

Holy Guardian Angels Parish
La Parroquia de los Santos Ángeles Custodios
Parafia pod wezwaniem świętych Aniołów Stróżów



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St. Louise de Marillac Church
1140 30th Street
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December 15, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 12/14/2024
5:00 PM: St Louise Church

SUNDAY: 12/15/2024
8:00 AM: St Barbara Church
9:30 AM: St Louise Church
11:00 AM: St Barbara Church
12:30 PM: St Barbara Church
(Spanish)
4:00 PM: St Louise Church
ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

MONDAY: 12/16/2024
8:15 AM: St Louise Church

TUESDAY: 12/17/2024
8:15 AM: St Barbara Church

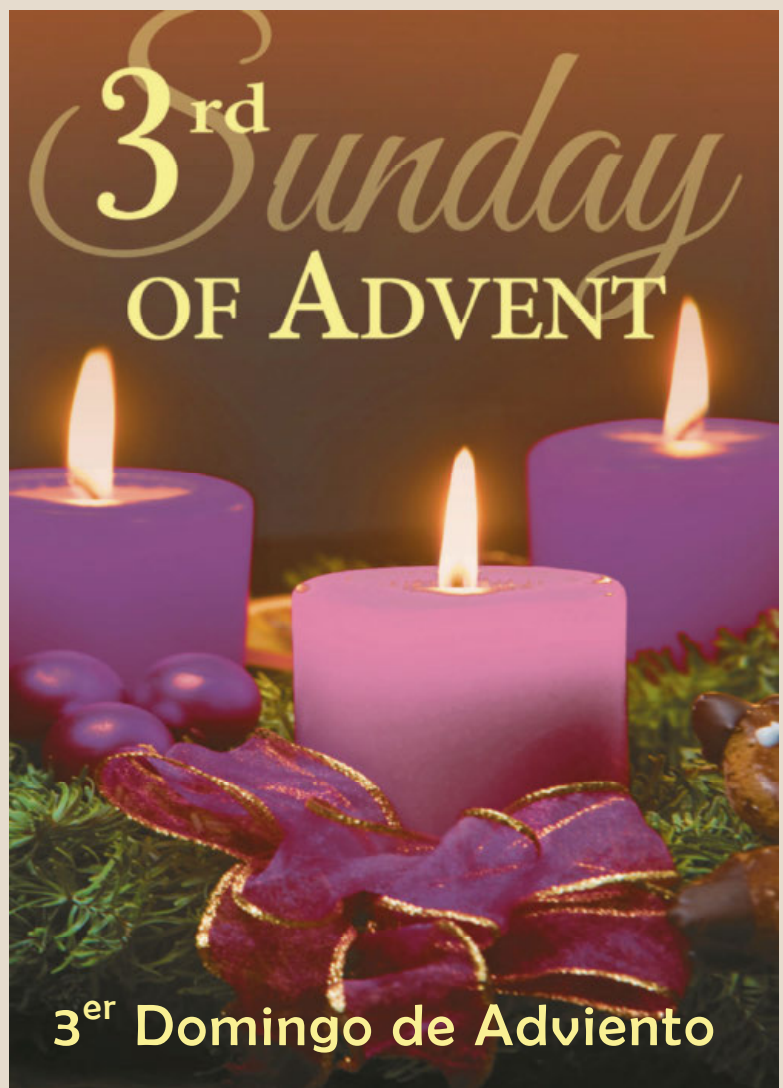
WEDNESDAY: 12/18/2024
8:15 AM: St Louise Church

THURSDAY: 12/19/2024
8:15 AM: St Barbara Church

FRIDAY: 12/20/2024
8:15 AM: St Louise Church

Advent Lessons & Carols
With Christmas Carol Sing-Alongs

This Sunday: 12/15
4:00 PM
St Louise de Marillac Church



3^{er} Domingo de Adviento

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS/SÁBADOS
9 AM — 10 AM
12/14/2024: St Louise Church
12/21/2024: St Barbara Church

ADORATION:

TUESDAYS/MARTES
7 PM — 8 PM
12/17/2024: St Louise Church
12/24/2024: No Adoration

PRAYING OF THE ROSARY:

- BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY MASS AT 7:45 AM—EXCEPT 12/24 & 12/25
- FRIDAY/CADA VIERNES 6:00 PM: St Barbara Church

A Better Way Forward



A Message from the Catholic Bishops of Illinois

Last Spring, SB 3499 was introduced to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. The bill did not pass, but it is going to be re-introduced again so we ask you to prayerfully consider and act on our message about assisted suicide.

