

November 21, 2021
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.”

~ Revelations 1:8 ~



Happy Thanksgiving!!!



Dear Friends,

This coming Thursday will be our Thanksgiving Day! Last year we were in shutdown with the pandemic and this year we are freer to move about. Still, in our gratitude we want to be wise in our movements for our health and everyone else's.

We will have two liturgies to consider for everyone who is not out of town or traveling. Wednesday night, November 24th, the day before Thanksgiving there will be mass at 7:00 PM at Saint Catherine of Siena. On Thanksgiving morning there will be a mass at the Church of the Transfiguration at 9 AM. Whatever mass you attend please bring some food that you will have on your table to be blessed. Many times folks bring rolls, bread or some pastry to be blessed. Some folks even bring something extra that could be given/shared with someone attending mass who may have not brought anything.

I do hope you will join us as we thank the Lord for all the blessings we have received. I think of the goodness of our wonderful communities coming together with the words of Saint Paul. In the first chapter of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul says "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." His sentiment is also in my heart and spirit for each and everyone of you.

Thanksgiving quickly rolls over into our first Sunday of Advent. Whew! And we know how quickly Advent will roll into the Christmas season!

Something for you to consider in this hectic/busy time of year is an offering from Dr. Sr. Barbara A. Moore, RSM. Barbara will be offering four presentations for our Advent. All gatherings will be on Saturdays at 10 AM at Saint Catherine of Siena in the church. Her reflections will be taken from Luke's Gospel. On November 27th (Thanksgiving weekend and the beginning of Advent) Barb will look at Luke and his sources, context, importance and focus. On December 4th, she will speak about Zacharia, Elizabeth and Joseph exploring their similarities, differences, roles, the two annunciation and two birth stories! On December 11th the focus of the entire presentation will be on Mary, the wife of Joseph and the mother of Jesus. The final gathering, on December 18th will have us explore the importance and meaning of the Incarnation.

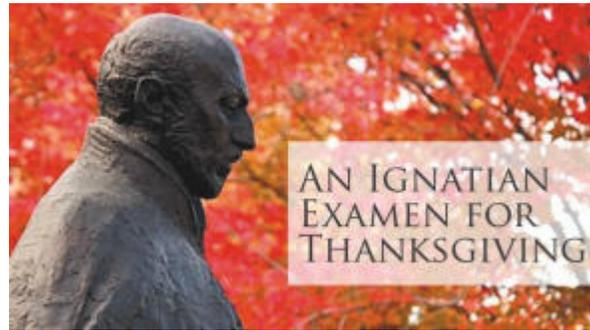


As many of you know, Barbara is well respected in her breaking open the Word of the Lord. I hope you can attend one, two, three or perhaps all four gatherings. These talks

will be livestreamed as well. You can go to www.saintcath.org to participate.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Day and I hope to see you in church!

Blessings,
Father Rob



~ Adapted by Marquette University Campus Ministry

God, we thank You.

You are the source of all creation. I thank You for the gifts You have given me. Let me thank You today, especially for the gift of this earth.

God, send Your Spirit upon us.

As I reflect on my day thus far, help me to recall the moments where I was most conscious of Your beautiful creation. What have I done today to care for the earth? As I go forth with the rest of my day, help me to be present to the gift of nature. Thank You, God, for this gift.

God, let us each look at the past week.

Recall your relationship with the Earth and with God. What joys do you find in these relationships? What are some of the challenges you may find? God, help me to improve my relationship with your creation so that I may be able to strengthen my relationship with You.

God, let us be grateful and ask for forgiveness.

Call to mind this past week. Where has God been most present to you? Was it something in nature? Or did you find God in a friend? Did music bring you alive with God's presence? Wherever you felt God's presence, think back to that moment and pray from it.

God, stay close.

Look forward to tomorrow. Ask that God help you to see His grace incarnate in the dynamic interconnections of His creation. May you make a genuine effort to revere God's creation in all that you do.





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November 21—November 27, 2021
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Mary Morgan by Joan & Bob Wallance

Black Catholic History Month
November is Black Catholic History Month, when we remember the contributions of Black Catholics often overlooked in our American Catholic Church.

Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest and ex-slave has been put on the path to canonization, being declared Venerable in June of 2019. Born in 1854, his family escaped to the north during the Civil War. Fr. Tolton's life and ministry very much speaks to the problems of our day.



Learn more at: FatherAugustusTolton.com

Quote of the Week



"Everything, even sweeping, scraping, paring vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

~ St. Martin de Porres



NOVEMBER 26TH

You are invited to join the "Buy Nothing Day" this Friday, November 26 by NOT shopping on the day after Thanksgiving. Don't feed into the joyless, angry frenzy of consumption. Don't support the corporations that force their low-wage retail workers to leave their families to come into work on Thanksgiving. Instead pray, spend time with loved ones and prepare your heart for Advent. The more we consume, the more we destroy the Earth and the less we love.

**Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday Evening
November 24th at 7:00pm
In the Church**

We would like to invite you to bring bread/rolls that will be used at your Thanksgiving Table to be blessed AND if you would, bring something extra to share with guests or someone who forgets to bring bread.

Parish Office will be Closed
November 24, 25 & 26

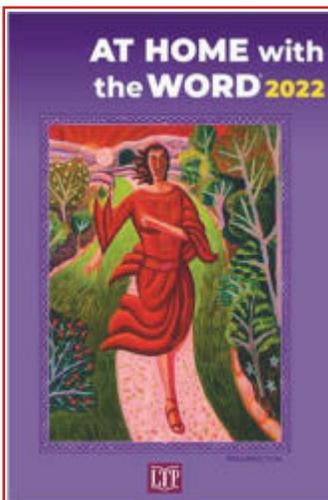
Thank You

Thanksgiving Food Appeal
Many thanks to all who donated gift cards and other items. We were able to help 27 local families with their Thanksgiving dinners.



St. Catherine's Church
Blood Drive
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To schedule your life saving appointment please contact 1-800-Red-Cross or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor keyword: stcatherineschurchmendon



"At Home With The Word" books are available in the area near the Chapel. Donations are gratefully accepted. (Cost of the book is \$8).

This Book has the Scripture Readings for each Sunday of the Church year which begins on the First Sunday of Advent (November 28). This is an excellent resource for preparing for Sunday Liturgy by reflecting on God's Word. You will also find a short introduction to Luke's Gospel, which is the Gospel to be proclaimed this new

Liturgical year (Cycle C). Seasonal prayers included.

Save The Date
for Advent Prayer Service
at St. Catherine's at 7:00 PM



Christmas Gift & Food Appeal

The children's needs and wishes can be found on St. Catherine's Gift Appeal Registries. (Amazon & Target). Direct links to the registries are located on the St. Catherine's Website. Feel free to browse and purchase items of your choice. Your items will be shipped directly to Sally Whitbeck's & Phyllis Hagen's homes so you won't need to drop them off at St. Catherine's. We will shut the registries down by Dec 8th to allow for shipping time. Fifty-seven local children are in need of help.



The Christmas Food Appeal will be the same as Thanksgiving. Each family will receive a gift card to purchase items for their Christmas dinner. Families favorite places to shop are: The Marketplace, Aldis, Wegman's & Walmart. Please place your gift cards in an envelope marked "Christmas Food Appeal." You may drop gift cards in the collection baskets in church or in the locked drop box outside the Parish Office. You may also donate to the Good Samaritan Fund on our website and we will purchase the gift cards. Donations need to be dropped off by Dec 19th. We are hoping to provide 27 families with their Christmas dinners.

We will also be taking donations of adult & children's clothing, boots, shoes, coats, hats, mittens, etc. Bed/bath/kitchen linens are also desperately needed. Drop off for these items can be made before and after Masses the weekend of Dec 18/19 at the Community Center. Local families may choose items when they come for Christmas pick-up.

We will need volunteers to help sort these items on Sunday Dec 19 & Monday Dec 20th 9am-6pm. Contact Phyllis or Sally (sjwhitbeck109@gmail.com) if you can help or have questions.

Join us for
Advent Evening Prayer

This time of Advent offers the quiet of the church wrapped in candlelight taking time away from our routines to prepare for the arrival of the Savior. Remembering the moments of struggle, clarity and hope of Mary and Joseph through scripture, beautiful music and quiet reflection.

