



Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018

"The Shrine"

St. Odilo Parish

National Shrine of the Poor Souls

St. Odilo Church is the only parish in the United States dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. It was founded and sanctioned as the Shrine of the Poor Souls by His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, in 1928, with a special indulgence of 200 days granted upon each visit to the shrine.

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Rev. Msgr. Richard Saudis
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Mrs. Beth Ritzenhaler

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Mrs. Gail Kunce

Marketing/Advancement:

Mrs. Ruby Martinez

Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 8AM

Saturday: 8:00AM, 4PM

Sunday: 7AM (Sp.), 8:00 (Eng.), 9:30 (Latin) & 11AM (Eng.) & 12:30PM (Sp.)

Holy Days: 6:30PM (Eng.) the previous evening; 6:30, 8:10AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:30PM (Sp.)

Church is open: Weekdays from 6AM - 6PM

Confessions: Saturday 11AM - 12Noon & by appointment.

Rectory Office hours: Monday thru Friday: 9AM -9PM

Saturday 9AM-7PM Sunday 9AM-7PM

Adoration: Thursday until 6AM - 6PM

All Sacraments and ceremonies are available in Italian, Latin, Spanish & of course English.

Baptisms: Every Saturday at 10:30AM & Sunday at 1:30PM. Parents are required to register for baptism with a priest. Parents should be registered parishioners. Please call to make an appointment.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance with a parish priest. Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

Visits to the Sick: Please inform the rectory for hospital or homebound visits.

Quinceaneras: Cotillion Masses are available for our girls who have been confirmed-please call.

Ramblings - Fr. Brankin

Welcome to the Second Sunday of Advent!

Traditionally the candles and vestments for Advent are all purple—violet. That has always been the traditional color of penitence—or sorrow for sin.

And sorrow for sin is precisely what we are trying to develop as we get our souls ready for the Christmas. That's why Christmas confessions are part of our catholic Christmas traditions.

I remember talking to two priests from Colombia—maybe forty years ago, and they told me—that they will hear confessions for twelve to eighteen hours before Christmas. They will take a break for meals, but the confessions go on all day.

And penance and sorrow for our sins is why we wear purple.

However, some parishes promote the wearing of blue. They tell us that that we would otherwise confuse Advent with Lent. And these same people will tell us that Advent's theme is not really "sorrow for sin" as in Lent. They tell us that Advent is a time of preparation and waiting, and therefore Advent's color should be blue.

I really think that purple is the most appropriate color for Advent because right there in the midst of the bright lights and silver bells—in the center of the reds and greens and blues and whites—underneath the tinsel and ornaments, the ho-ho-ho's and hoopla—there sits a brooding, solemn silent figure—*not unlike Dickens' Christmas ghost.*

And this sorrowful figure is draped in purple—and is edged with tears. He is dark, somber and serious—and maybe a little sad.

This purple figure of Advent reminds us what Christmas is really all about—and it's about pretty serious stuff.

Advent purple is for the millions of people throughout the world who do not know Christ—who have never known Him—who shall never know Him—or the Peace that he gives.

Advent purple is for all those for whom Christmas comes once a year—but they have no idea why they have to wait every year until December 25th. And when they are told it is for the birthday of Jesus—they will ask: Who is Jesus? They really do not know.

Yes, Advent purple is for them.

Advent Purple is also for the poor mother whose gaggle of raggedy children cry out for gifts and she hardly has enough for food for them. She is the one we hear in the store say "Don't touch that, we can't afford it!"

And, yes, she is the poor mother buying the cans of soup at Walgreens and Vienna sausage at the gas station. Advent Purple is for them, too.

Advent Purple is for the poor lost souls who on Christmas Eve wander drunkenly from tavern to tavern trying to forget sad Christmases—trying to remember happier Christmases—trying to smile and laugh just like everyone else—but it so hard.

Advent purple is for them.

Advent Purple is also for the family who will explode in the traditional Christmas Day fight—and all of their expectations of joy and happiness—disintegrate one more time into an impossible moment of family anger and bitterness.

And what was supposed to be the happiest day of the year—once again—becomes the worst.

The Purple of Advent is for them as well.

You see Advent Purple reminds us that not all is well with the world— and not all is well with our lives.

Advent purple tells us that it takes a lot of waiting for Christmas-- four thousand years from the time of Adam and Eve—to Christ-- or four more weeks of waiting for Christmas. so many of us are still waiting.

The Advent purple reminds us that our sadness, our emptiness, our troubles come from sin and that the Brightness and Lightness of Christmas—the forgiveness of sin brought to us by Jesus—is better understood when we see it through a purple veil.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the Christmas gifts you gave our needy people. They are most appreciative of your generosity and thoughtfulness.

You all have a beautiful Christmas and New year filled with God's blessings.

Gratefully,

Rev. Larry Dowling
Pastor

Sister Patricia Kerz

Sharing Tree for Blessed Sacrament

Oh My Goodness!!!! A simple thank you is NOT enough! Thank you to all of our St. Odilo Parishioners and friends who gave generously to our Sharing Parish, Blessed Sacrament / Saint Agatha.

