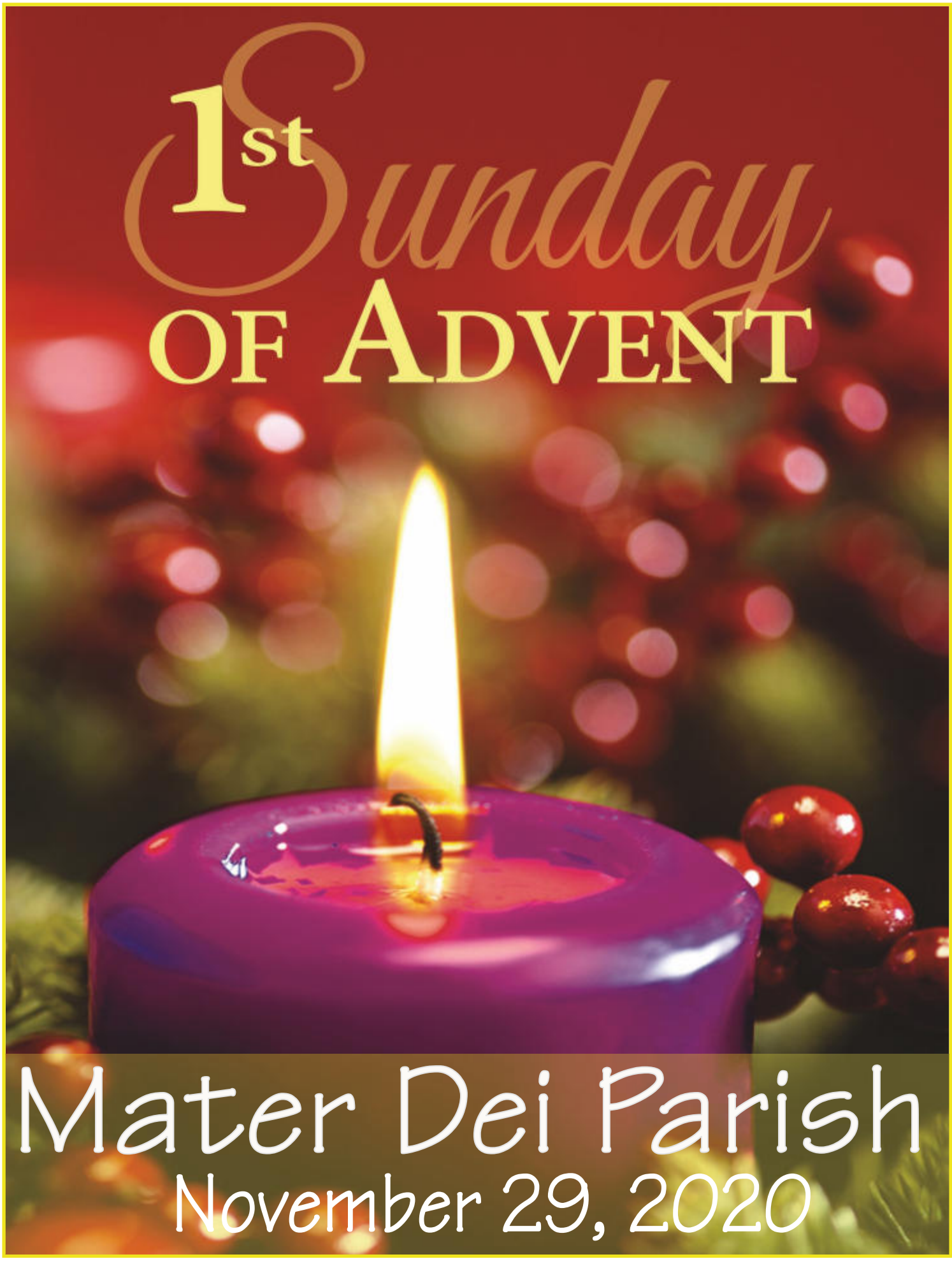
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November 29, 2020

MATER DEI GIFTING TREE 2020

As with so many things this year, our Gifting Tree will work a little differently. With the issue of less parishioners attending mass and shopping concerns for other parishioners, getting all of the ornaments taken, gifts purchased and returned on a timely basis will be very difficult. We have decided to ask for **DONATIONS** this year and gifts will be purchased by our Gifting Tree Committee based on the amount of donations received.

