



Saint Richard Parish

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
4:30PM (English)

SUNDAY
6:45, 9:30, & 11:00AM (English)
8:00AM (Polish)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM (English)
Monday — Saturday

Weekday mass is celebrated in
the Chapel located off the
Kostner Avenue lobby

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FOURTH SUNDAY

OF Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



DECEMBER 24, 2017

Welcome to Saint Richard Parish

It is with joy that we welcome everyone who has come here to worship with us this weekend.

If you are a newcomer, a visitor, a relative of a parishioner, a familiar face,
or someone we will soon know better, your presence here honors us,
for you bring the presence of Christ into this place of worship.

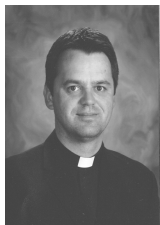
Join us as we give thanks and praise and glory to God!

If you are not already an active member of this community,
we ask you to consider in sharing in what we have to offer.

Our Parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply.

We serve the community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation,
and comfort to the sick and those who mourn.

Please feel free to contact us if we can be of service to you in any way.



Our weather has reminded us that indeed it is winter. The cold and dark of winter for us in Chicago is broken by the beautiful annual celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The lights that decorate homes and businesses offer the contrast of warmth and light in a season of cold and dark. In a sense, they are a symbol of the truth we celebrate each Christmas. Into a world darkened to the truth of God and cold to His love, God entered in human flesh, beginning as a humble child, born in a stable in Bethlehem. As I celebrate my sixth (already!) Christmas with St. Richard's parishioners, I am grateful for the light and warmth of welcome and support that have been extended to me in these years with you.

Among the many festivities of the season, the most important thing we do is gathering to celebrate the Eucharist, especially the Mass at Christmas. It is in our worship that we encounter in the most powerful way the enlightening truth that Jesus—born in the stable in Bethlehem—lived, died and rose to save us. It is within our worship that we experience the warmth of His love as He affirms our salvation and nourishes us with His own Body and Blood.

May you and your families enjoy a truly Blessed Christmas and Holy New Year.

Fr. Kris

As many of you know Monsignor John Canary will be away for over two months- he doesn't like this cold season in Chicago- and so he spends this time in warm and sunny Florida. Make sure to say good-bye to him, since we won't see him until Easter.



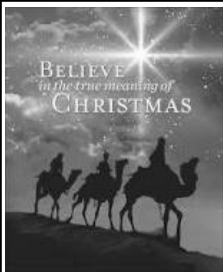
Drodzy Parafianie,

Razem z Maryją i Józefem, naśladowując ich prostotę i pokorę, klękamy przed Słowem, które stało się Ciałem: Jezusem Chrystusem, naszym Zbawicielem. Pochylamy się w cichej adoracji nad wielką tajemnicą Wcielenia, które napelnia radością i pokojem każdego, kto przyjmuje Dziecię Jezus do swojego serca. Niezłębiony jest Bóg w swojej miłości! Oto przychodzi do nas wszystkich, choć na to nie zasługujemy, daje nam Siebie samego i zaprasza do życia wiecznego. W Święta Bożego Narodzenia doświadczymy Jego szczególnej obecności, ale wierzymy, że przychodzi On do nas nieustannie w Najświętszej Eucharystii. Pragnie tylko jednego: abyśmy Go przyjęli z największą miłością, na jaką potrafimy się zdobyć. Przeżywając już w Wami w tej parafii szóste święta Bożego Narodzenia, życzę każdemu z Was, aby Nowonarodzony Chrystus napelnił Wasze serca niezachwianą nadzieją, która pozwoli pokonać wszelkie trudności, silną wiarą, która rozjaśni nawet najbardziej mroczne dni i głęboką miłością, która w każdym człowieku potrafi dostrzec promyk dobra oraz zawsze jest gotowa przebaczyć.

Pragnę podziękować wszystkim Dobroczyńcom, którzy troszczą się o parafialny Kościół i o sprawy naszej Wspólnoty parafialnej. Niech Dziecię Jezus wynagrodzi Wam obfitymi łaskami za Wasze otwarte i hojne serce.

Wszystkim życzę, aby Święta Bożego Narodzenia upłynęły w atmosferze miłości, radości i życzliwości w gronie najbliższych i przyjaciół. A błogosławieństwo Dziecięcia Jezus niech towarzyszy Wam przez cały Nowy 2018 Rok.

Ks. Krzysztof



WHAT IS THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The real Christmas story is the story of God's becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Savior! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself (1

John 4:8). Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshipping Him, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. God loved His own and provided a way—the only Way—for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).



