a donation.

*Thank you for your support of this ministry.*



# FUN CLUB

The Fun Club is meeting  
Wednesday, December 18,  
at 12 Noon in the Moscow Center.



## BIBLE STUDY



Join Fr. Pat and others this Thursday,  
December 19, 2024, at 6 PM for Bi-  
ble Study. The group will meet in the  
Ministry Center, St. Boniface Room.  
**All are welcome!**

## ATTENTION TEENS



Open Gym nights are held the  
first and third Thursdays of every  
month.

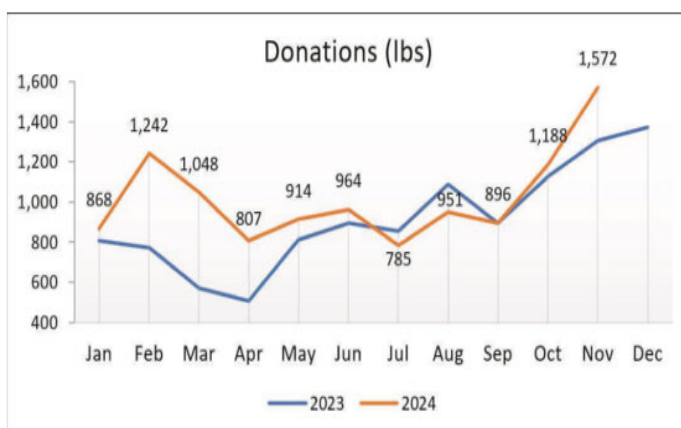
This is a great opportunity to  
come together and hang out in the Teen  
Room or have fun in the gym. Bring a friend  
or two, and make new ones! Snacks will be  
provided. **Open to all teens ages 13 - 16.**

**Next Teen Night:  
Thursday, December 19th**

# Christmas Food Collection

We set a record! Last month, you donated **1,572 lbs.**  
of food! That was our largest collection since April  
2019; which was 1,475 lbs. Unfortunately, the need  
in our community continues to grow. Demand at  
Elsie's Pantry has increased nearly 10% since last  
year. Elsie's is now serving an average of 293  
people each week. So, keep our less fortunate sisters  
and brothers in mind while we conduct our monthly  
**food collection next weekend (Dec. 21- 22).**

Merry Christmas, The Pizur Family



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## WRESZCIE ŻYĆ—12 KROKÓW KU PEŁNI ŻYCIA

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025**

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**DOORS OPEN: 5:00 SHOW TIME: 6:00**

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*For those who attended Catholic school, it's nostalgic.*

*For those who did not attend or who are not Catholic, it's a learning  
experience and a gloriously funny one!*

**For a fun night out,  
bring your friends to Sister's class.**

**Give the Gift of Entertainment!**



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### **PICK UP**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**

**BEFORE AND AFTER MASS**

**SATURDAY 4:30**

**SUNDAY 8:00, 10:00 12:00**

### **SCAN CODE**



**YOUR DONATION ASSISTS OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.**

# Save the Date!

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**Save the date! You are invited to donate at the blood drive below:**

**SACRED HEART PARISH ~ 8245 W. 111TH ST ~ PALOS HILLS, IL 60465**

**Sunday, January 5, 2025 ~ 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



Iris Andrews	Nancy Lockwood
Marie Andrews	Michael Lundberg
Laura Barajas	Marin McCarthy
Carol Betts	Theresa McCasland
Anna Brynda	Patricia McEnerney
William Budig	Joelee Macmaster
Mary Burkey	Urszula Michalczuk
Dave Cody	Madisin Millard
Emiliano Contreras	Tom Mitchell
Ken Cosenza	Nancy Montgomery
Tom Davis	Rose Ann Mulhern
Rudy DeAngelis	Sandy Nelson
Charles DeWilkens	Arlene O'Connor
Mary Jo Diviney	Joseph O'Keefe
Sue Donofrio	James Pace
Benji and Richie Duncan	Władysław Parda
Arnold Duran	Marti Patti
Geraldine Dvojacki	Sandra Polis
Mary Fitzpatrick	Joe Potocki
Tom Fratto	Pamela Pribyl
Jan Galatte	Robert Pribyl
Kateri & Sandy Garbauski	Dominick Quaglino
Margo Hannigan	Jamie Reinke
Carol Hannon	Dee Richard
Thomas Herkes	Katie Riley
Larry Herm, Jr.	Bruce Schaffer
Kathy Hesser	Joan Shafron
Jerry Hoenig	Arthur Socol
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Fr. John Hurley	Judy Stapleton
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Franciszka Kojs	Joseph Toczynski
Walter Kolinski	Suzanne Varkalis
Jamie Kozicki	Raymond Viola
Andrew Kran	Richard Warfield
Kristin Kukuczka	Jennifer Weisennitter
Don Lasica	Geri Welch
Max Lasica	Helene Wiley
Robbie Lasica	Maureen Yerkes
Mariann Liszka	Agnes Zarack

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



**GRACE MAHER**  
**FRANK OLENICK**  
**FR. JOHN PLOTKOWSKI**  
**MIECZYSLAW WAWOZNY**

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

All parents having a child in the near future are asked to attend ONE Baptismal class. It is mandatory that parents attend the baptismal preparation class before making arrangements for the Baptism.

The Class is held in the Ministry Center building (Formation Room). Please call the office to make arrangements 708.974.3336, Press 0.