We will have a second collection this weekend and donations will be collected until **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.** If you are not able to make a donation this weekend, you can drop your donation in the offertory collection next weekend. If you are not attending mass right now or weren't able to donate at mass, you can mail or drop off donations at the parish office, weekdays, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm through **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.** Checks should be made out to Mater Dei Parish. Please clearly mark your donation "Gifting Tree".

These gifts brighten the holidays for the residents at **BRIGHTON PLACE WEST** and shows that our parish community cares and remembers them. For many of the residents, it is the only gifts they receive at Christmas. **With your generous support we hope to continue our tradition of getting each resident 3 gifts.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS – If you wish to donate for flowers in someone's memory, PLEASE PRINT THEIR NAMES PLAINLY on the envelope provided in your envelope packet. You may place your envelope in the weekend collections or bring or mail to the parish office. 'In Memory" Names will be included in the bulletins as they are received beginning with the December 20th Bulletin. Bulletins during the holidays have very early deadlines so **submit your "In Memory" names as soon as possible.**

Although the obligation to attend Mass is currently suspended, we will have Masses to celebrate this solemnity. Fr. John encourages all parishioners who feel church is a safe environment for their families to join in celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

The Mass Schedule is as follows:
Monday, December 7th
5:30 pm at MDHN
Tuesday, December 8th
8:00 am School Mass at MDHN
7:00 pm Mass at MDHN

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sign Up Requested As Soon As Possible

Thursday, December 24th – 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm
Friday, December 25th – 9:00 am
(All Masses will be at Mater Dei Holy Name Church)

Sign up will be available beginning **Monday, November 9th** on our website at **www.materdeiparish.org**. We are asking that you sign up as soon as possible so we can determine if we need to add additional masses to be able to accommodate social distancing.

Due to Covid 19 issues, the Noon Masses at Mater Dei Assumption Church will not resume as previously noted.

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Week 13: The New Evangelization:
Wednesday, December 2nd

Themes Covered:

- Speaker: Michael Gormley
- What's so 'New" about the 'New Evangelization'?
- The Original Evangelization: The Mission Ad Gentes
- Pre-Christian and Post-Christian Civilizations
- America is Mission Territory
- The Marks of a Post-Christian Culture
- How to 'Do' the New Evangelization

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National Catholic Bioethics Hotline 215-977-2660
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800-273-8255 | 913-602-0306 | suicidepreventionlife.org
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785-233-1750 | YMCA
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785-232-5005 | Family Service & Guidance Ctr
785-272-0788 | Christ Firs Counseling

2020 Doorstep Christmas Adoption Wish List

As with everything else in this year of COVID, Doorstep's Christmas adoption will not be a "Store" this year.

We are still adopting 260 Households from the Christmas Bureau which includes 800+ individuals for Christmas, and we greatly need your help with a few select donations!

This year we are all trying to work together as a community and provide for Christmas. The Christmas Bureau and adopting agencies have agreed to provide each household at least a food order and $15 Visa gift card (no activation fee) for each household member.

This year each household will receive from Doorstep:

- Christmas Food Order
- $15 Visa gift card for each household member listed on their intake
- Blanket
- Health Kit

We will not have the volunteer opportunities we have had in the past. In an effort to be safe, we are keeping our circle of volunteers small, and using our regular volunteers to help with Christmas Adoption this year.

How You Can Help...

This year we only need a few things, but we need larger numbers of each.

Money - Our Biggest Need - To purchase the food, gift cards for 800+ people, and other items we don't receive in donations.

