



Merry Christmas!

State Scholars At De La Salle



A. FUNES



B. BINGHAM



F. CARREON



J. WILSON-SCHUTTER



J. QUIGLEY



R. WEEMS

De La Salle Institute announces that six students from its campus for young men have been named Illinois State Scholars. Bradford Bingham, Francisco Carreon, Aaron Funes, Jonathan Quigley, James Wilson-Schutter and Rayes Weems are enrolled in the Honors Program, rank in the top 10 percent of the 135 member class of 2016 and maintain a grade point average between 4.316 and 4.941.

97th Birthday For Sister Emilie Marie



Sister Emilie Marie (Hermenda) recently celebrated her 97th birthday. A choir director and then principal at St. Joseph High School, she taught music at St. Tribunus School for many years. Sister was visited by Dr. Roy Pletsch, who was a student and employee.

Meteor of Month



M. ARTEAGA

De La Salle Institute announces that senior Mariela Artega of McKinley Park, has been selected the Meteor of the Month for November at the Lourdes Hall Campus for Young Women.

In a joint initiative between the Campus Ministry and City of De La Salle student government, nominations are received from faculty and staff.

Nominees demonstrated one or more of the Lasallian Principles of Faith, Community, Service, Social Justice and/or Association.

Holiday Show At Shedd Aquarium

Shedd Aquarium will celebrate an aquatic show Holiday One World through Jan. 2nd except Dec. 25th.

The multi-species show features marine mammals showcasing their natural behaviors set to a celebratory soundtrack.

For more information, call (312) 939-2438.

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Christmas Eve Masses. Thursday Day, 4 p.m. SSPP English and 6 p.m. OLG Spanish.

Christmas Day: Friday, Dec. 25th, 7:30 a.m. SM English, 9 a.m. SSPP English, 9 a.m. SM Spanish, 10:30 a.m. OLG English and 12 p.m. SSPP Spanish.

Thursday, Dec. 31st, Vigil Mary Mother of God New Year's Eve Masses 4 p.m. SSPP English and 6 p.m. OLG Spanish.

Friday, Jan. 1st, Mary Mother of God New Year's Day Masses. 9 a.m. SM English and 11 a.m. SSPP Spanish.

OLGC = Our Lady of Good Counsel, SM = Saint Maurice and SSPP = Saints Peter & Paul.

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Christmas Eve Dec. 24th, 3 p.m. Children's Choir Sing Carols and Reenact the Christmas Pageant. 4 p.m. Mass in English. 10 p.m. Midnight Mass in English. 12 a.m. Midnight Mass in Polish.

Christmas Day Dec. 25th, 6:45 a.m. Mass in English. 9:30 a.m. Mass in English. 11 a.m. Mass in English. 12:30 p.m. Mass in Polish.

St. Stephen Day Dec. 26th, 9 a.m. Mass in English. 11 a.m. Mass in Polish.

Solemnity of Mary Thursday, Dec. 31st, 4 p.m. Mass in English. Friday, Jan. 1st, 10 a.m. Mass in English. 11:30 a.m. Mass in Polish.

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Dec. 24th, Christmas Vigil, no morning Mass. 7 p.m. Spanish Mass followed by 9 p.m. Posada, 9 p.m. Lithuanian Mass, 11 p.m. Christmas Carols.

Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, 12 a.m. Misa De Gallo Y Arrullo Del Nino. 8:30 a.m. English Mass, 10 a.m. Lithuanian Mass, 12 noon Misa De Navidad Espanol.

Dec. 31st New Year's Eve, 8 a.m. Lithuanian Mass, 7 p.m. Spanish Mass, 11 p.m. Exposicion Del Santissimo.

Jan. 1st New Year's Day 12 a.m. Misa De Bienvenida Del Ano Nuevo, 8:30 a.m. English Mass, 10 a.m. Lithuanian Mass and 12 noon Misa Del Ano Nuevo.

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Thursday, Dec. 24th, Vigil of Christmas. English "Midnight" Mass 10 p.m., Polish "Midnight" Mass 12 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. in Polish, 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m. in English. No evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Saturday, Dec. 26th St. Stephen 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m. in Polish and 7 a.m. in English.

Friday, Jan. 1st, New Year's Day, 5 p.m. (Thursday); 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m. - in the English Language; 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m. - in the Polish Language.

