

# MASS INTENTIONS

	Sunday, January 6, 2018	
	6:15 am + Anna Kwak	
	7:30 am + Ercole & Innocenza Sturino	
	9:00 am + Paula Gorman	
	10:30 am + Kazimierz Laz, + Hermina Kowalik	
	+ Franciszek Pietraszek	
	+ Maria Tyrala 6 Death Anniversary	
	+ Wladyslaw Truty, + Stanislaw Brozny	
	12:00 pm -	
	1:30 pm + Jan Budz	
	+ Frank Truty Birthday Remembrance	
	+ Władysław Tatar	
	5:00 pm -	
	6:30 pm -	
	Monday, January 7, 2019	
	6:30 am -	
	7:30 am -	
	8:30 am - Nate Adams - Blessing for Health & Healing	
	Tuesday, January 8, 2019 -	
	6:15 am -	
	7:30 am -	
	9:00 am + James Dunn	
	Wednesday, January 9, 2019	
	6:30 am - 7:30 am + Wieslaw Wenc 1 month after death	
	8:30 am + Carmine Cesario	
Thursday, January 10, 2019		
	6:30 am -	
	7:30 am -	
	8:30 am - Mary & Ted Murphy & Family Blessing for 2019	
	Friday, January 11, 2019	
	6:30 am -	
	7:30 am - 8:30 am + Eugene Silder	
	Saturday, January 12, 2019	
	7:30 am -	
	8:30 am -	
	12:00 pm - Wedding: Bartosz Kocibinski & Karolina Tylka	
	5:00 pm + Henry Borkowski	
	6:30 pm + Anna Kwak	

# SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord;	
	Blessing of the Home;	
	National Migration Week	
Monday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort;	
	Julian Calendar Christmas	

## **Ministry of Care**

Anyone in our parish that is sick or homebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office and request a visit from the Minister of Care.

# FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and



seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi. our patron saints for this day, we

see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

> WEDDING BANNS III - Bartosz Kociubinski & Karolina Tylka



## KOTLARZ FAMILY

## Let Us Pray for the Sick



John Depa, Lou Ruffolo, William Holy, Rich & Denise Jandura, Robert J. Mercurio, Janice Gasior, Maria Malloy, Mary Jane Shehane, Denise & Rich Jandura Grace Jacklin, Linda Brennan, Rose Benanti, Erin Mott, Delilah Lazato, Henry Kiwior, Stanley Dabrowski, Larry Sobkoviak, Ginger Ling, Jan Tylka, Anna Rozdrojewska, Mary Gallacher, Frances Wilhelm, Caroline Fontana, Louise Opelar, Rich Bukowski, Brazeau Family, Lucille Carahar,

Helena Domian, Helena Seremak, Bonnie Stuchly, Katarzyna Budz, Jozefa Gancarski, Tom Soukup, Duane Kelly, Alice Dulce & Family, Lupe Alvarez & Family, Bartel Amato, Lefteri Pruett, Sr. Marlyn Grabelzki, Sr. Paulette Piete, Jim Patula, Dominic Canino, Bob Speck, Kevin Arp, Jerry Arp, Fr. Ted Bojczuk, Joseph Mendez, Don & Lois Pahl, Elaine Ziobro, Marilyn Buchalski, Mike Debbie O'Hara, Frank Hernandez, Imelda Gomez, Margaret Geinosky, Theresa Stanislawek, Joshua Szymanek, Karen Hock, Linda Mazgaj, Tom Grogan Smykowski, Bernadine Hainswoth -Miller, Dorothy Rapacz, Flora Mortell, Rubio, Fr. Thomas Mescall, Nancy & Wayne Kinzie, Bernice Ciszek, Diane & Robert Juris, Salvatore Bottari, Theresa Lonski, Alex Silverman, Hedderman Family, Mary Ann Riccio, Dulce Robles, Pineda Echauz, Halal Sabacan.

For the Deceased: + Elżbieta Morawa, Eternal rest grant unto her, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

# My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Christmas is a time, when we celebrate with the Catholic church the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as a time of pastoral visits to the homes of the faithful. During this a special season, many of you invite priests to your homes to bring blessings of the New Born Jesus. This is a great opportunity for us to spent together time on prayer, conversation, to share joys, sorrows and concerns and ask the priest to bless your house, a car or a special religious object.

