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Daily: Mon.—Fri. at 7:30am
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Fri. at 12:15pm
Sat. at 8:00am
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(Temp)-Sunday at 7:00, 9:15 & 11:30am

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Reconciliation: Weekdays 7:00-7:25am
Wed. 8:15-9:15am & 3:15-4:15pm
Sat. 9-10am & 3-4pm, or by appt.
All Other Sacraments: Please contact the pastor at the parish office.

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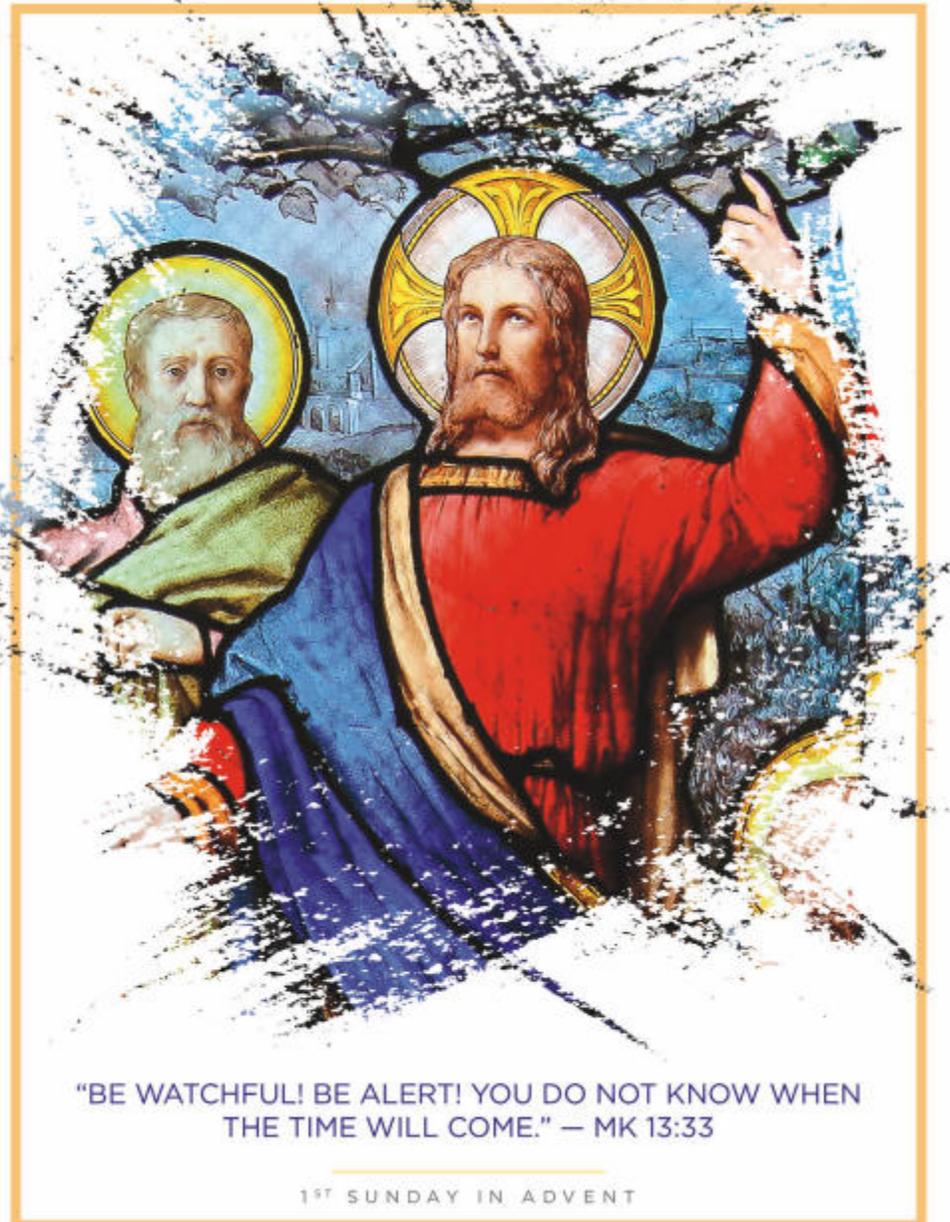
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Registration is online.