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Thursday, Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve 4p.m. English Mass. Christmas Eve Night 11 p.m. Concert of Christmas Carols. Midnight (12 a.m.) Bilingual Polish - English Shepherd's Mass.

Friday, Dec. 25th - Christmas Day (a holy day of Obligation) 9 a.m. English Mass and 11 a.m. Polish Mass.

Saturday, Dec. 26th - Feast of St. Stephen 11 a.m. Bilingual English - Polish Mass.

Thursday, Dec. 31st - New Year's Eve. 5 - 5:45 p.m. Confessions. 6 p.m. Bilingual English - Polish End of the Year Devotions in Thanksgiving.

Friday, Jan. 1st - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (a holy day of Obligation) 9 a.m. English Mass and 11 a.m. Polish Mass.

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The Feast of Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation) Thursday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve 4 p.m. Family Mass, 12 a.m. Midnight Mass, (11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols with Christmas Choir & Ms. Eva Mrgan).

Friday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, 6 a.m. Mass at Dawn, 9:30 a.m. English - Polish Mass celebrated by Fr. Arthur with Organist Konrad Stankiewicz and Polish Carols/Koledy. 11:30 a.m. Mass with The Men's Choir and Ms. Eva Mrgan.

The Feast of the Holy Family Saturday, Dec. 26th 5 p.m. Mass, Sunday, Dec. 27th 6, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Mass.

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) Thursday, Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve 5 p.m. Mass. Friday, Jan. 1st, New Year's Day 9:30 a.m. Mass.

The Feast of the Epiphany Saturday, Jan. 2nd 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, Jan. 3rd 6, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Mass.

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Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25th 10 a.m. English.

Dia de Navidad - Viernes, Dec. 25th, 12 p.m. Spanish. Friday, Jan. 1st, Viernes, Enero 1st 10 a.m. English and 12 p.m. Spanish.

CAPS Schedules Beat Meetings

The Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) has scheduled Beat Meetings for January.

8th District Beats 815 and 821 will meet at St. Bruno School Hall, 4839 S. Harding on Wednesday, Jan. 6th at 7 p.m.

9th District Beats 911 and 921 will meet at the Davis School Annex, 3050 W. Pershing rd. on Wednesday, Jan 6th at 6 p.m.; Beat 912 will meet at St. Maurice Church Hall, 3625 S. Hoyne on Wed., Jan. 13th at 7 p.m.

State Scholars At Lourdes Hall



De La Salle Institute announces that four students from its Lourdes Hall Campus for Young Women have been chosen as Illinois State Scholars: Crystal Padilla, Olivia Garcia, De La Salle interim principal Diane Brown, Guadalupe Godinez, Kaitlin Biondo. They are enrolled in the Honors Program, rank in the top five in the 109-member and maintain a grade-point average ranging between 4.757 and 4.941.

Christmas Party For Joe's Angels

Joe's Angels, a not-for-profit organization named in honor of Joe Spaargaren conducted its annual Christmas Party at the Des Plaines VFW Post 6863 on Dec. 1st.

Joe was born with Downs Syndrome and lived at a center for adults with physical and mental impairments. When he entered the center 20 years ago, he invited his sister Sue Halloran to attend his Christmas Party.

She was deeply saddened to discover that the event lacked sufficient food, desserts and a visit from Santa with gifts. Sue and her friends Sheila Sullivan and Kelli Sullivan formed Joe's Angels to bring a special group of his friends from various centers and park programs to enjoy Christmas.

Their special wishes included a talking watch that tells time, a fanny pack with pencil and paper and a backpack to carry their medals from Special Olympics.

Goods and services have been generously provided by members of VFW Post and Auxiliary, Bridgeport Bakery, Continental Sales, The Hamburg Club, Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 281, the Ragucci Family, Medinah Shriner Clowns, Santa Eric Zeimys & his helper Jackie Carpenter and Friends of Bingo.

Anyone who wishes to assist in this endeavor may contact Sue at (773) 610-1299, Sheila at (708) 301-1537 or Kelli at (312) 513-6187.

Author Nichols At H-W Library

The Chicago Public Library will present its January 2016 Authors @ the Library Series at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

On Thursday, Jan. 7th at 6 p.m., Lisa Nichols, bestselling author, personal transformation guru and life coach for the *Steve Harvey Show and Today*, will discuss her book *Abundance Now: Amplify Your Life & Achieve Prosperity Today*.

BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information and a calendar of free local events. We encourage our readers to check back often for new updates!

Family Programs At Lincoln Park Zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo, Cannon drive and Fullerton parkway, has scheduled family programs for January through April.

Ice Skating presented by PowerShares QQQ will be offered Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 8 p.m., Jan. 8th to Feb. 28th. Skaters will whizz past the goats and cows at the rink in Farm-in-the-Zoo. Snacks and winter warming drinks are available for purchase. The cost is \$5 person, \$5 for skate rental.

Learn, Explore and Play for ages 2 to 3 and an adult will be conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 14th to March 10th or Thursday, Jan. 14th to March 10th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Participants will explore the natural world by meeting animals, building, drawing, climbing and making music. The cost is \$126 per child for a nine-class series.

Teens are invited for an interactive presentation about the life of chimpanzees on Friday, Jan. 15th from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Learn more about Project ChimpCare from Director of the Lester Fisher Center for the Study and Conservation of Apes, Steve Ross,

Ph.D. The evening will include refreshments, activities, trivia and a raffle. The cost is \$5.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Zoo Camp will offer learning opportunities for animal and nature lovers in pre-K to 4th grade on Monday, Jan. 18th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities will focus on animal diversity, environmental conservation and care for animals at the zoo. The cost is \$67.

Wine & Wildlife: Building Good Heart Health will be featured on Wednesday, Feb. 10th from 6 to 8 p.m. Discover how the zoo's veterinary experts are consulting with human heart specialists to create cutting edge techniques for caring for chimpanzees and gorillas. The cost is \$17.

Animal Enrichment Workshops are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13th (Valentine's Day themed) or March 19th (St. Patrick's Day themed) or April 9th (Earth Day themed) or May 7th or 8th (Cinco de Mayo themed) from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Adults and kids of all ages can make edible piñatas and other creative enrichment items for the animals. The cost is \$5 person or \$18 for family of 4 to 6.

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**Beatification Mass
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The next monthly Mass for the beatification of Venerable Maria Karpas, foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir, will be held in the Motherhouse Chapel, 2601 W. Marquette rd. on Jan. 2nd at 9:30 a.m. The Mass will also commemorate the

136th anniversary of Mother Maria's birth. Rev. Stanley Rataj, Pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Parish will be the celebrant.

All are invited. For more information, call (773) 349-8064.

Christmas Party for Troop 671



On Dec. 18th, members of St. Jane de Chantel Boy Scout Troop 671 along with their families held their annual Christmas party, scouts enjoyed games, food, drinks, snacks and sweet treats. There was a surprise visit by Santa who brought cheer and gifts for the scouts and all enjoyed a wonderful time. Any boys ages 7 to 17 who are interested in scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825. Pictured in foreground are: Julian Zybricki and Kris Sendeki. Second row: Ryan Konecki, Santa, Daniel Costa and Aidan Silva. Third row: Ed Melkonian, Dan Murphy, Robert Sendeki, Sean Murphy, Anthony McElroy, Ryan Hahn and Eli Jarzabek. Back row: Sam Dacanay, Dan Dacanay (Scoutmaster), Tony Murillo and Stan Zebrowski.

**Literacy Center
Seeks Tutors**

Aquinas Literacy Center, 3540 S. Hermitage provides English as a Second Language individual tutoring for adults. Students in the Tuesday Writing Class recited poems for everyone including a Halloween poem! 17 new volunteer ESL tutors graduated to reduce the waiting list of students.

will be held on Friday, Jan. 29th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 30th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tutors must attend both days for certification. Advance registration is required with Kristen Dempsey Pasyk at (773) 927-0512.

Volunteer ESL tutors are needed to instruct limited English proficient adults learners for 90 minutes per week. Knowledge of a second language is not required; all instruction is in English. Two-part tutor training

**Ice Rink At
McKinley Park**

The outdoor ice rink at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing road, is now open with only family skate from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call (312) 747-5992.