Assisted suicide makes it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life. The Catholic Bishops of Illinois oppose any legislation that would legalize assisted suicide as there is a better way forward for our State.

Proponents argue that this legislation will end suffering at the end-of-life. We agree that no one should needlessly suffer or have to watch a loved one experience unnecessary pain and suffering. Fortunately, there are now effective ways to make a person more comfortable at the end of life through palliative care. This relatively new specialty utilizes physician-led teams to care for the whole person – physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually – to relieve the symptoms and the stress that often accompany serious illness and side effects of treatment. A better way forward is to expand the number and availability of palliative care programs throughout Illinois.

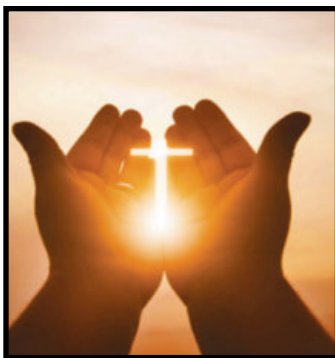
Drawing on data from Oregon, the first state to legalize assisted suicide in the US, reports show that pain is not among the top reasons why a person would want to end their life: loss of autonomy; concerns about being either a financial burden or a time commitment to family and friends; and loss of the ability to engage in activities that make life enjoyable are the most cited reasons for choosing assisted suicide. We support expanding mental health coverage and strengthening social supports, such as community programs that compassionately walk with those dealing with depression and feelings of hopelessness.

The unintended consequences that arise from legalized assisted suicide include a large range of possible abuses. It is alarming that in states with legalized suicide, there are documented cases of people being denied life-saving medical treatment by insurance companies in lieu of the much cheaper option of life-ending drugs. The poor and those with disabilities are particularly in jeopardy as they are the most vulnerable to such abuses. In response, every major national organization that represents people with disabilities is opposed to assisted suicide.

The American Medical Association (AMA) has summed up the case against assisted suicide well. “Physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would provide serious societal risks.”

Assisted suicide is not the compassionate solution for those who are suffering. Through palliative care, expanded access to mental health care, and stronger family and community support, providers and families are finding better ways to accompany these people compassionately that truly confer the love for, and dignity of, each human life.

Please go to www.ilcatholic.org/take-action or call 217-528-9200 to find out how to contact your local elected official to tell them to vote NO on SB 3499.



A PRAYER AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE

Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to share our human nature and redeem all people. We ask your help for our brothers and sisters who are ill. Support them with your power and shelter them from sadness. Keep them firm in faith and serene in hope. Also help those who assist the sick and care for them in their time of illness. Inspire our society to resist the temptation of assisted suicide for the elderly, the sick, the vulnerable and all your people. May life’s beauty and sanctity be respected among all our brothers and sisters. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.

“El mejor camino a seguir: un mensaje de los obispos católicos de Illinois” y “UNA ORACIÓN CONTRA EL SUICIDIO” en español están disponibles en HGAParish.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK - LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday/Lunes:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday/Martes:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday/Miércoles:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday/Jueves:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday/Viernes:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday/Sábado:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
Lk 1:39-45

Sunday/Domingo:

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/
Lk 1:39-45

MASS INTENTIONS & Observances - MISA INTENCIONES & OBSERVANCIAS

Saturday/Sábado:

5:00 Carole and Joe Stuart Family

Sunday/Domingo: 3rd Sunday in Advent

8:00 Donna Zayner

9:30 Maria Gentile, Adam Weklar

11:00 Mathias and Elizabeth Valoniskas

12:30 Emilio Castro

Monday/Lunes:

8:15 Jeffrey Meadows

Tuesday/Martes:

8:15 William Valoney

Wednesday/Miércoles:

8:15 Lydia Berry, Rose Wisniowski

Thursday/Jueves:

8:15 George Malcavicuis

Friday/Viernes:

8:15 Otto Weiler

Saturday/Sábado:

5:00 Jerry & Pat Doruska

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL — OREMOS POR LOS FIELES

SICK/ENFERMOS:

December: Lisa Forest, Bob Becas, Laura Whitfield, Karyn Zick Miller, Ronald and Sandra Belousek

November: Tim Spratte, Antoinette Pauls, Joe Harrold, Patrick Huber, Vincent Austrevich

October: Donald Steinhagen, Ashley Wigum, Jim Matthews, DeStefano Family, Elizabeth Strnad, Maria Llamas, Jean Franczyk, Christopher Benda, Barbara Hollis, Angel Delgado, Salvador De la Cerda, Jamie O'Brien

DECEASED/DIFUNTOS:

Mary Ann Garbauski, Joe Harrold, Antoinette Pauls, Patrick Huber, Geraldine Zamco, Robert M. Maher Jr., Barbara Caruso, Sally Huddy, Rosario Sparaci, Susan Paderson, Andrew Herstel, Lorenza Jaramillo, Jerry Biedron, Patricia Skarbek, Loretta Maher, Bonnie Revolt, Froylan Garcia

Collections/ Colecciones

The current collection information is not available due to the early holiday bulletin deadlines

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PARISH HAPPENINGS:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
12/15/2024	10:30 AM	Faith Formation	St Louise School Building
	1:00 PM — 3:30 PM	CWC Jingles & Joy Holiday Luncheon	St Louise Parish Center
	4:00 PM	Advent Lessons & Carols	St Louise Church
12/16/2024	6:00 PM	Advent RENEW GROUP	St Barbara Church
12/17/2024	After 8:15 AM Mass	Advent RENEW GROUP	St Barbara Church
	4:00 PM	Bereavement Group Meeting	St. Louise Marillac Room
	7:00 PM	Advent RENEW GROUP	St. Louise Marillac Room
12/18/2024	5:30 PM	Faith Formation	St Louise School Building
	7:30 PM	Men's Fellowship	St Barbara Parish Center

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON EVENTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BULLETIN OR HGAPARISH.ORG

Advent Lessons and Carols

*with
Christmas Carol Sing-Alongs*

Sunday, December 15, 2024

4:00 PM

St Louise de Marillac Church

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service that retells the Christmas story in a blend of readings and musical performances. Please join us for this memorable time during the Advent as we wait in great anticipation of Jesus's birth.

El Festival de Lecciones y Villancicos es un servicio que relata la historia de Navidad en una combinación de lecturas y presentaciones musicales. Únase a nosotros en este momento memorable durante el Adviento mientras esperamos con gran anticipación el nacimiento de Jesús.

All are Welcome

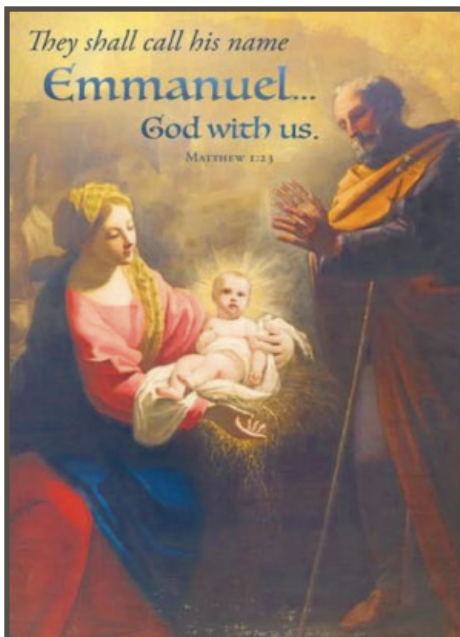
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St. Louise de Marillac Church - 30th and Raymond, LaGrange Park, IL



On behalf of Holy Guardian Angels Parish, the Catholic Women's Club and St. Vincent de Paul, we would like to warmly thank everyone for your donations to The Angel Tree. Your generous contributions will definitely help to make our recipients' Christmas a little brighter.

En nombre de la Parroquia Holy Guardian Angels, el Club de Mujeres Católicas y San Vicente de Paúl, nos gustaría agradecer calurosamente a todos por sus donaciones a El Angel Tree. Sus generosas contribuciones definitivamente ayudarán a que la Navidad de nuestros destinatarios sea un poco más brillante.



