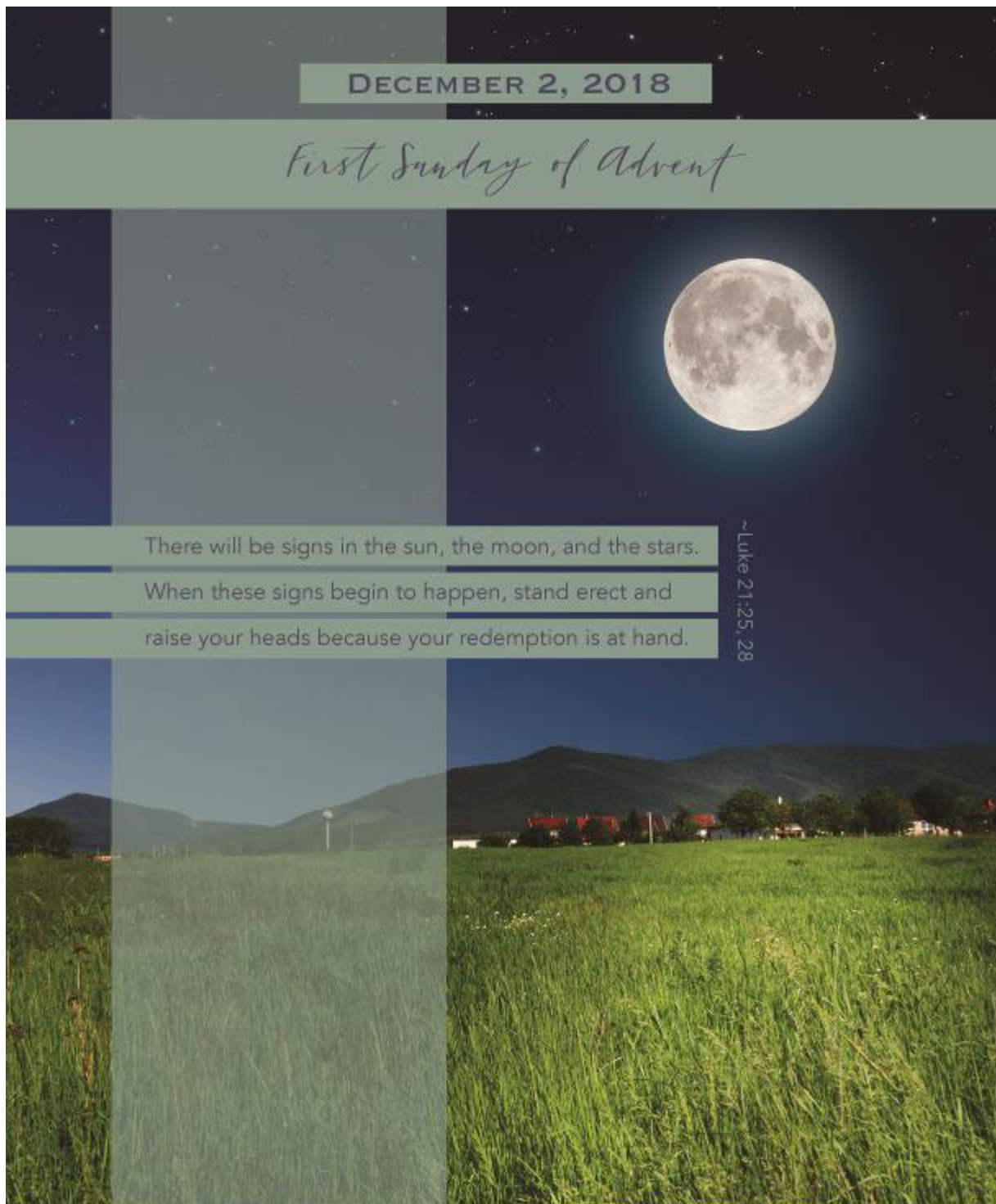


Saint Mary Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018



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In Anticipation

Advent. The Calendar. The beginning of a new liturgical year. The beginning of a precise countdown. The beginning of a watch on those being naughty and those being nice. The beginning of planning and waiting and hoping...