Anna Marie Krystofiak
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**Angel Tree For
Salvation Army**



15th Ward Alderman Raymond Lopez joined Ms. Bee Jasper of the Salvation Army Angel Tree Network in distributing holiday food dinners and wish list toys to five hundred families. Joining Ald. Lopez was Ald. Toni Foulkes (16th) & Lt. Nikki Hughes (both pictured), as well as Ald. Roderick Sawyer (6th) and Ald. David Moore (17th). For more information on how you can support the efforts of the Salvation Army, call (773) 358-3200.

**Applications For
After School Matters**

After School Matters is accepting teen applications for its Spring program session. More than 300 programs in the arts, communications, science, sports and technology will be offered beginning the week of Feb. 22 at more than 70 Chicago public high schools, as well as Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and community organization locations throughout the city, and downtown at the Gallery 37 Center for the Arts.

In total, more than 7,000 paid apprenticeship and internship opportunities will be available to Chicago high school teens this spring through After School Matters. Spring programs will meet approximately three days a week for three hours per day over the course of 12 weeks. Participating teens will be eligible to earn a stipend of between \$275 and \$425 (depending on the program level), and interns can earn \$10.00 per hour.

Teens can search and apply for Spring 2016 programs at afterschoolmatters.org. Programs are

free and open to Chicago teen residents who are at least 14 years of age (16 years of age for internships) and are currently enrolled in high school. As part of the application process, teens interview with program instructors to discuss and present their skills and interests. New application features include an interactive map to help teens search for programs, and a responsive mobile functionality. For questions about programs and applications, call (312) 742-4182. For more information, visit www.afterschoolmatters.org.

**Christmas Display
At Science Museum**

The 74th annual Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light at the Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore drive will run through January 3rd.

This exhibit began as a United Nations Day salute to the Allies during World War II. Guests will enjoy more than 50 trees and displays decorated by volunteers from Chicago's ethnic communities to reflect their diverse culture and holiday customs.

The 45-foot grand tree will be decked out with more than 30,000 twinkling lights and hundreds of ornaments and festive trimmings.

A mix of festive holiday tunes will play throughout the Rotunda; "snow" falls every half hour; and on the weekends and select weekdays, guests can enjoy performances of various ethnic dance and choral groups on the Holiday Stage.

**Folk Arts At
McKinley Library**

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., is hosting a traveling exhibit from through Dec. 31st titled "Generation to Generation: Folk Arts of Illinois," curated by Lisa Rathje and Clark "Bucky" Halker, of the Chicago based Company of Folk.

The 10 panels tell the stories of artists and musicians and highlight art forms representing a variety of traditions, such as stone carving, the Irish fiddle, Mexican murals and Irish accordion.

For more information, call (312) 747-6082.

**Collection For
Food Pantry**

12th Ward Alderman George Cardenas, 3476 S. Archer is collaborating with Blessed Sacrament Parish to collect donations for the food pantry at St. Maurice Rectory, 3617 S. Hoyne.

75 families utilize the pantry twice a month plus 2 emergency pantries. This month's requested item is breakfast cereal. Donations may be brought to St. Maurice Rectory or the 12th Ward Service Office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (773) 523-8250.

**Secy. of State
Announces Hours**

Illinois Secretary of State Jess White announced that all offices and facilities will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24th and Friday, Dec. 25th in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

All Monday through Friday Driver Services facilities will open Saturday, Dec. 26th.

Individuals can visit the Secretary of State's website, www.cyberdriveillinois.com, to locate the nearest Driver Services facility and the hours operation. In addition, drivers can change an address, register to become an organ and tissue donor or renew license plate stickers online.

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N. Davis LSC Seeks Members

The Local School Council of Nathan S. Davis Elementary School, 3014 W. 39th place, is accepting candidate applications for the 2016-18 terms. Deadline for filing original LSC candidate forms in person in schools where the candidate will run is March 4th, 2016 at 3 p.m. To apply, see Mrs. Maria Lobato in the Annex Building. The LSC elections will be on Report Card Pick-Up day Wednesday, April 13th 2016 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Choral Concert At Good Counsel



Blessed Sacrament Children's and Adult choirs presented a Christmas concert for parishioners at their Our Lady of Good Counsel location on Dec. 20th. The program was directed by Debra Church with the assistance of Laura Alonzo and Toribio Acuna.