ON SALE THIS CHRISTMAS

Originally \$35 2 Disc Collector's Edition of "RESTLESS HEART" for only \$15. You can't beat the price.

This can be purchased at the parish office!

4th Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - Luke 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.



FOOTBALL MANIA WINNERS

WEEK 15

Susan Lane	\$25
Patricia Villa	\$25
Gabriel Estrada	\$400

Congrats to our latest winners. Keep those winners coming. There are still several weeks left to win.



TIP Certificates

(Tuition Incentive Program)

TIP Certificates are available for your shopping pleasure during the holidays. Please note for special orders contact the office ahead of time.

You can place an order on any day, but orders will be filled on Monday and Thursday only, to be picked up after 1pm.



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LIGHT THE WAY FOR JESUS

To help our children understand and reflect on the Advent season, we are going to ask them to participate in our "LIGHT THE WAY FOR JESUS" program. Beginning the first weekend of Advent (December 2/3), the children will be asked to come forward to get a star at the end of each mass. Each week will have a different color star for all four weeks of Advent.

They are asked to write their name on one side and their Advent prayer intention on the other. They then take the star to school or RE class the following week and give it to their teacher who will record their participation. For St. Richard School children, they will place the stars on the trees in church during school mass the following week and our Religious Education children's stars will be turned in and placed on the trees by the Religious Education staff. Any child who collects all 4 stars during Advent will be invited to a special party in January!

ST. RICHARD CCW COAT AND ACCESSORY DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the annual CCW Coat Drive. Once again this coat drive has been **very** successful. We have made a difference in the lives of people at Casa Catalina, St. Coletta's and many, many bags of miscellaneous items were donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Center.

Our drive has come to an end we give thanks to all our parishioners for sharing. May God bless you always for your kindness.

Luke 3:11 John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

AROUND THE PARISH



In Loving Memory of Joseph Turrise (Wife)

*In Loving Memory of Bernice Vescovi
(George)*

*In Loving Memory of Frank Matusewick
(Rose)*

*In Loving Memory of Mark Minonne
(Minonne Family)*

*In Loving Memory of Lucille & Frank Skowron
(Frank Jr. & Dan)*

In Loving Memory of Irene Norushis

In Loving Memory of Joan Mancari (Fred)

Love & Miss You Frank (Diana)

In Loving Memory of Mary Selio (Friends)

*God's Healing Blessing For Rose Ann Nowak
(Mom, Sisters & Brothers)*

In Loving Memory of Charles DiGangi (Jarosik Fam.)

In Loving Memory of Magdalene Digangi (Jarosik Fam.)

In Loving Memory of Edward Jarosik (Jarosik Fam.)

In Loving Memory of Josephine Jarosik (Jarosik Fam.)

In Loving Memory of Mary Dalfonso (Jarosik Fam.)

Frank, You Are The Star On Our Christ Tree

Love, Diana, Dennis and Chloe

In Loving Memory of Mom & Dad Klimek

In Loving Memory of Mom & Dad Skwarek

In Loving Memory of Grandma & Grandpa Slanina

In Loving Memory of Grandma & Grandpa Wszolek

In Loving Memory of Stanley "Bud" Skwarek

In Loving Memory of Dorothy Cerny

(Marian & John Klimek)

In Loving Memory of James Klimek (Mom & Dad)

Merry Christmas Mrs. Dolly (Love, Val)

In Loving Memory of Hank (Kaluzny Family)

In Loving Memory of Rosalio Quevedo Jr. (Family)

In Loving Memory of Antonia Sambrano Manching

In Loving Memory of Arsenia Barba (Family)

Merry Christmas Linda Malek (Family)

Yes Jean, You Are With Jesus This Christmas

God's Healing Blessings for Marvin Zabilka

God's Healing Blessings for John Klimek



WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

*As a parish family, we pray for
those that have been called from
this life to eternal life in Christ.*

Thomas Kash

Dolores Sulima

Kazimiera Wyglenda

Our prayers and thoughts are with the families.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL OF OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY ESPECIALLY:

Sgt. Daniel Frost - U.S. Army

Armando Murillo - U.S. Marines - Iraq

Edmundo Erestain - U.S. Navy

Raul Madrigal, Jr., Special Forces - U.S. Navy

Pfc. Armando J. Rios - Ill National Guard - Iraq

Radek Mazur - Ill National Guard - Afghanistan

George Harlan - U.S. Air Force

Juan Carlos Mendoza - U.S. Air Force

Angela A. Cervantes - U.S. Navy

Chelsea Botello - U.S. Army

Corporal Nicholas Raymer - U.S. Marines



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND.