Join us on Monday evenings at 7:00PM
11/29, 12/6, 12/13 and 12/20
at The Church of the Transfiguration



Advent Series *The Gospel of Luke*

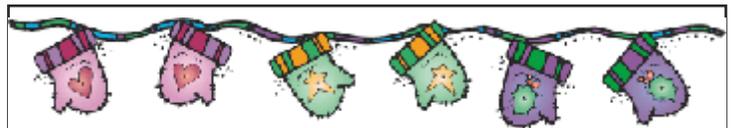
with Sr. Barbara Moore, SSJ

Saturdays at 10:00 AM

November 27, December 4, 11 & 18

In the Church of St. Catherine's

(Live Streaming via our www.saintcath.org will be available)



Annual Mitten Tree

Our Annual Mitten Tree Collection happens the weekends of November 27/28; December 4/5 and December 11/12.

Donated items will go to Hope Hall & Matthew's Closet.

Hope Hall is a school for students marginalized by the traditional education system due to specific learning challenges. The majority of these children (grades 3 thru 12) are in situations of poverty. Your donations of warm mittens, winter hats, scarves and warm socks can be left at the Mitten Tree in the area near the Chapel.

Matthew's Closet is a clothing ministry located in Inner-City Rochester for those in need of clothing and small household items. Referrals are made by Catholic Family Center and other local agencies. Your donations of warm hats, gloves and socks for adults, as well as sheets and towels can also be left at the Mitten Tree. Other clothing, coats and boots can be placed in the Clothing Shed. **THANK YOU!**





Come spend some time with Deacon Jim beginning November 30th for “5 Ws of Our Catholic Faith Living in Hope.” A gathering of faith seeking parishioners who will read about and discuss topics relating to their faith and the Catholic Church. The group will meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Catherine’s for 5 consecutive weeks in the Teen Center. What we will discover is Who is God asking to bring hope to the world, What is hope, Where do you find deeper faith, When is God’s grace and mercy most present to us and Why is hope such an integral part of our faith? So come join Deacon Jim in this wonderful journey of knowledge seeking. For more information contact Deacon Jim at deaconjimcarra@yahoo.com or 314-0807.



Our 2021 / 2022 CMA Responsibility is:
\$122,979

Our progress as of November 12th is: **113 Donors;**
\$39,627 Total Pledged; **32.22% of our goal**
\$83,352 remaining responsibility

We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so.

- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Chard
- Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Fasanello
- Mr. & Mrs. Ted Holdsworth
- Mr. & Mrs. Craig LeFevre
- Mrs. Mary Lyng
- Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Mannix
- Mr. & Mrs. Edward Masel
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Reese
- Mr. & Mrs. Harland Stoddard

Thank you for your prayerful generosity!

**Notre Dame Retreat House is offering
 “Desert Days in Advent”**

(5151 Foster Rd. Canandaigua, NY 14424)

Preparing the Way . . . Come, Lord Jesus. Enlighten our minds. Strengthen our wills. Renew our hearts. Live in us, so that we might live in you.



This Advent, Notre Dame Retreat House will be offering single days in silence, reflection & prayer entitled “**Desert Days in Advent**”. ALL are invited to join us -- men and women. December 1st and December 8th are the two dates available to spend time alone with God in order to prepare our hearts and mind for the Birth of Christ in us. Space is limited to twenty each day, so registration is required. Please register by calling us at 585-394-5700 or send an email to ndretreat@rochester.rr.com



**December
 2nd**

Help end hunger in Rochester.

The 2021 Empty Bowls Event is Thurs., Dec. 2nd from 5:30—8:30 pm at Kodak Center, 200 W. Ridge Rd., Rochester. You can help make this evening a success. Last year, so many of you supported us at home & with our lead sponsors at Don’s Original. Support us to end hunger in our community. Join your friends for soup donated by area chefs & select a handmade, one of a kind bowl created by local artists who wish to remind us that you can make a difference for someone whose bowl this evening is empty.

Call 585-262-7172 for more information on soup donation, sponsorship, artwork and pottery.