Christmas in Schools

BY: DR. R. PLETSCH
 The school years bring about many of our best Christmas memories and if you are an educator, they never seem to end. I recall in high school being behind stage at a very quiet part of our Choral Program at St. Joseph High School when all of a sudden a friend and I screamed "Way to go". You see if you were my age, you might remember December 15, 1963 when Dave Whitsell intercepted a pass for a touchdown versus the Lions and it put the Bears in the championship game. The powers to be did let us participate the following year, but no transistor radios were allowed. The classroom for a teacher is always special, enjoying the anticipation of the students. During a Season of the World festival at Metcalfe Magnet School my 2nd graders were assigned Poland. They learned the carol and performed "Dzisiaj w Betlejem" (Today in Bethlehem) but the real treat was in the Spring when we visited Sears Tower. The kids were singing "This Land is Your Land" on the bus. Then while at the Tower, the students asked if they

could sing their song while waiting for the elevator. I said sure. The little kids sat down and started singing their Polish Christmas song. The look of the tourists watching this group of Black kids singing in a language I'm sure most did not know was priceless. I also taught a 5th grade at Jungman School in which there were very few male teachers. As Santa was on the stage, he called me from behind the stage, a real shock to my kids who thought I was in costume and that the other guy must be the real Santa Claus. When I taught at St. Joseph High School, one of the most surprising events was when the kids went to carol at a local hospital where one of our students was recuperating from surgery. She conveyed to us that the ladies on the floor were all crying when the carolers left because instead of cheering them up, just reminded them they would not be home for Christmas. Then sometimes you get a pleasant surprise. My wife taught my African American students at Metcalfe Magnet School to make Lithuanian straw ornaments. The first year the kids did great. The next year the students were not as adept, but I did meet a girl some years later who was in that class and she told me that making homemade cookies and the straw ornaments had become a part of their Christmas tradition. If you get fortunate to become a principal in a school with a Pre-K, you quickly realize that the Pre-K staff double as the best Santa helpers ever. And I was blessed with some of the best at De La Cruz and Nightingale Schools. They presented me an opportunity to work with Omega Delta (yes the same group that has revitalized baseball at Hoyne Park) to make many a wish come true and to make the right families "won" our special lotteries. I am pleased to say we saw many parents in tears. A final story about letting a kid say it. We had an Advent Wreath ceremony at St. Paul/Our Lady of Vilna School and one of the staff members took it upon herself to remove the infant from the crèche because it wasn't Christmas yet. Well during the ceremony a little 3-year old boy ran back to his classroom (only 5 feet away) and came out with a Crucifix and set it in the crib, and said "We can't have Christmas without Jesus" -- Have a great week and keep Christ in Christmas.

Obituaries

RUBEN L. ALDANA, Korean War Veteran. Visitation was held Dec. 18th at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki Director. Interment was at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

ANGELA LANUCHA of Brighton Park passed away on Dec. 15th at the age of 87. She was the wife of late Joseph; mother of Richard, JoAnn, Cheryl and late Jolanta; grandmother of Michael (Anna), Jennifer, Laura and Nicole; great grandmother of Ava and Anthony. Longtime resident of Brighton Park and member of Five Holy Martyrs Church. Funeral services were held Dec. 21st from Central Chapel to Five Holy Martyrs Church. Interment was at St. Mary Cemetery.

MICHAEL C. REGULA, USMC Veteran. He was the husband of late Mary (nee Holper); father of Debbie (Ken) Tillou, Michael and Rev. Gary; grandfather of Michael and brother of Julie (late Clem) Grandsart. Funeral services were held Dec. 22nd from Wolniak Funeral Home to St. Pancratius Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

DESTINY ALAINA RODRIGUEZ, daughter of Graciela Alfaro of Brighton Park passed away on Dec. 15th at the age of 14. She was the sister of Lisa, Carlos, Adriana, Lillian and Gracie and granddaughter of Isabel (late Sabino) Mayen. Funeral services were held Dec. 20th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels to St. Pius V Church.

Lutheran Chorus Schedules Concert

The Southwest Lutheran Chorus will present their annual Epiphany/Christmas Concert at Salem Lutheran Church, 18324 S. Ashland, Homewood on Sunday, Jan. 3rd at 3 p.m. Attendees will join in singing selected Christmas Carols. The highlight of the concert will be a selection from the Messiah by Handel: "And The Glory Of The Lord". A freewill offering will be accepted.

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