Blankets - Twin (40), Full/Queen & King sized (165)

Towel Sets - Bath & Hand (130 each)

Health Kit Items - Full Size
Shampoo & Conditioner (200 each), Toothpaste (75), Deodorant (250) & Combs (200)

Please Bring Donations to Doorstep at 10th & Buchanan, Mon - Fri from 9am - 2pm (South Door) By Monday, Dec 7th.

Send your monetary donation to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, Ks 66604 or visit www.DoorstepTopeka.org - Donate.

Doorstep Newsletter Article
December, 2020

DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

This month is all about the Christmas Store, even if it is completely different than in years past! This year is not a 'Store', but more of a Christmas Adoption Project. All of the families who signed up through the Christmas Bureau will receive a food order and $15 gift card per person in the household. Doorstep is also adding a blanket and health kit for each household. Distribution days this year will be December 14th – 16th.

What we currently need for Christmas: Towel sets (bath & hand only), Full-sized Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste, Combs, Deodorant, Full/Queen and King Blankets, and money. We need money to purchase the gift cards, the food, and any of the above items not donated. Where we have asked for items in years past, please send a check or go to our website (www.doorsteptopeka.org) to donate by credit card.

We appreciate anything you can do to help this year during Covid Christmas. Don't forget your year-end donations as well! Doorstep would gratefully accept your donations to help us start out 2021 in the black. Our extra Covid funds will be nearly spent, but people will still be in need in 2021, whether it is Covid related, or life has just happened to, and they need our help!

COLLECTION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021		
Receipts for November 7, 2020 to November 13, 2020		Fiscal Year to Date
White Envelopes	$6,612.01	$163,226.51
Banking	$6,088.00	$99,188.08
Plate	$49.00	$3,688.81
Total Collections	$12,749.01	$266,103.40
Amount Budgeted for Collections	$16,865.38	$337,307.60
Income Over/-Under Budget	-$4,116.37	-$71,204.20

Jacob Askins
Margaret Barr
Tom Becher
Lela Becker
Lorine Bloodworth
Marlene Gatesman Boboige
Bill Bond
Marcy Bowen
Ashley Brock
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Paul Warfield
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Ken Weber
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Ruthie Welsh
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Yvonne Yanek
Bibi Zweig

*Added to Sick List this week

Please keep in your prayers our family members serving in the Military

Schuylor Baum - Navy
Jacob Crawshaw - Air Force
Ethan Figgs - Navy
Christopher Jones - Army
Joseph Immenschuh - Army
Mike Liotta - National Guard
Mark Lojewski - Army
Eddie Lyons- Navy

Clayton Mettleton - Air Force
Benjamin Metzger - Army
Peter Oberle - Navy
Mason Pakerson - Air National Guard
Stephen Schmidt - Marines
Dylan Treadwell - Army
Garrett Wilson - Navy
Tyler J. Wilson - Air Force

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Strike our Chest: Penitential Act

Question:
When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer:
Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.
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RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

PRAY THE ROSARY -

We are asking parishioners to pray the rosary for our parish, for the end of Covid-19 and for our country to return to God's will for us. If people would pray the rosary on a regular basis with family, friends and fellow parishioners we can help turn the tide of evil and apathy. If you do not know how to pray the rosary there some, great websites (Holy Family School of Faith, EWTN, Paradisus Dei, and others). Also there are handouts in back of Chruch that shows how to pray a rosary with the prayers to pray.

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Monday, November 30th:	Louise Ortega †
Tuesday, December 1st:	Catherine Sommers †
Wednesday, December 2nd:	Murty Blocker †
Thursday, December 3rd:	Catherine Harding †
Friday, December 4th:	James Heim †
Saturday, December 5th:	Deceased Members of Martinek
5:00 pm (MDHN)	and Bond Family †
Sunday, December 6th:	
8:00 am (MDHN)	Mater Dei Parishioners
10:30 am (MDHN)	Stephen Simecka †
5:00 pm (MDHN)	Charles Lardner †

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