2024 Christmas Masses / Misas de Navidad

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve / Nochebuena

3:30 p.m. Mass at St Louise Church
3:30 p.m. Mass at St Barbara Church
10:00 p.m. Mass at St Louise Church

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day / Navidad

9:30 a.m. at St Louise Church
11:00 a.m. at St Barbara Church
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass at St Barbara Church

Sunday, December 29 – Holy Family Mass / Misa de la Sagrada Familia

Regular Mass Schedule / Horario regular de misas

Mary the Holy Mother of God / María, la Santa Madre de Dios

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St Louise Church on Tuesday December 31
9:30 a.m. at St Barbara Church on Wednesday, January 1
9:30 a.m. Mass at St Louise Church on Wednesday, January 1

there's a
seat for
you
at the table



hay un asiento
para
ti
en la mesa

Alpha, a 12 week series of evening video's and conversations that explore the basics of faith in a safe, friendly environment.

- Enjoy a great meal & connect with new people.
- Question, challenge, and contemplate what is faith

There are no prerequisites, no right or wrong answers, thoughts feelings or beliefs. Only judgement free discussions. Each session includes a time to connect over a free meal, watch a short video and then discussions.

Join us for a session or two.

If you enjoy it, continue coming.

There is no cost and no pressure.

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- Disfrutar de una excelente comida y conectarse con nuevas personas.
- Cuestionar, desafiar y contemplar qué es la fe.

No hay requisitos previos, ni respuestas correctas o incorrectas, pensamientos, sentimientos o creencias. Solo discusiones sin juicios sobre la vida, la gracia y el propósito.

Cada sesión incluye un tiempo para conectarse durante una comida gratis, ver un video corto y discusiones.

Únete a nosotros para una sesión o dos.

Si lo disfrutas, sigue viniendo.

No hay ningún costo ni presión.

Starts 1/14/2025 at 6:30 PM

St Barbara Parish Center

To sign up or email questions:

ALPHA@HGAParish.org

Sign-up sheets are in both Churches



Comienza 1/14/2025 a las 6:30 PM

Centro parroquial de Santa Bárbara

Para registrarse o enviar preguntas por correo email:

ALPHA@HGAParish.org

Las hojas de inscripción se encuentran en ambas iglesias

Food Pantry Collection

12/22/2024

St Louise Church

Help HGA Food Pantry Feed Local Families

Are you aware of Tischler's Finer Foods' Food Pantry Basket Program in Brookfield? It offers shoppers the opportunity to help feed local families served by our HGA Food Pantry by purchasing a breakfast basket or dinner basket at a cost of \$6.00 each. The baskets are generously filled with enough food to provide meals for a family of four.

Tischler's also delivers food directly to the pantry each week.

Pick up a flyer at church with program details. We hope you will consider adding a food pantry basket to your shopping if you are unable to donate at church during our Stock the Pantry weekends.

Recolección de alimentos en la despensa

12/22/2024

Iglesia de Santa Luisa

Ayude a que la despensa de alimentos de HGA se sienta como una familia local

¿Conoce el programa de canastas de alimentos de Tischler's Finer Foods en Brookfield? Ofrece a los compradores la oportunidad de ayudar a alimentar a las familias locales atendidas por nuestra despensa de alimentos HGA comprando una canasta de desayuno o una canasta de cena a un costo de \$6.00 cada una. Las canastas se llenan generosamente con suficiente comida para proporcionar comidas para una familia de cuatro. Tischler's también entrega alimentos directamente a la despensa cada semana. Recoja un volante en la iglesia con los detalles del programa. Esperamos que considere agregar una canasta de alimentos a sus compras si no puede donar en la iglesia durante nuestros fines de semana de Stock the Pantry.

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All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Fellowship meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 12/18, in the Music Room of the St Barbara Parish Center. Join us as we discuss the readings for the coming Sunday and how they relate to our lives. A social will follow the meeting. All are welcome. For more info, call Ted Zayner at (708) 485-9145 or Deacon Dave Brencic at (708) 220-9569.