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To receive or submit prayer requests,
email hesseling1@sbcglobal.net.

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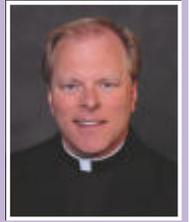
ST. KATHARINE DREXEL MISSION STATEMENT

St. Katharine Drexel's joyful spirit invites us to a deeper appreciation of Christ's love for us and our need to respond as one of His disciples, fostering a welcoming, caring and faithful Catholic community.

Father Bob's Corner

Our Advent Journey

There was an interesting journey about 200 years ago in the United States when Thomas Jefferson sent the now famous Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on a journey of discovery. They were to look for a shorter route to the riches of the Orient. After months and months of rugged, dangerous travels, they came to the Rocky Mountains. Happily, they believed that the passage they sought would be just beyond this mountain. They reached the top and what did they see? Miles and miles of additional mountains to cross! You can imagine the great disappointment. But they were ready, committed and fully prepared to soldier on. It would be many more difficult weeks until they saw a far-reaching body of water, which we now refer to as the Pacific Ocean.



Today our Advent journey begins! *Advent* and *adventure* come from the same root word: to come to or come toward. They refer equally to the journey and the arrival. Just what did Lewis and Clark need to complete their journey? So many of their requirements are similar to ours for our Advent journey.

Today's Gospel is about our Christian journey. Its message is: Be ready, be watchful, be attentive all along the way. What will we need? I believe we need to be committed to hope, peace, joy, and love.

We need to be a people of hope. We need to trust that following our Lord Jesus and his Gospel message is always the right path, regardless of how many more miles of mountains lie on the road before us. We need to trust and keep hope alive that our journey is worthwhile. Mary and Joseph are perfect examples to us in this Advent season of people that kept this hope alive, as are Elizabeth and Zechariah.

We need to be a people committed to peace. We live in a world where stories of violence are on the news every day. Our own country has experienced a particularly tense, stressful, and violent year. We can't allow the violence to enter our hearts and dictate our actions. We can't allow our vengeance and hatred to rule our hearts. No, our Lord is the Prince of Peace and the pathways of peace are the only roads that lead to him.

We need to be a people of joy. The Christian journey is not an easy one, but it must be one that is walked with joy in our hearts. The source of our joy is the reminder of the first Christmas story and the promise of our Lord's Second Coming. The Light has come into this world and overcome the darkness. We must never forget that. This Light desires to guide us along the right path. We must pray for this Light to show us the way. That is the source of our eternal happiness and joy.

We need to be a people of love. The Incarnation is at its heart a love story. It is about the love between Mary and Joseph, but even more the love that God has for them and their recognition of that love, which opened the door for the Holy Spirit's action. It is about God's love for us, which invites us into this love story.

May we be more aware of God's grace and blessings as we set out together on this Advent journey!

Peace, love and joy,

Father Bob



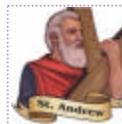
Imago Dei "The Image of God Within"

A Virtual Advent Mini Retreat
Monday, December 14th | 6:30-8:15pm
Presented by Jack Rigert of the
John Paul II Renewal Center

A unique opportunity to experience a Mini Advent Retreat based on reflections shared by Saint John Paul II during spiritual retreats and in Saint Peter's Square.

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This event will be livestreamed and recorded for your viewing throughout Advent.



Please join the whole parish in this beautiful tradition of reciting St. Andrew's Christmas Novena, starting Nov. 30th thru Christmas Eve.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.
Amen

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas novena prayer **FIFTEEN** times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Week of November 30