From the Pastor's Desk

If any of you would like to request such visit, please feel free to contact any of our parish priests. Every Sunday at Eucharist we will pray in the intention of all the families that requested visits and for all their living and deceased members. As we continue our celebrations, please remain in the joy of Christmas! Once again, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019.

> K + M + B = 2019 "Jesus, I Trust in You"! Fr. Mariusz

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

### THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven. —John Henry Newman

## **Our Weekly Offering**

December 23, 2018	\$17,205.00
5:00PM	\$2,366.00
6:15AM	\$1,089.00
7:30AM	\$2,462.00
9:00AM	\$2,010.00
10:30AM	\$2,845.00
12:00PM	\$1,494.00
1:30PM	\$1,709.00
5:00PM	\$1,159.00
6:30PM	\$651.00
Mail In	\$820.00
Second Collection	\$6,347.50
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May God Bless All Who Support Our Parish!!!



Soup And Salad Saturday Is Back!!! With the St. Albert the Great Holy Name Society January 19,26 & February 2, 2019

Come join us for a delicious, hearty bowl of soup and fresh salad with all the fixin's including a baked potato! Guaranteed to warm the heart and sooth the soul. All for only \$6.00 ! 4:00-7:00 pm in Rogers Hall.

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE Saturday, January 12, 2019 5:00 pm - Fr. Bernardo Lozano Sunday, January 13, 2019 6:15 am - Fr. Leslaw Prebendowski 7:30 am - Fr. Mariusz Nawalaniec 9:00 am - Fr. Joseph Mol 10:30 am - Fr. Leslaw Prebendowski 12:00 pm - Fr. Mariusz Nawalaniec 1:30 pm - Fr. Leslaw Prebendowski 5:00 pm - Fr. Leslaw Prebendowski 6:30 pm - Fr. Bernardo Lozano The 2019 Mass Book is Open! Please stop at the parish office if you would like to reserve Masses for your loved ones. Parish office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Closed for Lunch from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**ROOTEDNESS** The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root. *—Woodrow Wilson* 

# New Vatican Instruction, To Rise With Christ, on the Care of Cremated Remains



Recently, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued an Instruction, *To Rise With Christ*, on the burial rites involving ashes / cremated remains of the deceased.

In issuing this Instruction, the Congregation noted that "the practice of cremation has notably increased in many countries, but simultaneously new ideas contrary to the Church's faith have also become widespread." Because of this, the Instruction is intended to emphasize the "pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation."

Below are some questions which this *Instruction* might raise in the minds of Catholics in the Archdiocese:

# Why are they changing the Rules on Cremation?

The rules that govern cremation after death for the Catholic Church are actually *not* changing! Since 1963 the Church has allowed cremation and since the early 1997 it has allowed a funeral liturgy in the presence of cremated remains. Even with these concessions, the Church has always stressed the importance of *burying* the remains of the faithful, either the body or the cremated remains.

In recent times, the practice of cremation has notably increased in many countries. Simultaneously, new and sometimes puzzling ideas contrary to the Church's vision of Christian burial have redirected the focus of Christian death (for example, cremated remains being used to make jewelry or other mementos).

Thus, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has deemed opportune the publication of a new *Instruction*, with the intention of underlining, or re-emphasizing the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms for the conservation of cremated remains.

# Is the prohibition of scattering ashes or keeping them in the home new?

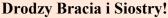
No. These are not new prohibitions. What the *Instruction* is emphasizing is the Church's ancient tradition of preferring that the bodies of the deceased be buried. Noting that there are reasons one might choose to be cremated, the Church holds to that tradition of burying remains, because of what we believe about the Resurrection – that one day, Christ will return in glory and our bodies and souls will be reunited but will be remade on that last day, sharing the Glory of the Risen Christ.

Because of this, it is inconsistent with this belief to scatter the cremated remains of our deceased (into the air, on the ground, or in bodies of water) or to divide them, or to keep them in homes.

# Then what are to be done with the cremated remains of a deceased loved one?

The *Instruction* notes that "when, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose...From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church who believes 'in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church'."