Beca de hombres

Todos los hombres de la parroquia están invitados a la reunión de la Comunidad de Hombres a las 7:30 p.m. del miércoles 18 de diciembre en la Sala de Música del Centro Parroquial de Santa Bárbara. Únase a nosotros mientras discutimos las lecturas del próximo domingo y cómo se relacionan con nuestras vidas. Después de la reunión habrá una reunión social. Todos son bienvenidos. Para obtener más información, llame a Ted Zayner al (708) 485-9145 o al diácono Dave Brencic al (708) 220-9569.

Oplatki Christmas Wafers Available at both Churches & Parish Office \$1.00 a package



The Oplatki is a beautiful Christmas Eve custom. It originated from Eastern Europe. It is also known as known as "Anielski Chleb" or "Angel Bread." Made only of flour and water, they are stamped with Christmas images such as the Star of Bethlehem or the Nativity. On Christmas Eve, the head of the family prays for the members of his family, present or absent, then breaks a piece off the wafer and gives it to each person. As the family members receive the wafer pieces, they are greeted with a kiss and a felicitation for a joyful feast. They then return the greeting in the same way. The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

Novena - Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe / Novena - Our Lady of Guadalupe



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9 AM—5 PM**

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BAPTISMS

IN ENGLISH:

First Sunday of the Month
St. Louise de Marillac at 12 PM
BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES
An Appointment **MUST** be made in
advance of class.
Please call the parish office.

BAUTISMOS

EN ESPAÑOL

Tercer domingo del mes
después de Misa de 12:30 p.m.
CLASE DE PREPARACIÓN BAUTISMAL
Es **NECESARIO** concertar una cita con
antelación para asistir a la clase.
Por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial.

EUCHARIST

Ministers of care are available to bring
the Eucharist to you at your home.
Please call the parish office.

EUCARISTÍA

Hay ministros para los enfermos para
llevar la Eucaristía a su hogar. Llame
a la oficina parroquial.

ADORATION

Tuesdays 7 PM - 8 PM
St. Louise de Marillac
1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesday of the Month
St. Barbara
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month

ADORACIÓN

Martes 7 PM - 8 PM
Santa Luisa de Marillac
1°, 3°, 5° martes del mes
Santa Bárbara
2° & 4° to martes del mes

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

First Saturday of Month
9:00 PM — 6:00 AM
St Barbara Church
Entry thru the side door facing the
Parish office.

ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Primer sábado del mes
9:00 PM — 6:00 AM
Iglesia de Santa Bárbara
entren por la puerta lateral que
da cara a la oficina parroquial

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9 AM - 10 AM
St. Barbara Church
1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday of the Month
St. Louise de Marillac Church
2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month

RECONCILIACIÓN

Sábados 9 AM - 10 AM
Iglesia de Santa Bárbara
1er, 3er, 5to sábado del mes
Iglesia de Santa Luisa de Marillac
2° & 4°to sábado del mes

MARRIAGE

Please call the parish office to
schedule your wedding.

MATRIMONIO

Por favor llame a la oficina
parroquial para programar su boda.

IMPORTANT BULLETIN INFORMATION:

ALL communication to insert information in the bulletin MUST be sent to
bulletin@hgaparish.org
All requests MUST be received by the editor by 5:00 PM on Friday, 8 days before
Sunday's publication. During the holiday season requests due 12 days prior.

Annual Tax Statements

Contributions received after
December 31, 2024, designated
for the 2024 tax year, will be
processed through January 15,
2025.

All contributions received after
January 15, 2025 will be posted
in tax year 2025.

Tax statements are scheduled to
be mailed to parishioners by
January 31, 2025.

Please contact Lynn Waterloo,
in the business office, at
708.352.1898 with questions
related to parishioner tax
statements. Thank you.

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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledge Report

Walking on the road with Jesus

The monthly pledge billings for the Annual Catholic Appeal have been mailed. It is very important
these pledges be fulfilled so our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal.

Once pledge payments have exceeded our goal, additional funds are returned to our parish for use
in our ministries.

PARISH GOAL:	\$44,573
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$76,835
AMOUNT PAID:	\$74,375
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$2,460
REBATE AMOUNT (EST):	\$26,800



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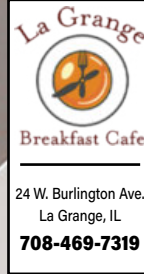
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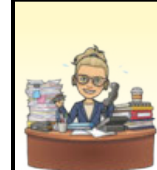
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