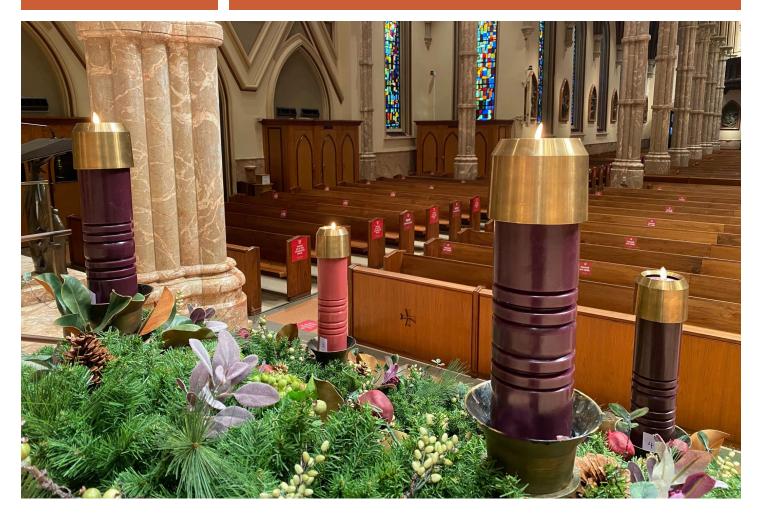
December 19, 2021Fourth Sunday of Advent

Behold, I come to do your will





Our Vision

A world in communion with Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

7:00am, 8:00am (livestream) & 12noon Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm

Saturday

9:00am (livestream) & 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am (livestream), 12:30pm, 5:30pm

Saturday Reconciliation

9:00am to 12noon

Reflections from the Rector



Dear People of God.

Our Advent Season is almost complete and Christmas morn is at our doorstep! Advent's sunset allows the dawn of Christmas and the Birth of Jesus to rock the world back into life. As we enter this fourth week of Advent, "God's

Coffee" offers a different lens to our life as Christmas pierces the dark of night.

God's Coffee

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got talking at a reunion and decided to go visit the old university professor, now retired. During their visit, conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in their work and lives.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite telling them to help themselves to coffee.

When all the alumni had a cup of coffee in hand. the professor said, "Notice that all the nice looking, expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones.

While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases, it is just more expensive and, in some cases, even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups...and then you began eyeing each other's cup.

Now consider this: Life is the coffee. Your job, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life. The type of cup one has does not define nor change the quality of Life a person lives. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything."

God brews the coffee, not the cups...Enjoy your coffee! Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Spend time with God over a cup of coffee...



The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything...



And may we never lose a sense of humor...

In 1990, a woman entered a Haagen-Dazs ice cream store in the Kansas City Plaza for an ice-cream cone. While she was ordering, another customer entered the store. She placed her order, turned and found herself staring face to face with Paul Newman. He was in town filming Mr. and Mrs. Bridge.

His blue eyes made her knees buckle. She finished paying and quickly walked out of the store with her heart still pounding. Gaining her composure, she suddenly realized she didn't have her cone; she turned to go back in.

At the door she met Paul Newman who was coming out. He said to her, "Are you looking for your ice-cream cone?" Unable to utter a word she nodded yes. "You put it in your purse with your change," Newman said.

We all need to keep life in perspective!

Advent blessings,

Fr. Greg

Stay Informed

Are you receiving our weekly Rector's newsletter?

Every Friday, we provide the latest information on what is happening at Holy Name Cathedral. Plus, you can easily sign up for any event or group. Just go to: tinyurl.com/HNCcomms to sign up.

Your Cathedral

Upcoming Events	
Sunday, December 19	
Children's Faith Formation	8:45 AM
Advent Vespers	4:45 PM
Monday, December 20	
Prayers with Mary (Mon-Thurs)	6:00 PM
HNC YA Monthly Board Meeting	6:45 PM
Wednesday, December 22	
Wednesday Evening Mass	5:30 PM
Weekly Bible Study on Wednesday Group	6:30 PM
Thursday, December 23	
Catholic Charities Supper Volunteers	3:00 PM
Friday, December 24	
Daily Advent Mass	7:00 AM
Daily Advent Mass (Livestream)	8:00 AM
Christmas Eve Mass (Livestream)	3:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass	6:00 PM
Saturday, December 25	
Christmas Midnight Mass	12:00 AM
Christmas Day Mass	7:00 AM
Christmas Day Mass	8:30 AM
Christmas Day Mass (Livestream)	10:30 AM
Christmas Day Mass	12:30 PM
Note: No 5:30pm Mass today	
Sunday, December 26	
7:00am Sunday Mass	7:00 AM
8:30am Sunday Mass	8:30 AM
10:30am Sunday Mass (Livestream)	10:30 AM
12:30pm Sunday Mass	12:30 PM
5:30pm Sunday Mass	5:30 PM

Become a Cathedral **Liturgical Minister**

It is the Advent and Christmas season - we invite you to join our Liturgical team. We especially need help at the Sunday 8:30am mass.