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago are always ready to assist families who are dealing with the death of a loved one, and if cremation has been chosen, the Cemeteries are able to provide options for burial or internment of the cremated remains.



Czas Bożego Narodzenia, który wspólnie celebrujemy w Kościele to także czas kolędy, czyli czas kiedy

Z biurka Ks. Probossicza



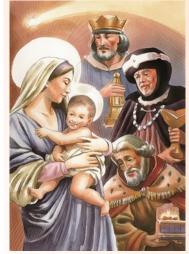
wielu z nas zaprasza kapłana do swojego domu lub mieszkania ze specjalnym błogosławieństwem od Bożej Dzieciny. Jest to czas modlitwy, rozmowy, dzielenia się swoimi radościami i smutkami. Jest to czas, kiedy możemu poprosić kapłana o błogosławieństwo domu, samochodu, miejsca pracy i przedmiotów religijnych. Jeśli ktoś z was ma takie życzenie to bardzo was prosimy, aby się skontaktować w tej sprawie z konkretnym kapłanem, który posługuje w naszej wspólnocie parafialnej. W intencji wszystkich rodzin kolędowych jest zawsze w niedzielę sprawowana

Eucharystia tak za żyjących jak i za zmarłych z waszych rodzin. Trwając w radości świątecznej raz jeszcze Wam życzymy Błogosławionych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia oraz Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku 2019.

> K + M + B = 2019"Jezu, ufam Tobie"! Fr. Mariusz

### JAKIE DARY PRZYGOTOWAŁEM?

W osobach Mędrców ze Wschodu można upatrywać astrologów lub magów z krajów arabskich. Przemawiają za tym ich dary: złoto, kadzidło i mirra, które są wschodniego pochodzenia.



Pojawienie się przedziwnej gwiazdy Mędrcy potraktowali jako znak narodzin wyjątkowego króla i udali się do Jerozolimy, aby odszukać Dziecko i oddać Mu pokłon. Z nadzieją i wytrwałością podążali za gwiazdą. Wreszcie "stanęli przed Prawdą Wcieloną, pochylili się przed nią w adoracji, składając u jej stóp swe korony, gdyż w porównaniu z nią wszystkie skarby świata są jedynie odrobiną prochu" (św. Edyta Stein).Podobnie jak Mędrcy ze Wschodu my również jesteśmy myślącymi ludźmi.

Każdego dnia przybliżamy się do Jezusa i zbieramy dla Niego dary – uczynki miłosierne względem ciała i duszy. Aby o tym nie zapomnieć, piszemy na drzwiach domu poświęconą kredą: K+M+B. Niech przypominają nam one imiona Medrców: Kacpra, Melchiora i Baltazara, a także łacińskie życzenia "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" (Niech Chrystus błogosławi temu domowi).

Mędrcy ze Wschodu długo wędrowali, by dotrzeć do jedynego Zbawiciela ludzkości. Także nasze życie doczesne jest pielgrzymowaniem. Ich prowadziła gwiazda betlejemska. Nas prowadzi sam Jezus z Nazaretu.

"Jesteśmy jedni dla drugich pielgrzymami, którzy różnymi drogami zdażają w trudzie na to samo spotkanie" (Antoine de Saint-Exupery). Podążajmy śmiało i zdecydowanie za Zbawicielem, który dzisiaj objawia się wszystkim narodom. Zachęcają nas do tego również najmłodsi, zwłaszcza że dziś obchodzony jest Światowy Dzień Misyjny Dzieci. ks. Jan Augustynowicz

# HUMOR

-Przedszkolak pyta kolegę: - Co dostałeś na prezent pod choinkę?- Trąbkę. - Mówiłeś, że dostaniesz lepsze prezenty !!! - No wiesz! Przecież to super prezent ! Dzięki tej trąbce zarabiam codziennie złotówkę! -Jak to? W jaki sposób? - Tata mi daje. Żebym przestał trąbić !

-Mama Jasia pracuje w kuchni. Przygotowuje potrawy wigilijne. Nagle słyszy głos Jasia dochodzący z pokoju: - Mamo, choinka się pali !!! - Tyle razy ci mówiłam, że nie mówi się "pali", tylko "świeci" !Jasiu po chwili: -Mamo, firanki się świecą !!!