THANK YOU!! We received the most we have ever received this Holiday Season, both in gifts and monetary donations. The gift bags, boxes, and extras reflect the generous and loving Christmas Spirit of Saint Odilo. All in all we had an incredible collection of gifts, toys and clothes to hand over to Sister Patricia. Our donation to Blessed Sacrament / Saint Agatha should make us Proud of our Parish! Also, the generous monetary gifts we received will let Sister give support were needed. The thoughtfulness and love we extend to our Sharing Parish shows the true St. Odilo Holiday spirit.

All of you deserve a special thank you; this event would not be possible without the generosity and kindness of each and every one of you. A special thank you to Cyndy and Leah Bishop and the Bastaic family, Lauren, Dani, Aleks and Maki. They helped get the gifts ready for sister to pick up. Team work makes light work. Thank you!

Thank you, May God Bless You and may you all have a very Merry and Healthy Christmas and New Year!!!

OPLATKI

Oplatki is available
at the rectory for a \$2.00 donation.



TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Last year, the State of Illinois enacted a Tax Credit Scholarship wherein donations to the scholarship program result in a 75% State of Illinois tax credit to the donor and raised over \$40,000,000 statewide to benefit school children to attend private school. This school year, 22 of our St. Odilo School students benefited from this program and received over \$90,000 in funds to attend our school. Our school population had many more students eligible for these scholarships, but demand far exceeded donations. In addition, most donations were made specify a specific school. It is our hope, we will be able to receive more designated scholarship funds for St. Odilo in order to benefit our students and school.

Matching Gift Program

A group of generous donors have agreed to pool their resources and offer a 2-for-1 matching gift program to schools run by the Archdiocese of Chicago. For every dollar designated to a qualifying school through Empower Illinois between December 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019, the school will receive two dollars in matching funds. The donations are capped at \$100,000 per school.

After April 1, 2019, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to low-income students at schools with unmet demand.

Donors who would like to receive the tax credit for their 2018 taxes should begin the process prior to December 14, 2018 to ensure that they have enough time to make their gift by December 31, 2018. For more information please visit www.archchicago.org/tcs or call 312.534.2617.

General Program

There is still time to apply for a 2018 Illinois tax credit and donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization. Visit www.archchicago.org/tcs to learn more, or contact tcs@archchicago.org and 312.534.2617.

You can receive a 75 percent Illinois state income tax credit for donating to needs-based scholarships through the Illinois tax credit scholarship program. Visit www.archchicago.org/tcs to learn more, or contact tcs@archchicago.org and 312.534.2617.

Support low-income students at Archdiocesan schools while receiving a 75 percent state tax credit through the Illinois tax credit scholarship program. Visit www.archchicago.org/tcs to learn more, or contact tcs@archchicago.org and 312.534.2617.

You can provide a Catholic school education to children from low-income families while also receiving a state tax credit yourself. The Invest in Kids Act is different from regular charitable giving St. Odilo or another organization. Visit archchicago.org/tcs to learn why and to access a step-by-step guide to the program.

PROGRAMA DE BECAS DE CRÉDITO TRIBUTARIO

El año pasado, el Estado de Illinois promulgo una Beca de Crédito Tributario en el cual las donaciones al programa de becas dan como resultado un 75% de crédito tributario de Illinois al donante y recaudo más de \$40,000,000 a nivel estatal en beneficio de los niños para asistir a escuelas privadas. Este año escolar, 22 de nuestros alumnos de la escuela San Odilo se beneficiaron de este programa y recibieron más \$90,000 en fondos para asistir a nuestra escuela. Nuestra población escolar tenía muchos más alumnos elegibles para estas becas, pero la demanda supero con creces las donaciones. Además, la mayoría de las donaciones se hicieron para una escuela específica. Es nuestra esperanza, poder recibir más fondos de becas designados para San Odilo con el fin de beneficiar a nuestros alumnos y escuela.



St. Odilo Parish

Christmas Schedule 2018 / Programación de Navidad 2018

Confessions / Confesiones

Saturday, Dec. 22-11 am-12 noon

Christmas Eve - December 24 / Nochebuena

4pm-Vigil Mass -Christmas Carols begin at 3:30pm with
the St. Odilo Children's Choir.

7pm-Misa de Gallo (Español)

10pm-Latin Mass-(Sermon in English) Christmas Carols begin
at 9:30pm with the St. Odilo Schola Cantorum.

Christmas Day - December 25 / Navidad

7am-Misa (Español)

8am-Mass (English)

9:30am-Mass (Latin & English)

with the St. Odilo Schola Cantorum

11am-Mass (English)

12:30pm-Misa (Español)

New Year's Eve-December 31 / Vispera de Año Nuevo

6:30pm-Mass (English)

New Year's Day - January 1 / Día de Año Nuevo

8am-Mass (English)

9:30am-Mass (Latin)

11am-Misa (Español)





Special Events Committee of St. Odilo invites you to participate
in our traditional Christmas Posadas

Sunday, December 16th and Saturday, December 22nd

6:00pm – Rosary in the Church, singing the litany on the way to the basement
of Church then the Posada with guitars and Celebration.