If you've ever wanted to distribute Holy Communion, proclaim the Readings, or welcome our Faith Community, this is your chance. With more opportunities to worship at Holy Name Cathedral, there are more opportunities to serve as well.

We need more Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers. These ministries help enhance our worship and provide a way to invite people to offer their gifts in service to God and His people through active participation in the liturgy.

If you feel called to be a liturgical minister here at Holy Name Cathedral, please reach out to Michelle Peltier who will coordinate training times for you.

Questions? Contact Michelle at mpeltier@holynamecathedral.org



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Order of Worship

Prelude

Magnificat in C Major, Op. 115

Charles Villiers Stanford

Entrance Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah!

Worship Hymnal #387

Penitential Rite

Spoken

First Reading

Worship Hymnal #1012

Micah 5:1-4a; 12

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Acclamation

Worship Hymnal #208

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

Offertory

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Worship Hymnal #875

To all our faithful parishioners who give of their time, talent and treasure – thank you for your generosity.

To all of our visitors today from all over the country and world, know that your monetary gift will go toward the support of the mission and ministries of Holy Name Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy, Holy

Unity Mass

Worship Hymnal #250

Memorial Acclamation

Unity Mass

Worship Hymnal #251

Amen

Unity Mass

Worship Hymnal #254

Lamb of God

Unity Mass

Worship Hymnal #255

Communion Antiphon

A Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name will be Emmanuel.

Communion Hymn

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Recessional Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Worship Hymnal #386

Midnight Mass Tickets Are Available Online

Ticket reservations for our in-person Cathedral Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve are now open. Go to tinyurl.com/Midnight2021 to sign up. If you have registered for the in-person Midnight Mass, we open the doors at 11:00pm for ticketed people only. At 11:30pm, Christmas carols begin and we open our doors for all.

Worship

Catholic Illuminations

Do you have to go to Mass twice this weekend on **Christmas?**



By Fr. Andy Matijevic

Every seven years or so, we double up our celebrations of Christmas on a Saturday followed by the Feast of the Holy Family on a Sunday. That is exactly what happens this year. It can be confusing for some people who may ask, "Do I have to go to Mass two days in a row? And if so, why?"

All Sundays and some special feast days are marked out in the Church's calendar as "holy days of obligation." The word "obligation" seems to imply that something is just imposed or forced upon us. In fact, Canon Law - the official set of laws that govern the Church — speaks of an obligation that stems from "feasts of precept." And "precept" means a practical rule that guides behavior, a rule rooted in values that the believing community has come to understand through God's revelation and the Church's tradition. So. our freely embraced faith "obliges" us to give God due worship as the Church directs us.

This means that we have a very serious responsibility to participate in the Eucharist every Sunday and on certain feast days. The Church makes determinations about how exactly the feast days are to be observed. In the United States, there are five Holy Days: Jan. 1 for Mary, Mother of God; Aug. 15 for Mary's Assumption into heaven; Nov. 1 for All Saints; Dec. 8 for Mary's Immaculate Conception; and Dec. 25 for the Birth of the Lord.

In the United States, Ascension Thursday is celebrated on the 7th Sunday of Easter. And when Jan. 1, Aug. 15, or Nov. 1 fall on a Saturday or Monday, there is no obligation to attend Mass. However, Dec. 8 and Dec. 25 are always observed as holy days of obligation.

So, what does this all mean for our celebrations this year?

To fulfill the obligation, you may attend Mass on Christmas Eve or during the day on Christmas. Then, you are also obliged to attend on Sunday, Dec. 26, the feast of the Holy Family.

The pandemic dispensation from attending Mass is still in effect in the Archdiocese of Chicago, especially to accommodate those who are immunocompromised or for other health reasons shouldn't join a large public gathering. If you are able to move about freely, then it makes sense for you to attend Mass both on Christmas and the next day on Sunday.

The Cathedral of the Holy Name of Jesus will welcome all those who can come to celebrate the birth of the Lord on Dec. 25 and the presence of the Holy Family on Dec. 26. May God bless us all with ever-deeper faith in the mystery of the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God with us.