In Memory of Ralph & Phyllis Diederich
Requested by: Marcy Konen

Monday, November 30

7:30am † Jessie & † Bill Wensch
Requested by: Jan Backus



Tuesday, December 1

7:30am † Rev. Frank Timar, MSC
Requested by: The People of SKD

6:15pm † Elaine Navarro
Requested by: Eric & Stephanie Heusinger

Wednesday, December 2

7:30am † Georgene Burke
Requested by: Sharon Streit

Thursday, December 3

9:00am † Carol Wood
Requested by: Gary & Mary Ruth Roberts

Friday, December 4

7:30am † Leslie "Tooter" Roeder
Requested by: Gary & Mary Ruth Roberts

12:15pm † Mary Nash
Requested by: Brian & Lisa Tonner

Saturday, December 5

8:00am Tom & Mae Ernst
Requested by: Rev. Robert W. Jones / Rev. Steven Sabo

4:30pm † Glenn Wensch
Requested by: Jan Backus

Sunday, December 6

7:00am † Margaret Hilger
Requested by: Larry Trowbridge

9:15am † Joseph Curtis
Requested by: Dcn. Mike & Barb Lane

11:30am † Mary Feiden
Requested by: Theresa Rios & Family

From Our Parish Community Life Commission...

Nursing our Bodies...Nursing our Faith Notes from our Faith Community Nurse

What to Do About the Flu

This fall and winter season we need to be prepared for protection against COVID-19 and the flu. Both are contagious respiratory illnesses caused by different viruses. The flu is caused by influenza viruses and COVID-19 is caused by a new coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2. The difference in protection is that there is a flu vaccination and hopefully soon a new vaccine for COVID-19.

Common symptoms of the flu and COVID-19 are: fever or feverish chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle pain or body aches, headaches, fatigue or tiredness, and more common in children – vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with COVID-19 may have no symptoms but may still spread it.

A difference from the flu, is that some people with COVID-19 may have changes or loss of taste or smell. With the flu, a person typically develops symptoms one to four days after exposure. Most people are contagious about one day before they show symptoms. Older children and adults with the flu appear to be most contagious during the first three to four days of their illness but may remain contagious for about seven days.

The precautions that are known to decrease the transmission of COVID-19 may also help to decrease the transmission of the flu: Wear a mask. Watch your distance – maintain at least six feet distance between others (not living in the same household). Wash your hands with plain soap and water for at least twenty seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol - either ethanol (ethyl alcohol) or isopropyl alcohol frequently throughout the day.

Another layer of protection against the flu is the flu vaccination. If you have not done so yet, please take the time to research the information available about the flu vaccination and consult with your healthcare provider to make an informed decision about being vaccinated to protect yourself and your loved ones. (Source for article: CDC)

In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, "Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

For any questions, assistance, or resources to improve your health, contact me at 630-466-0303 ext-113 or mary.stola@amitahealth.org.

Peace,

Mary Stola, RN, Faith Community Nurse



Eucharistic



Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ADORATION MEDITATION

"Life is like a cash register, in that every account, every thought, every deed, like every sale, is registered and recorded."

Blessed Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

This is the prayer used in the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the chaplet given by Jesus Himself to Saint Faustina. We use the beads on a Rosary to pray this chaplet. If you've never prayed it, there are some flyers in the plastic box outside the front doors of the church. Feel free to take one.

There are many prayers we say for our own needs. This simple, easy one includes the whole world and the whole world is in need of prayers.

So Bishop Sheen might put prayers in that cash register. **For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

cha-ching, cha-ching!

ADULT COAT DRIVE



St. Vincent de Paul, the Knights of Columbus, and the generous members of our SKD community are holding an ADULT COAT DRIVE. New or used coats with no major damage and working zippers are needed, particularly in sizes 2xl, 3xl, 4xl and 5xl.



There will be large boxes at both entrances of the church for you to drop off your coats from December 1 - January 1. If you do not have a coat, we have partnered with a group called One Warm Coat which can provide a coat for each dollar we collect. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, please send your donation marked for SVDP Coats. Checks can be made out to St. Vincent de Paul-SKD.

Please no children's coats as they are not needed at this time. Any children's coats can be taken to Salvation Army or Good Samaritan Closet in Sugar Grove.

From Our Evangelization Commission...