Advent. The Wreath. The circle of eternal life. The circle of a promise made and then fulfilled. The circle of greens meaning life. The circle of light promising salvation. The circle of praying, and waiting and hoping...

Advent. The Songs and Antiphons. The sounds of familiar words and melodies. The sounds of children singing. The sounds of prayerful words and praising. The sounds of wishing and waiting and hoping...



Gail Hulse

Planning, praying, wishing, waiting, hoping for Christmas. For the child in us, yes. It is the beginning of the season that we learn, at the earliest age, brings happiness. The season of Advent leads to that special day when our wishes and hopes will be fulfilled. It leads us to remember and to celebrate that day when Christ came into the world and redeemed us. As God gave us the gift of His Son, we give gifts to each other. Christmas Day marks the end of Advent.

Yet, the Gospel today that opens the season of Advent speaks to a waiting that has not ended for us. Like so many apparent end points, it is instead a continuation, another chance to begin. As we enter the season to celebrate the coming of our Savior, today's Gospel reminds us that there is a second coming that we await. That is the final promise. God will come again, this time to bring us all to Him. That is, if we have prepared His Way. That list of naughty and nice that Santa keeps, pales in importance to the one that we create for ourselves before God.

So while we mark off the days on calendars and light the candles on our wreaths, let us remember this Advent to prepare our way to the Lord. We prepare not only to look back in celebration of Christ's coming but also to look forward. Preparing, praying and making ourselves ready "in anticipation of what is coming upon the world...Pray that you have the strength to...stand before the Son of Man."



Catholic Café for Young Adults

It's a relaxed forum with coffee, tea, espresso and biscotti to talk openly about the faith: what strengthens it for you, how you cope with challenges, a chance to exchange advice, give testimonials ... it's yours!

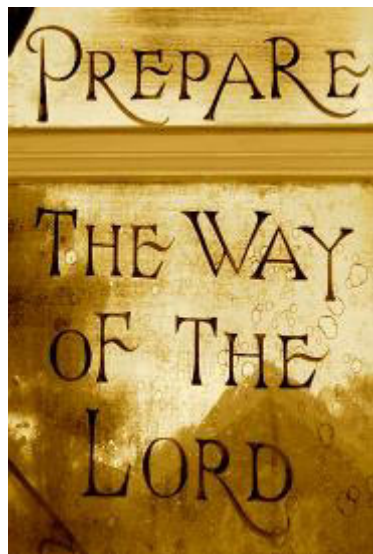
December 7: 7 p.m. in the Parish Center

Lectio Divina:

"Divine reading" - a method for praying with the Scriptures

For Young Adults in their 20s & 30s
Mondays in Advent: December 3, 10, 17
7 p.m. in the Parish Center





Advent Reconciliation

In the spirit of collaboration, the parishes of Saint Athanasius, Saint Joan of Arc, Saint Mary and Saint Nicholas unite for Advent Reconciliation Liturgies.
(Bilingual priests available at all locations)

Saint Joan of Arc, 9248 N. Lawndale Sheil Catholic Center, 2110 Sheridan
December 4, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Saint Athanasius, 1615 Lincoln
December 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.



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A Community of Faith and Service

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (vigil) 5 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
12:30 p.m. Haitian Mass
(first Sunday of the month)
Monday - Saturday 8 a.m.
Holy Days 8 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