Worship

Advent and Christmas 2021

SOLEMN ADVENT VESPERS

Sunday, December 19, 4:45 p.m.*

WEEKLY RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 18 in the lower level of the Cathedral: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. No Reconciliation offered on December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 24-Christmas Eve Vigil Masses 3:00 p.m.*, 6:00 p.m.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Carols begin at 11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass-ticket only: Reserve your tickets at tinyurl.com/Midnight2021

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Day of Obligation Saturday, December 25 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.*, 12:30 p.m. There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 26 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.*, 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, January 1 Mass at 10:00 a.m.*

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Vigil Mass-Saturday, January 1 at 5:30 p.m. January 2-Sunday Mass at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.*, 12:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

*Indicates livestreamed liturgy

Christmas 2021 Letter from Our Pastor



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

We joyfully celebrate the birth of the Lord. As we do so, we are also very much aware of the challenges that we face - moving beyond the

pandemic, building social peace in our society, and finding economic stability in uncertain times. In all of this, we reaffirm our faith that Jesus truly is Emmanuel, God-with-us. He accompanies us and walks with us. And that gives us great confidence and sure hope.

This year, Pope Francis has called the entire Church to reflect on synodality, a word that means "being on the road together," as we make our life journey. We believe that Jesus is on the road with us. And our faith also leads us to commit ourselves to be on the road with each other. In this season, we take inspiration from the Christmas gospel stories of Mary and Joseph journeying on the road together to Bethlehem and the Magi on the road together to find Jesus.

I pray that, accompanied by the Lord, we may learn to be sources of encouragement for each other on the journey. During this holy season, I will bring you, your loved ones, and your special intentions to the altar. As I pray for you, I also ask you to pray for me, so that together all of us may find renewal in the Lord.

God bless you and keep you,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase Cupich Archbishop of Chicago

Evangelization

Living with the Saints

Christmas Thoughts from Two Holy People



This saintly information compiled by Fr. John Boivin



"How to find Christmas peace in a world of unrest? You cannot find peace on the outside, but you can find peace on the inside by letting God do to your soul what Mary let Him do to her body, namely let Christ be formed in you." Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?" Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." Mother Teresa (Sept. 5)



"At the Christ Child's birth, only two groups of people heard the cry; the Shepherds, who know they know nothing, and the Wise Men, who know that they do not know everything. The very simple, the very learned... never the man who thinks he knows everything." Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

A Prayer for the Christmas Season

Loving father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings. and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus sake. Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

New RCIA Cohort



Have you pondered the possibility of becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is inquiring? Are you a baptized Catholic, and seeking both First Communion and Confirmation? We are

starting the next RCIA cohort in early March.

Contact Dr. Ken Ortega for a conversation kortega@holynamecathedral.org

Family Christmas Caroling



Sunday, Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Auditorium

Join the families of Children's Faith Formation for morning

Christmas carols, Sunday, Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m., in the auditorium. Please enter through the courtyard entrance. We will sing religious carols, and some secular favorites. There may be a special appearance as well.

Evangelization

Fourth Tuesday of Advent Reflection

December 21, 2021 Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:26-38

I may be biased toward my namesake, but I've always had a special place in my heart for the Gospel of Luke. Its parables distill some of the most radical spiritual truths of Christianity and some of which, such as the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, appear in no other Gospel. Its message of universal salvation-for Gentile and Jew -is part of our identity as members of the Body of Christ. Last but not least, I have always loved the Gospel of Luke for the beauty of its Nativity narrative, where God is manifested among the most marginalized and disenfranchised members of society: our image of Jesus as the baby born in the stable comes from this gospel.

Our readings give a perfect example of how Luke frames the Nativity to include the excluded - in today's case, women. The Judea of two millennia ago was, like virtually all societies of its time, one where the voices of women were deemphasized in most political, religious, and social structures, Luke's Nativity anchors on Mary and Elizabeth, not their respective husbands. Joseph has no dialogue in the narrative, while Zechariah is literally silenced for most of the main events. Their meeting in the Visitation, which some feminist critics have even cited as an example of the Bible passing the "Bechdel Test" for genuine female communication, establishes a legacy of visible womanhood in Catholicism that persists vibrantly into the present day. We all know examples of women whose faith has been a significant part of our personal faith identity: my mother and grandmothers (all of whose names have Marian connections), my teachers that I would see at Mass every week, the religious sisters that felt like the backbone of my parish community.