YOUTH MINISTRY
MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Soul Patrol (Grades 6 & 7)

December 13, 3-5pm
January 10, 3-5pm
February 14, 3-5pm
March 14, 3-5pm
April 11, 3-5pm
May 16, 3-5 pm

Sunday Night Live (Grades 8-12)

December 20, 6:30-9pm
January 17, 6:30-9pm
February 21, 6:30-9pm
March 21, 6:30-9pm
April 18, 6:30-9pm
May 2, 6:30-9pm

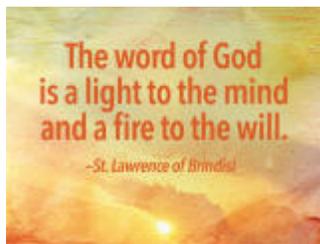


Hesed House December 29th.

Next month is our scheduled meal at Hesed House on Tuesday, Dec. 29th. As volunteers cannot enter the building to prep the meal, we are asking that all donations of meatloaf and potatoes be cooked before you bring them to the parish hall. Use this link to volunteer to make/bring food;
<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/HYZS5064>

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Tonioni at 630-466-5969.

Thank you for your generous giving spirit.



LORD, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Amen.

German Arroyo, Collin Backus, Max Brien, David Buttery, Tony Chavez, Nick Carlstrom, Richard Hauser, Fr. Jason Hesseling, Jack Hinterlong, Samuel Keilty, Brad Komes, Audrey Krantz, Joshua Ledbetter, Eric Martin, Eric Ortlund, Ryan Quinn, John Reiland, Raymond Ritter, Jayson Rischl, Matthew Rischl, Alexander Schaefer, Jacob Smith, Bradley Wilson.

If you would like to add a name, call the parish office or email bulletin@skdmail.org.

From Our Justice & Service Commission...



Pro-Life Corner

Nations affirm "inherent" right to life, reject "international right" to abortion

Washington (CNS)—The United States and 32 other U.N. member nations have signed on to the Geneva Consensus Declaration, which reaffirms the inherent "dignity and worth of the human person" and states that "every human being has the inherent right to life." The document calls on countries to "to promote the rights of women and strengthens the family" as the foundational unit of society. It also emphasizes there is "no international right to abortion" and states that "in no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning". In an Oct. 29 statement, the chairman of the USCCB' Pro-life, International Policy and Defense of Marriage Committees praised the Trump administration for its leadership in bringing countries together to sign "this historic declaration."

The Observer-Official Newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Rockford, November 13, 2020



Food Pantry Collection

Where: Greenacre Cleaners (next to Jewel), Sugar Grove Animal Hospital, First National Bank, Old Second Bank, Paisano's (Sugar Grove & Elburn), Sugar Grove Village Hall

Need ideas for what to bring? Baking items, canned asparagus, Hamburger Helper, spices, cleaning supplies (Magic Erasers, Dawn, Borax, OxiClean, etc.), size 5 diapers.

Start helping the pantry stock for holiday meals by getting boxed potatoes, boxed dessert mixes (brownies, cookies, muffins) and gravy packets (turkey).

If making a monetary donation, please be sure to make all checks out to Between Friends Food Pantry and mail it to PO Box 509, Sugar Grove, IL 60554

Thank you for your generosity!

Marmion Academy



Marmion Academy encourages all 8th grade boys to take the Online Scholarship Qualifying Entrance Exam on **Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020**

at **9:00 AM**. Additional details and registration are available at <https://www.marmion.org/s/1356/start.aspx>. Students must take the exam on **Dec. 5** to qualify for one of the sixteen scholarships to be awarded to incoming freshmen based on academic merit (total value \$344,880). While students are taking the exam, parents are invited to join members of Marmion Academy's administration, faculty and staff for an informal Zoom Q&A beginning at 9:00 AM. Parents in attendance will be entered into a drawing for one of two \$500 tuition deposit vouchers (valid for the 2021-2022 school year).

Parents, if you are able to join us, please use the following login: Join Zoom Meeting ID: 757 391 0246 Passcode: 585217

Aurora Central Catholic H.S.

PLACEMENT EXAM: The "Scholarship Qualifying" Placement Exam will take place in a socially distant format at ACC on **Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.** An "at home" option is also available upon request! Parent tours are available during this time as well (sign-up is required.) Visit www.auroracentral.com and go to the Admissions page for full details and registration.

OPEN HOUSES: ACC offered 9 "virtual" open houses this year. Dates varied based on where students attend school. All were recorded and are available for viewing on the ACC YouTube page.





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