PARISH CENTER

You are welcome to visit our Library and Chapel during business hours.
Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Evenings:
Wednesday–Thursday 6–9 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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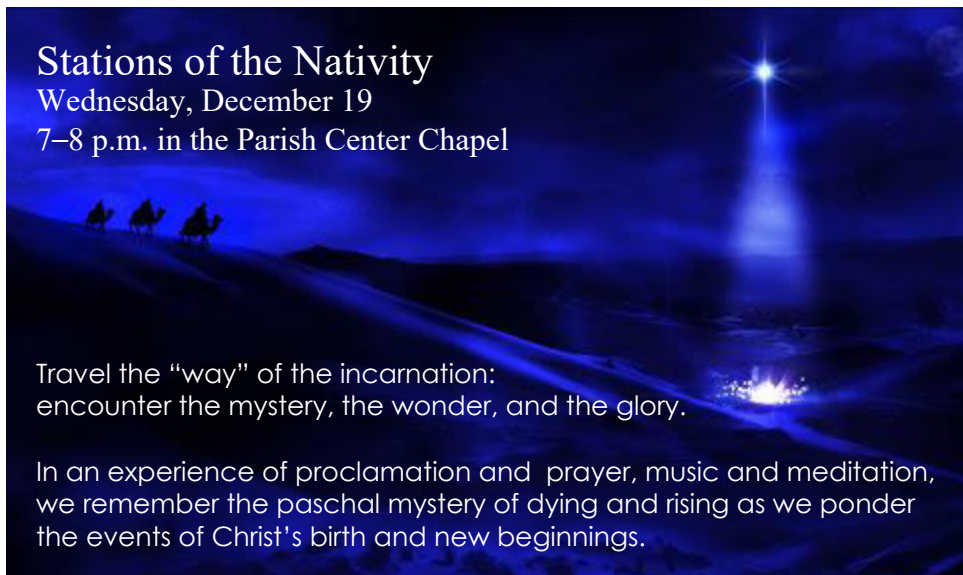
Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Hotline: 847 869-6134

Stations of the Nativity

Wednesday, December 19

7–8 p.m. in the Parish Center Chapel



Travel the “way” of the incarnation: encounter the mystery, the wonder, and the glory.

In an experience of proclamation and prayer, music and meditation, we remember the paschal mystery of dying and rising as we ponder the events of Christ’s birth and new beginnings.

Human Dignity and Solidarity—Immigration Ministry

XIII ANNUAL POSADA

SEEKING IMMIGRATION REFORM

Join us to walk and pray in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who—as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—are seeking legislative shelter, “Posada.”

Friday, December 14, 2018

7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

101 West Congress Parkway

Route: From Correctional Center (71 West Van Buren Street), DePaul (1 East Jackson Boulevard), Federal Plaza, and St. Peter’s (110 West Madison Street)

For more information: Raymundo Valdez at rvaldez@archchicago.org or 312.534.8503 or Brother Luis Rosado at lrosado@archchicago.org or 407.361.1096, or visit: catholicsandimmigrants.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 8–9 Second Sunday of Advent

	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
Presider/ Homilist	Fr. Tony Dcn. Dennis	Fr. Tony Dcn. Dennis	Fr. Kevin Dcn. Dennis	Fr. Kevin Dcn. Dennis
Greeters				
North	Ann Murray	Theresa Cameron	Mike Loriaux	Marie Cadet
East	Elaine Pollak and Joni Sowinski	Jerre Michelin	Peggy Loriaux	
Lectors	Jayne Schaefer Dominic Hilaire	Maura Canavan Sr. Katie Mitchell	Paula Haynes Mike Borman	Maureen Gleason Philip Gleason
Eucharistic Ministers	Claudette Bergeron Ann Murray Tanya Noble Ann Marie Staff Dan Tomas	John Fuller Nancy Fuller Donald Michelin Jerre Michelin Erica Whitmore	Giselle Bernadel Jane Colleton Tom Duval Teresa Forman Brian Keran Dennis O'Callahan Melanie O'Callahan	Nancy Bailey Jean Boisson Myrlende Bonhomme Katrina de los Reyes Lea Filipek
Altar Servers	James Feeney Eleanor Feeney		Margaret O'Dwyer Katiana Penette Charlene Solis	Maeve McCauley Patrick McCauley Jack McCauley
Confessions	Saturday, 4–4:30	Fr. Tony		