Also, for more information, visit:

<https://www/crcrochester.org/events/empty-bowls/>

CHRIST THE KING





Mass Intentions

Legend: S = St. Catherine of Siena; T = Transfiguration

Sunday, November 21, 2021— 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lord, Jesus Christ—King of the Universe

***Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

T-8:45 am Mass: *Rosina Casciani by Sally Suria*

S-10:45am Mass: *Virginia Vincent-Keenan by Vicki Dewald*

12:15 pm Bell Choir Practice—Church

3:00 pm MSC Players, Music Rehearsal—MSCC

Monday, November 22, 2021

***Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

T-6:45 am Mass: *Bill Chester by Charlie & Judy Newton*

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

***Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

S-9:00 am Mass: *The lonely rich and the lonely poor.*

7:00pm Rehearsal for MSC Players—Community Center

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

***2Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

T-6:45am Mass: *For St. Catherine & Transfiguration Parishes.*

S-7:00pm Mass: *In Anticipation for Thanksgiving Day*

S&T—Parish Offices closed.

Thursday, November 25, 2021—Thanksgiving Day

***1 Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

T-9:00 am Mass: *Happy Thanksgiving*

S&T—Parish Offices closed.

Friday, November 26, 2021

*** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

T and S – No Service

Saturday, November 27, 2021

***Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

T-4:00 pm Mass: *George Burgmaier by Kathleen & George Serbu*

S-5:30 pm Mass: *Paul Shipkowski by Son, Jim Shipkowski*

Sunday, November 28, 2021— First Sunday of Advent

***Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9,10,14/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

T-8:45 am Mass: *Pat Slimmer by Charlie & Nancy Zinn*

S-10:45am Mass: *Kay Anderson by Ron Anderson*

3:00 pm MSC Players, Music Rehearsal—MSCC



Earth Angels Prayer Ministry

Although our Earth Angels Ministry has not been meeting each week after 10:45am Mass during this pandemic time, your prayer requests are still welcome.

You can submit them on our Website: <https://saintcath.org/earth-angels> OR you can still drop your request in the Collection Baskets when you come to Church. Every request is confidential. You do not need to sign your name if you do not wish. Each request is prayed for individually.

Earth Angel Prayer Request

Christmas Flowers



If you would like to make a monetary donation " **IN MEMORY** " or " **IN HONOR** " of a loved one for Christmas Flowers, please, fill in and cut out the form below and place it in an envelope marked "**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**" and drop it in the Collection Basket or at the Parish Office.

Please print clearly!

Christmas Flower Donation

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 Sunday 10:45am
 Tuesday & Thursday 9am
Reconciliation: Saturday by appointment



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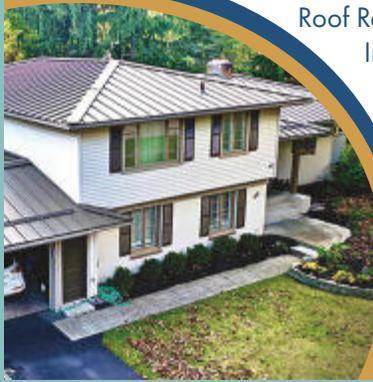
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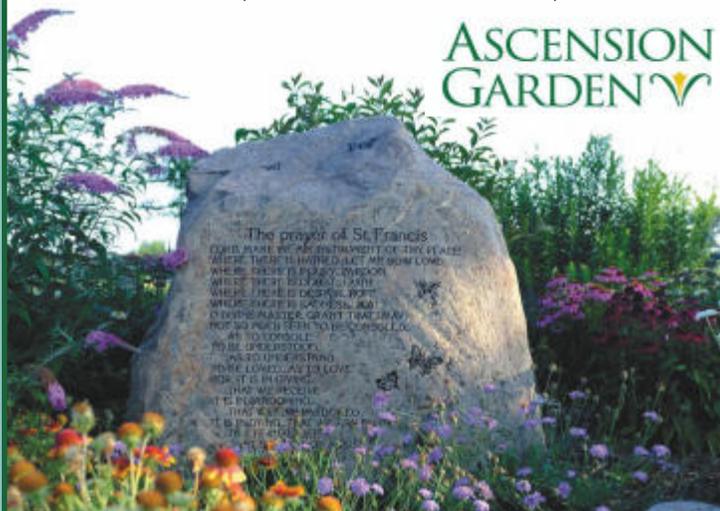
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