**The next Class is scheduled for Tuesday,  
 JANUARY 28, 2025 ~ 7:00PM**

**Katecheza przed Chrztem ,  
 STYCZNIA 28, 2025 Wtorek ~ 7:00PM**

Jeżeli w najbliższym czasie planujecie chrzest swojego dziecka to prosimy o kontakt z naszym biurem parafialnym 708-974-3336, wew 0. Ponadto zapraszamy rodziców oraz chrzestnych na katechezę przygotowującą do tego ważnego wydarzenia. Katecheza jest prowadzone w języku angielskim.

### Sacred Heart Queen of Peace Prayer Group



Join us for an hour of  
 Rosary and the  
 Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 We meet in the church  
 chapel every Tuesday at  
 6:00 pm

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, December 14

**7:30 AM** – Special Intention for Marta, Adrian and Children

Special Intention for Maryann Allison (Birthday)

**4:30 PM** – Edward Mampreian

Albie Pedziwiatr

Julie Jaworski

Patrick Finnegan

Carol Barnum

Healing Intention for Geri Super

Katarzyna Moskalik (15th Anniversary)

Eugene Jos, Maria Skórska

## Sunday, December 15

**8:00 AM** – MaryBeth Smalarz

Arlene Kuzdas

Living and Deceased Members of the Seigmund Family

Special Intention for Vanessa and Michał Lepionka and Children

**10:00 AM** – Agnes Yaros

Anthony “Tony” Werr

Joseph Sobczak

Joseph T. Tomasko, Sr.

Jan Siebiesiuk (14th Anniversary)

Mirosław Siebiesiuk (10th Anniv)

Tadeusz Piekieniak (3rd Anniv.)

Special Intention for Bogumiła Nalepa

**12:00 PM** – Józef Kubicz

John Wagrowski

Edward & Janina Sawiniec

Jan Szewczyk (15th Anniversary)

**Monday, December 16** – Mary Jo James

Arlene Kuzdas

**Tuesday, December 17** – Willard James (7th Anniversary)

**Wednesday, December 18** – Howard Rudnick

**Thursday, December 19** – Gloria Pace

Genevieve Irizarry

James Szimakowski (1st Anniversary)

Barbara Galecki (1st Anniversary)

**Friday, December 20** – Mabel Flores (25th Anniversary)

James Szimakowski (1st Anniversary)

**Saturday, December 21**

**7:30 AM** – Poor Souls in Purgatory

**4:30 PM** – Alice Kisala

Annie Hunt

John Kosiewicz, Jr.

Special Intention for Danuta Wróbel

Helen Bozych

Sister Marty

Fr. Walsh

Fr. Herne

Joseph Macek

Roy Bozych, Jr.

Douglas Heimberg

Genevieve Irizarry

Harold Moe

**Sunday, December 22**

**8:00 AM** – Arlene Kuzdas

Władysław Groń (7th Anniversary)

Sacred Heart Parishioners

**10:00 AM** – Anthony “Tony” Werr

Joseph Sobczak

Tadeusz Presz (25th Anniversary)

Katherine Skowrya

James Szimakowski (1st Anniversary)

Jacek Koszarek (10th Anniversary)

Michael J. Antolec

Special Intention for the Keane-Stawowa Families

**12:00 PM** – Władysław & Katarzyna Bukłow

Thomas Paliwoda

Jan Szewczyk (15th Anniversary)

Edward & Janina Sawiniec

Jan Groński

Irena Habina (4th Anniversary)

Stanisława & Józef Stanek

Helena & Czesław Foltyn

Krzysztof Cyburt

Andrzej Gawlak-Homernik (3rd Anniversary)



### Counseling By Fr. Rohrich

Counseling services are available with Fr. Bob Rohrich. Anyone interested is asked to please call 630-257-9235 to make an appointment. The available times are 10am, 11am, and 5pm, 7pm, 8pm and 9pm at the DePaul Center, 212 Custer St, Lemont.

Father Bob counsels engaged & married couples, individuals for depression, anxiety, grieving, separation, divorce, and other personal problems. Cost for each session is \$10.





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Praise*

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH  
9300 W. 167TH ST., ORLAND HILLS, IL

Wednesday,  
December 18, 2024  
7:00-8:00 pm

**Sacred Heart Parish**  
8245 W. 111th St., Palos Hills, IL 60465

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday—4:30 PM (English)**

**Sunday—8:00AM, 10:00AM (English)**

**Sunday—12:00 PM (Polish)**

*Visit our website for live-stream of  
10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Masses*

**Weekday Masses**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 AM**

**Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday—7:30 AM**

**Adoration Chapel Hours**

**Monday - Friday—8:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

**Saturday—7:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Reconciliation**

**Saturdays—3:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
or by appointment**

**Anointing of the Sick**

**First Monday of the month  
after 9:00 AM Mass or by appointment**

**Baptisms**

**In Polish—first and third Sundays  
During 12:00 PM Mass (Maximum of four)  
and 1:30 PM (Maximum of six)**

**In English—second and fourth Sundays  
1:30 PM (Maximum of six)**

*All Baptisms are scheduled following  
completion of a Baptismal preparation class.*

**Weddings**

**Friday—4:00 PM**

**Saturday—12:00 PM and 2:00 PM**

**Pre-Marriage instruction is required.**

**Arrangements should be made, according to  
Archdiocesan policy, at least six months prior to  
desired date. Wedding date and time are not set  
at initial phone call, but must be confirmed by  
the officiating priest or deacon.**

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**Friday—9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

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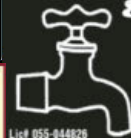
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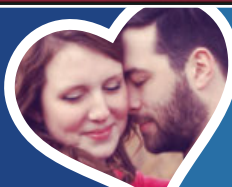
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