Hosted by: Spanish Choir (Paul Rau, Director)
We will have piñatas, candy bags for kids, and hot beverages.

If you would like to bring a dish please give me your name, phone number and
the day you would like to cooperate.

Come and join us like the family we are in Christ!

El Comité de Eventos de San Odilo los Invita a participar en la
organización de nuestra tradicionales posadas

Domingo 16 y sábado 22 de diciembre

Rosario a las 6:00pm, en la Iglesia
Canto de letanía hacia el basement de la Iglesia Pedida de posada con guitarras
Convivio

Amenizado por el Coro en Español (Director Paul Rau)
Habrá piñatas, aguinaldos para niños y bebidas calientes.

Sil le gustaría cooperar y traer un platillo por favor deme su nombre, número
de teléfono y el día que le gustaría cooperar.

Vengan y disfrute como la familia que somos en Cristo.

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Please remember the sick - Regina Szatkowski, Josephine Sprovieri, Ernest Karamas, Charlie Turek, Alice Kowalski, Henry Kereluk, Sr. Johanna Trisolieri, Ramon Marentes, William Stepanek, Karen Lewis, Joseph Kirchoff, our Veterans, Rahman Ayi, George Fuoco, Peter Rybak, Timmy O'Connell, Paula Tammen, Carlos Zorrilla, Jeanette Sprovieri, Linda Lancaster, Theresa Risco, Antoinette Deltorra, Al Trotta, Diana Ferrel, Geraldine Stack, Julie Kopacz, Kathy O'Toole, Maria Pena, Aurora S. De Asis, Bobby Harol, Don Looney, Dolly Kaminski, Patricia Stalzer, Sam Martyn, Leticia Held, Bozenka Karkowski, Max Moreno, Lorraine Pietryga, Donna Kadrowicz, Rudy Rau, Edward Mottier, Barbara Thill, Roger Kowalski, Richard Burns, Richard Kosenesky, Esperanza Rodriguez, Kathy Martinotti, Virginia Shields, Dr. Frank Krumlovsky

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

December 9, 2018 \$10,136.22
Last Year \$9,898.61

Thank you!
Fr. Brankin

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY...

4:00PM-CCD (SCH)
6:30PM-CCD (SCH)
6:30PM-Adult CCD (CH)
6:30PM-Legion of Mary (PR)
7PM-Domestic Violence (PH)

TUESDAY...

7PM-School Christmas Program (CH)

WEDNESDAY...

6PM-ESL(PH)
6:30PM-Arts & Crafts (SR)
7PM-Spanish Choir (PR)

THURSDAY...

6:30PM-Spred (PrR)

FRIDAY...

4PM-Folkloric Dancing (CB)
6PM-Pequeno Rebano (CB)

SATURDAY...

10AM-Guitar & Mandolin Lessons (CB)
4PM-Folkloric Dancing (CB)
6PM-Posadas

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Intentions of Theresa Terna
8:10AM-Blessings on Christine Fasana & Robert
John Prohaska (Family)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Collins Family (Edward Boyd)
8:10AM-Frank, Josephine & Joseph Gaudio (Family)
-William Krumpos (Diane Krumpos)
-Joseph Wodarczyk (Ruby Martinez)
-John Kmet (Wife Norma)
-James Martin (Fiala Family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Poor Souls
8:10AM-Intentions of Sr. Maria Paulina

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Rose & Frank Davidek
8:10AM-Thomas Arelano (Arelano Family)
-Don Nosal (Nancy Nosal)
-Chester Swierkowski (James Majchrowicz)
-Joseph Wodarczyk (Virginia Uphues)
-James Thomas Martin (Banda Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21-SAINT PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

6:30AM-Susan Szpisjak (Friends & Family)
8:10AM-Bultas & Tufo Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8AM-Placido Buniao Jr. (Family)
2PM-Wedding of Jorge Enrique Loza & Areli Ramirez
4PM-Al Strazzante (Family & Friends)
6PM-Posadas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7AM-Jose Luis Murillo (Family)
8AM-Florence Hlava (Family)
9:30AM-Philip Brankin (Mary Culliton)
11AM-George Kasper (Kasper Family)
12:30PM-Alfredo Diaz Torres (Teresa Diaz)

WEDDING BANNERS

III-Jorge Enrique Loza & Areli Ramirez

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

December 22 & 23	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	B. Banda N. Banda	L. Thill	A. Becerra, E. Salas G. Rodriguez, A. Arredondo
7AM (Esp.)	T. Luna, M. Mejia, A. Sambolin	O. Pereda	A. Mendoza, A. Cruz E. Ramos
8AM	N. Kmet B. Ouska		V. Arechar, L. Arechar R. Arechar, M. Sierra
9:30AM			W. Morrall, S. Morrall R. Mondragon, D. Soto
11AM	L. Cervantes, F. Miller P. Tammen		A. Raygoza, N. Moran A. Brown
12:30PM (Esp.)	A. Mendez, E. Marquez V. Chavez, J. Sanchez	H. Sanchez E. Gutierrez	M. Herrera, S. Herrera N. Blitts