Please remember in your prayers

... those who are sick, especially Yolande Vilsaint; Teddi Nooney; Carolyn Buford; Ashley Vilme; Wallace Bowling; Lisa Frederick; Victoria Amaro Pena; Anita Kimmelerle; Trevor Ellis; Jim Osburn; Don Mays; Julia Loiseau; Ruth Ann Quinn; Debra Caldwell; June Reband; Clarissa Pompey; Tina Swanson; Paula Iaccuci; Mary Catherine O'Dwyer; Joan Fondell; Mary DuCharme; Ben Johnson; Anne Teoli; Greg Reband; Jamie Adler; Giselle Bernadel; and Elaine McCray, mother of Fr. Kevin McCray. Also remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Denise King; Jim and Kate Carey; and Richard Bauer, husband of Kathy and father of Mary and Sara.
Have a name to add or remove? Email dfox@stmaryevanston.org.

Pray for our military, pray for peace

CDR Edward Carlton, U.S. Navy, son of Frank & Caroline Carlton ❖ Airman Lindsey Foley, U.S. Air Force, Scott AFB, niece of Chris Foley ❖ Lt. Daniel Kozicki, U.S. Navy, nephew of Linda O'Dwyer ❖ Cadet Helen Hitt, daughter of Stephanie and John Hitt.

Have a name to add or remove?

Email bulletin@stmaryevanston.org.

PARISH LIFE To arrange for the following, please call the Parish Office at **847 864-0333**.

MASS SCHEDULE.

Saturday (vigil) 5 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
12:30 p.m. Haitian Mass (first Sunday of the month)
Monday - Saturday: 8 a.m.
Holy Days: 8 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

RECONCILIATION. Mondays through Saturdays after 8 a.m.
Mass, Saturday afternoons 4:00–4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION. Every Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. in the church. Holy hour weekdays at noon in the Parish Center chapel.

INFANT BAPTISMS. Registration in the parish is a prerequisite. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Session at least two months prior to scheduling a Baptism. These sessions are held on the second Monday of every other month; the next session is **Monday, January 14**.

Baptisms are generally celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. based on the liturgical calendar. Please call the Parish Office to register for the session.

REGISTRATION. Saint Mary Parish welcomes new parishioners. Please go online at stmaryevanston.org. Complete the form, save it and return it as an attachment to office@stmaryevanston.org.

MARRIAGE. Arrangements should be made with the parish at least six months in advance.


RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.

For adults or teenagers interested in becoming a Catholic and receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation).

MINISTERS OF CARE. Ministers of care are available to bring Holy Communion to those who are home-bound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. Contact the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Adoration


Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator.



Sundays 3–6 p.m.
Dec. 2 in the Church
Dec. 9 & 16 in the Parish Center Chapel

Holy Hour
Adoration & Rosary
Weekdays at Noon
Parish Center Chapel


Catechism of the Catholic Church



Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 9, 2018
4:00 p.m.

A free will donation will be accepted to benefit the work of our Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society.
Holiday Open House follows immediately – All are welcome.




Bears Football Sundays

Sundays in the Parish Center Lower Level West Room


December 2 at Noon @ New York Giants
December 9 at 7:20 p.m. vs. Los Angeles
December 16 at Noon vs. Green Bay

Enter through the basement door in the courtyard. For more information, contact Scott Wajda at 773 441-3016.

Candlelight Rosary

Tuesday, December 4
(Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe begins)
Wednesday, December 12
(Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe begins)

7–8 p.m. in the Parish Center Chapel



BEST *Advent* EVER

'TIS (almost) THE SEASON

Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with ...

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

To sign up, visit
BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18



Dynamic Catholic

Christmas Giving Tree Gift Deadline Is Today



If you picked up a tag from the Christmas Giving Tree with the intention of donating a gift to a child of a client served by the Women's Center—a crisis pregnancy agency—for their annual Northside Christmas Party, you must place your **unwrapped** gift beneath the tree in the Gathering Space no later than noon today, Sunday, December 2. Our Respect Life Committee will deliver the gifts to the Center for the December 8 party. Contact Jane Colleton with any questions at jccolleton@gmail.com.

Stewardship

Sunday's electronic collection posts on the second week of the month.