I am not a woman and cannot fully understand the life experiences and perspective of being a woman, but in these readings, Luke tells me to reorient my perspective on those who seem fundamentally different-which is what Luke's message is all about. I have seen this with the women in my family who have been so critical in my spiritual development. My mom is not an embryologist, but when she says she knew exactly how I'd be when she became pregnant with me, I believe her, not because the knowledge comes from experiments I could do in a college laboratory, but because I believe the knowledge comes from a deeper font of spiritual understanding that I can't fully fathom. My grandmother never graduated high school and had given birth to most (if not all) of her six children when she was my age, but the clarity of her spiritual insight and relationship with God have done more to advance my spiritual development even now than anything I could learn in school.

What I have learned from my relationships with these women of faith balances on a paradox of difference and similarity: on a real level, a difference between us exists, but it is in actively recalibrating our worldview to "see" those who are different from us, the differences become a lens to see the underlying similarity within the body of Christ. As one of my favorite hymns, "One Bread, One Body" proclaims, we are "Gentile or Jew / Servant or free / Woman or man / No more," once we see our shared inheritance in Christ. It is by opening the eyes of my heart to images like the Visitation that I can truly see those who are different from me, and in so doing, find the root of the similarity that brings us together.

Our country and our world are as divided as I've ever seen in my (admittedly short) lifetime, and these divisions appear to be ever worsening. As our social circles and Facebook echo chambers try to keep us filed in boxes, I think we can all learn from the message of Luke: reframe your focus and shine a light on those who are left out, even if (or especially if) they seem fundamentally different. In committing to truly see those who are different from us, we truly can experience the similarity that transcends the difference.

Holy Name Parishioner Luke Minton

Service

Serve at Thurs/Fri Suppers

What is it?

Every Thursday and Friday, Holy Name Cathedral partners with Catholic Charities and parishioners to serve 120 people who need a helping hand.

Serve at Catholic Charities

Volunteers pack 60 to-go bags and serve hot meals to 60 guests, working from 3:00pm – 5:00pm on a Thursday or Friday.

Entertainment

Can you play the piano? We would love to entertain the guests with music on Thursdays and Fridays from 4-5pm.

Sign up today

Please share your areas of volunteer interest. One of our program leaders will be in touch with you.

tinyurl.com/CCsuppers







Coming Soon! Our New Parking Garage at One Chicago Square

Construction work around our new parking garage and pedestrian walkway is nearing completion. We are finalizing the new signage and testing all of the equipment. So our Grand Opening is coming very soon! Watch for a special email with the details on timing and instructions for entering, exiting, and ticket validation processes. We will send the email announcement to everyone registered for our weekly Rector's Newsletter. Not currently registered for the newsletter?



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Stewardship

"We are called to be conduits of the gifts that God has given us. We are not to hold on to the talents with which we've been blessed but rather share them with others."

-- Unknown --



UnGala II

Thank you to all those who donated to the Holy Name Cathedral UnGala II! We are grateful for your generosity! The response to UnGala II has been significant. Your giving is a true testament to the vitality of our parish and the many ministries and programs we offer. A special thanks to our UnGala II committee members for their steadfast leadership: Ali Bestler, Peggy Masse and Grace Villamora. If you haven't had a chance but would like to make a donation to help us reach our \$350,000 goal, please go to **tinyurl.com/UnGalaII** We are grateful for every donation and the important impact it has on those we serve.

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By leaving a gift to Holy Name Cathedral in your will or trust or by a beneficiary designation, you will not only make a gift to protect our parish, but you will not impact

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- If you are 72-years-old or older, the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
- The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

Fellowship

A Little Humor from the Rector



"I drink wine because the doctor said that I shouldn't keep things bottled up!"

An Evening to Remember



The Rector's Christmas Concert

What a wonderful evening! Our Faith Community was treated to a beautiful concert with amazing musicians and singers. Many thanks to the Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra, our guest singers, and the Oblate sisters' amazing hot chocolate and cookies. Don't miss this one next year!



"Santa and the Christ Child"



Watch the video with your family!

Before returning to the North Pole after his whirlwind visit to Holy Name Cathedral, Santa graciously agreed to the Parish Life Commission's request to read a story that could be enjoyed by children of all ages from the Holy

Name Cathedral parish family. We recorded it so you can share in the experience.



Santa will read "Santa and the Christ Child" by Nicholas Bakewell to bring Christmas cheer. The Santa recording will be available at 12noon on Saturday, December 11. Just scan the QRcode to be connected.

"Oplatki"





Now available at the Rectory for anyone who would like them in helping to celebrate your family holiday tradition. Donations are welcome.

Prayers

What is a Mass Intention?