-Jak można stracić na wadze? - Kupić wagę za sto złotych, a sprzedać za pięćdziesiąt!

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#### MASSES

SATURDAY 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation (English) SUNDAY 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM (English) 6:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 5:00 PM (Polish), 6:30 PM (Spanish) WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday) 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM (English), 7:30 AM (Polish) SATURDAY 7:30 AM (Polish) 8:30 AM (English) SACRED HEART ADORATION CHAPEL Open Monday - Friday 8:30AM to 8:30 PM Open Saturday 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM FIRST FRIDAY Bilingual Confessions 7:00-7:30 AM, 4:30-6:00 PM; 6:00 PM Mass (Polish) HOLY DAYS Please refer to schedule printed in the bulletin prior to the Holiday Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM (evening before Holy Day) SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (English) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sunday 3:15 PM (Polish) All Sundays (Except for Special Holidays) (Spanish) 4th Sunday of each month Baptism Preparation Class Last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM Parish registration and attendance at the Baptism Preparation Class are required prior to Baptism SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE All wedding arrangements must be made with the parish priest at least 6 months prior to the scheduled date

Wedding ceremonies; Saturday 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM (No Sundays)

**PARISH STAFF: REV. MARIUSZ NAWALANIEC** PASTOR **REV. LESLAW PREBENDOWSKI SCh.** ASSOCIATE PASTOR **REV. BERNARDO LOZANO HERNANDEZ ASSOCIATE PASTOR REV. JOSEPH MOL** SUNDAY VISITING PRIEST

#### PERMANENT DEACONS:

MR. IRVIN A. BRYCE, JR. MR. RAYMUNDO DIAZ DE LEON MR. RAUL C. DUQUE

#### **MISSIONARY SISTERS OF CHRIST THE KING: SR. WERONIKA ILNICKA** SR. BEATA KOLTUN **SR. WIOLETTA KOLTUN**

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

708-423-0321 **OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY** 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM **CLOSED FOR LUNCH** 12:00 - 1:00 PM SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Albert the Great Parish Mission Statement. St. Albert the Great Parish is a Catholic community, a sacramental people of God. We embrace all age groups, interests and backgrounds, and are drawn around the table of the Lord, we pray together, laugh and cry together, and work together for the purpose of drawing strength to make gospel message and its values alive in our people, we are a community steeped in tradition with many ministries to offer. We welcome all to share in our education and spiritual life.

PLANNED GIVING TO YOUR PARISH Remembering your parish in your is an excellent way to demonstrate love and appreciation for the people and things you care about most. When the parish receives gifts through wills, we know, respect and appreciate the thought and care that went into the decision to make us a beneficiary. If you would like to remember the St. Albert the Great Parish in your will, please contact the parish office. Our parish will remember you by engraving your name on a special appreciation plaque.

### NEWS & EVENTS & NEWS & EVENTS & NEWS & EVENTS

### Mondays

St. Albert the Great Seniors (60 or over) meet 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Rogers Hall. Please come, meet your neighbors, make new friends, play Bingo.

St. Albert the Great Holy Name Society members meet 2nd Monday after 2nd Sunday of the Month in Rogers Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Pro Life Group meets every 1st Monday of each month in the Administration Building at 7:00 p.m. Please Join them!

#### **Tuesdays**

Play Bingo every Tuesday Night. Door open at 4:00 p.m. Books only \$11.00. Come Hungry! Full kitchen - Hot Dogs, hamburgers, Chicken, Nachos, Tamales, Soup, Soda, Coffee and more!

#### Wednesdays

Bible Study in the Administration Building St. Joseph Room 10:00 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Society meets second Wednesday of every month at 5:45 p.m. in the Administration Building St. Joseph Room.

#### Thursdays

1 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel 7:30 p.m. to 8:30

Boy Scouts Troop 481 meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Albert Room.

#### Fridays

Cub Scouts Pack 3481 meets on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Albert Room (off for summer)

#### **Saturdays**

St. Albert the Great Prayer Group meets every Saturday in the Administration Building St. Joseph Room at 1:30 p.m.