Weekend of November 10-11

Sunday weekend collection	\$ 4,834
Sunday electronic collection	\$ 7,276
Year-to-Date as of Nov. 11 (20/52 weeks)	\$137,849
Goal for 2018/2019 Budget (20/52 weeks)	<u>\$155,380</u>
Difference + or (-)	(\$ 17,531)

*** Goal for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 \$404,000 ***

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 1

5:00 † Robert Westerberg

Sunday, December 2

8:00 † John & Ann Coffey

9:30 † For Our Parishioners

11:00 † Joanne Schwall-Gregg

12:30 *Haitian Mass*

Monday, December 3

8:00 For Our Parishioners

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 † Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 5

9:00 Intentions of the Pope

Thursday, December 6

8:00 For Our Parishioners

Friday, December 7

8:00 † Dennis E. O'Dwyer

Saturday, December 8—Immaculate Conception

8:00 † Souls in Purgatory

12:00 † Mary & Robert Londergan

† Natalie Edman

5:00 For Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 9

8:00 Intentions of the Pope

9:30 For Our Parishioners

11:00 † Maurice & Leda Bonhomme

Intentions of the Pope

December. Evangelization—*In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.*

Soup Kitchen

Our last Soup Kitchen of 2018 will be on Thursday, December 13 at **First United Methodist Church**. Contact Jay Larmee for important information at jlarmee@larmeeassociates.com or 847 347-2895.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Monday:	St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday:	St. John Damascene
Thursday:	St. Nicholas
Friday:	St. Ambrose; First Friday Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Saturday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

RESPECT LIFE

Await But Remember Too

As Advent begins, and we await the day when “unto us a Child is Born”, *Is 9:6*, remember the “babies not allowed to be born.” *John Paul's Prayer for Life*. Here's how the Knights of Columbus put it:

An estimated 40-50 million abortions take place every year throughout the world. This means approximately **125,000 babies are killed per day**.

As Knights of Columbus we must fight against this horror.

One way the Knights fight is by funding the purchase of ultra-sounds – some 970 around the world, with much success as recounted in this story from the Philippines:

For months, schoolmates Alexander and Angeline had a secret romance. Then they decided to elope. Angeline's parents were furious.

Shortly afterward, Angeline learned she was pregnant. Thinking they were too young to support a baby, the couple sought an abortion.

But then Angeline received a free ultrasound sponsored by local Knights. She saw a healthy baby boy and abandoned her thoughts of abortion.

Since that life-saving moment, her parents offered their unconditional forgiveness. This one moment — and the efforts of the Knights of Columbus — saved not just the life of a young baby but healed the relationship between parents and their daughter, between in-laws, between a mother and a child.

All the baptized have skin in this fight. Maybe we can't fund an ultrasound. But there're lots we can do. Consider, for example, doing just one little thing during Advent that protects unborn life, if nothing more than a quiet word that causes a pro-abortion advocate to question the “right” to choose.



Guided Church Tour
FREE

The secrets of Saint Mary Church will be revealed on
Sunday, December 30 at 12:30 p.m.

Led by church archivist Tim Stadler, with the assistance of Diane Onofrey, learn the lesser-known stories of our worship space, some that are in plain sight! Bonus info on the angels!

This is the last scheduled tour.
Tours then can be scheduled with a month's notice. Subject to availability.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Call the Parish Office at
847 864-0333



Saint Mary Parish
Christmas Children's Choir!

REHEARSALS BEGINNING SOON!

FUN AND EASY MUSIC TO LEARN IN ONLY 4 REHEARSALS:
DEC. 2, DEC. 9, DEC. 16 AND DEC. 23
12:15 - 1:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTER, 2ND FLOOR
GRADES 1 - 8*

WE SING AT THE 5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVEN MASS
(4:00 ARRIVAL TIME)

CHILDREN CAN BOTH SING IN THE CHOIR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIVITY PLAY AT THE GOSPEL.

* EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE - CONTACT DWANNE FOX
847-864-0333 x210 OR dfox@stmaryevanston.org