Holy Name Cathedral offers you different possibilities when you request that Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. First, it may be helpful to understand what happens when you ask that your intention join to a Mass. Requesting a Mass intention means that you are asking that the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his death and resurrection be applied for a particular purpose, for example, for a deceased person or a living person who is ill or in thanksgiving for a favor received. An intention can also be directed to a cause, such as an increase of vocations or respect for life.

Usually, a single intention is attached to a given Mass. But it is also possible to gather several intentions in one Mass with exactly the same effect. At Holy Name Cathedral, we celebrate single-intention Masses as well as gathered-intention Masses. You may find it more convenient to request one of the two weekly gathered-intention Masses (Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. and Fridays at 12 p.m.). If you do, we can accommodate your request sooner, and it is the same as a singleintention Mass.

Mass Intentions

Week of December 19 - December 25

Monday, December 20 (Advent weekday)

7:00AM Brehm and Toledo Family 8:00AM Anthony and Jeanne Ciszewski + 12:00PM August and Helen DiBiase

Tuesday, December 21 (Saint Peter Canisius, Priest of and Doctor of the Church)

7:00AM Beth Lenti + 8:00AM Kenneth Stringer + 12:00PM Catherine Smith +

Wednesday, December 22 (Advent weekday)

7:00AM Gloria Askew 8:00AM Mary Dytyniak + 12:00PM Lady Fatima Gitty 5:30PM Peter McManamon +

Thursday, December 23 (Advent weekday)

7:00AM Loretta Spingolla 8:00AM Maria Isabel Fernandez +

Friday, December 24 (St. John of Kanty, Priest)

7:00AM Anastacia Bugna +

Saturday, December 25 (The Nativity of The Lord - Christmas) No Mass Intentions

Wedding Banns



December 19

- I. Shannon Bryant & Daniel McCormick
- II. Molly McGurk & Louis Michaud
- III. Sylvia Piszczor & Michael Sachaj Allison Behrendt & Charles Jhin

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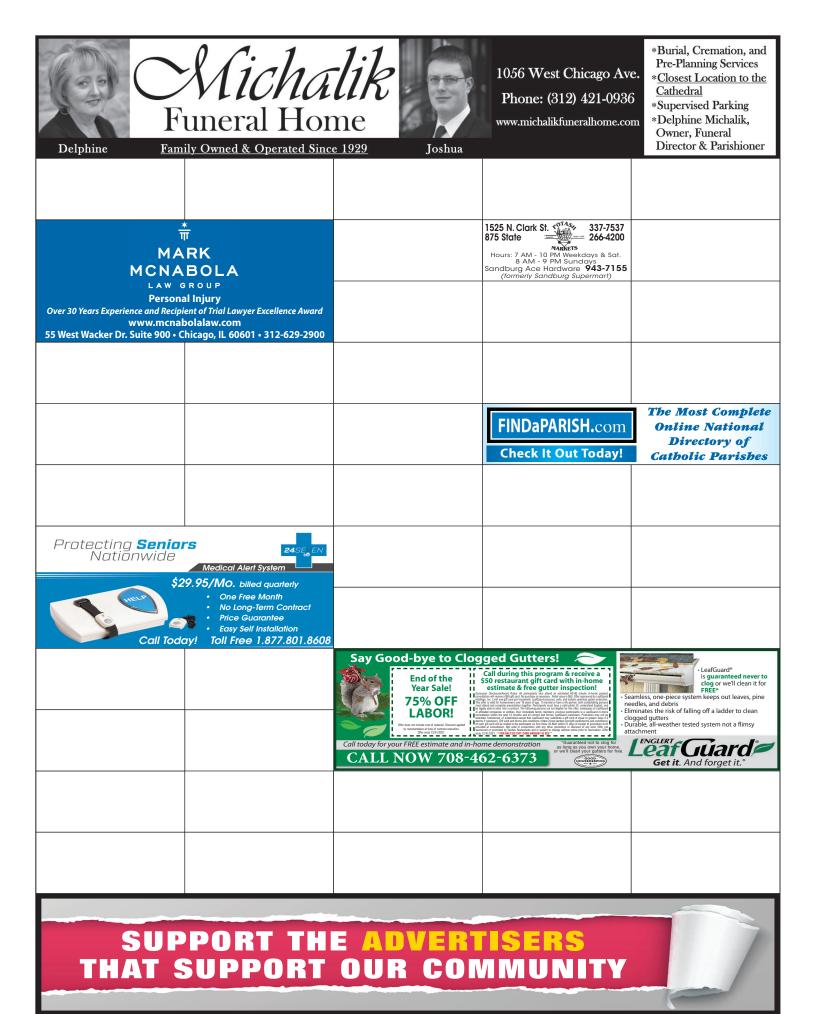
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