*God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by
us in our time of need. Watch over (name) who is
sick and grant him/her your healing and peace.
Amen.*

Joseph Adamek
Annilla Anderson
Jose Francisco Aguilera
Jeff Alter
Mary Alter
Shanen Beltran
Cindy Beltran
Patricia Burke
Joan Cada
Brenda Delgado
Hannah Carroll
Maime Cervantes
Ken Diamond
Linda DiGangi
Jesse Elizondo
John Fitzgerald
Katie Frederick
Josephine Gapultos
Ronald Getches
Rudy Gonzalez
Geri Griggs
Wilmer Gumber
Maria Guzman
Sylvia Homa
Stella Jeziorny
Helen Kacprowski
John Kerwin

Pat King
Diane Kotula
Charlene Kowalczyk
Shirl Kucik
Pat Kujawa
Anita LaFrancis
Marcy Leno
Patty Macias
Ann Macias
Steve Marfise
Carl Martello
Josephine May
Colleen Michalak
Rose Mrozek
Dorothy Pach
Rosalie O'Sullivan
Pattie Pawlowski
Cathy Pilny
Rick Raymer
Florence Rybski
Diane Sal
Hector Salazar
Jennifer Smith
Monika Ashley Servin
Jerry & Maria Suski
Bertha Zaplatosch
Joanna Zieba

Please contact the Parish Office to add or delete a name from this list. Also, contact us if you would like a priest/deacon/Ministers of Care to visit you in the hospital or your home.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Principal Napier's Corner

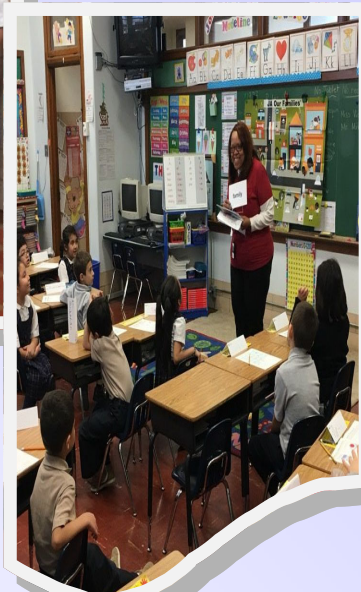
Classroom Spotlight: Mrs. Turner's 1st Grade Class

During the month of December our 1st grade class worked very hard on improving their writing, mastering their math facts, and celebrating the Christmas season. On Friday, December 1st our entire school had visitors from Junior Achievement. Junior Achievement is a program that fosters work-readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy skills. They use experimental learning to inspire students to dream big and reach their potential. We are very grateful for all of the business personnel that came to volunteer their time and teach our students the importance of pursuing their dreams.

During the month of December our 1st-3rd grade classes went to Drury Lane to see A Christmas Carol. In writing class, our 1st graders wrote letters to Santa Claus with wishes for Christmas. A week later an envelope was delivered to the school office from the North Pole. The students were jumping for joy when I delivered the package to their room. Recently, our 1st grade class made gingerbread houses out of many delicious sweet treats. What a fun way to celebrate the Christmas season. One of the most important projects our 1st grade class did this month was collecting money for one of our angels on the tree in church. The "giving tree" helps our students remember their blessings and to celebrate God's great gift of love by sharing love with others. Keep shining bright 1st grade. We are proud of all your accomplishments!

Check out next week's article for a spotlight on our 4th grade class!

Wishing all of our families and parishioners a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



MASS INTENTIONS—

There are several Mass intentions still available for 2018. Mass intentions can be requested for many occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, illness and more.

You can request a mass either by coming to the parish office in person or by calling the parish office 773-585-1221.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Of December 25th - December 31st

Christmas Spirit

I am the Christmas Spirit I enter the home of poverty, cause pale-faced children to open their eyes wide in pleased wonder.

I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on the soul.

I cause the aged to renew their youth, to laugh in the old, glad way.

I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic.

I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world.

I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious love some little token that releases glad tears—tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.

I enter dark prison cells, remind scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to be.

I come softly into the still, white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude.

In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched.

I am the Christmas Spirit.

Monday 8:00AM (POLISH)	December 25, 2017 CHRISTMAS - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD <i>Mass Intentions on Christmas Eve are for Intentions of our Parishioners and Deceased Parishioners and All Benefactors</i>
9:30AM 11:00AM	
Tuesday 8:00AM	December 26, 2017 † Ed, Elaine, Ron & Ronnie Skala (Sharon)
6:00PM	POLISH MASS
Wednesday 8:00AM	December 27, 2017 † Jan Babel
Thursday 8:00AM 8:30AM	December 28, 2017 † Jan Babel EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UNTIL 7:00PM
Friday 8:00AM	December 29, 2017 † Steven, Jr. & Alejandra Juarez (Fam.)
Saturday 8:00AM 4:30PM	December 30, 2017 † Jan Babel † Terry Glyda (Marty & Gail Ryczek & Fam)
Sunday 6:45AM 8:00AM	December 31, 2017 - Parishioners of St. Richard † Wiktorcia Cirkosz † Janusz Miasik (Brother) † Jozef Maryniarczyk I Anna Jaronczyk † Juanita Roa (Roa Family) † Gene Burke (11am Ushers)
9:30AM 11:00AM	
4:00PM	NEW YEARS DAY - VIGIL MASS

Liturgical Ministers for December 30th & December 31st

4:30 PM	Fr. Kris	H. Saturnus	J. Poineau, T. Poineau, L. Saturnus, S. Skala, S. Moy	Amanda A., Briana C.
6:45 AM	Fr. Kris	E. Sauleiko	Volunteer Sign-up Sheet in Sacristy	Isabella B., Isaac A.
8:00 AM	Fr. Kris			
9:30 AM	Fr. Tom McQuaid	C. Trujillo		Giselle O., Cristina G.
11:00 AM	Fr. Tom McQuaid	M. Chyba		Daisy C., Fernanda V.
4:00 PM	Fr. Kris			Jacob K., Alex K.



Saint Richard Parish 25 Days of Christmas Raffle \$25.00/Ticket

Sunday December 3, 10, & 17	\$ 150.00
Every Weekday December 1-23	\$ 50.00
Christmas Eve	\$ 250.00
Christmas Day	\$1,000.00

The Winner's Circle:

Dec 13 - Zofia Fornal	\$ 50
Dec 14 - Marvin Zabilka	\$ 50
Dec 15 - Kathleen Kerwin	\$ 50
Dec 16 - Ramona Lopez	\$ 50
Dec 17 - Angelica Navarro	\$150
Dec 18 - Teresa Perez	\$ 50
Dec 19 - Brian Jeziorny	\$ 50

*Congratulations to all of our
Winners!!*



STEWARDSHIP— THE ACT OF GIVING December 17, 2017

Envelopes	\$4,166.50
Loose	\$ 918.00
Children	\$ 206.00
Total	\$5,290.50

Thanks to all for giving. It is through our offering
that we are rewarded.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



Due to the Christmas holiday, the
parish office will be closed on Monday,
December 25th. Normal business
hours will resume on Tuesday, December 26th.

Also, the parish office will be closed on Monday,
January 1, 2018 for the New Year holiday. Normal
hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year from the office staff. May all of
our parishioners receive many
blessings this holiday season.



Infant Baptisms

All arrangements should be made at least one month
in advance by calling the Parish Office. Baptisms take
place normally on the 1st (English) & 2nd (Polish)
Sundays of the month. In preparation of the child's
baptism, parents must attend a mandatory Parent
Preparation Session which both parents must attend.
These preparation sessions are held once a month.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We ask that you please help us remain informed about
parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or in a
nursing home.

Our Ministers of Care will gladly bring Communion to
anyone who is sick or homebound at a time that is con-
venient for you. If you would like to receive Commu-
nion at home, please call the Parish Office to make the
necessary arrangements.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on
Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:15PM or by appointment
whenever desired. Contact the Parish Office.

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Richard's Parish. Moving into a new
parish, like anything new, is always a little uncertain. If
you have been seeking a parish community in which to
learn, to pray, to join in social activity and to be of
service to others, our doors and hearts are open. We
are thankful that God has sent you to us, and we
welcome you to our parish family of faith.

To become a registered member of our parish family
we ask that you please come to the Parish Office to
register. Registration can also be taken over the
phone if that would be more convenient. Please call
the Parish Office at 773-585-1221.

WEDDING REMINDERS

Weddings are celebrated at 1:00PM and 2:30PM on
Saturday afternoons. No arrangements should be
made before first meeting with the parish priest.
Arrangements should be made by calling the Parish
Office for an appointment with one of the priests.
According to Archdiocesan policy, arrangements begin
at least six months in advance.

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