

ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH

*St. Maria Goretti Parish was established on August 17, 2020.
The parish was created by the merger of
St. John the Baptist, St. Sebastian and St. Albert the Great Parishes.*

1st Sunday of Advent

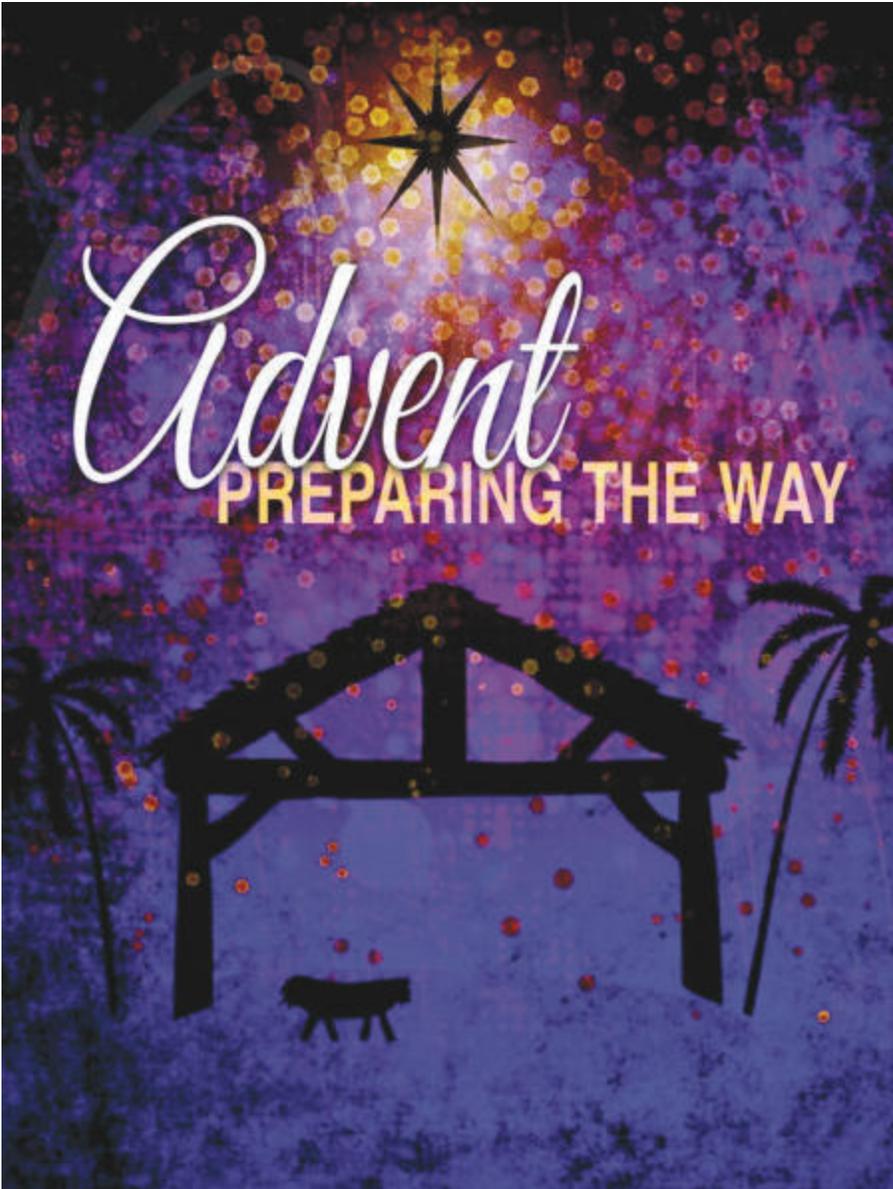
Blessed first Sunday in Advent to each of you!

Advent and Lent are the two penitential seasons of the church year. However, Advent is a season in anticipation of the birth of Christ in time. Now, what is meant by "the birth of Christ in time"? Our four Sundays of Advent are not just Sundays in preparation for the birth of a child destined to become the Savior of the nations, but the birth of a child every day in the hearts of every Christian and the future return of the second coming in time where everything will be taken back by our God.

In today's Gospel, for some this reading might strike fear into their hearts: "...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright." Even today, we hear about doomsday sayers professing the end of the world on a particular date. To be sure, the end of the world will come! However, we truly do not know the time. Only God knows when God will call everything to return to him.

In the final lines of today's Gospel we are told to "be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."

This first Sunday in the season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await



the coming of Christ for the first time, at birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when he will come to take all of creation back to his Father.



The Christian Service Commission has once again put up our Christmas Giving Tree to help those in need in our community. Each ornament on the tree will be for a gift card for either Target, Meijer or Walmart. Please take one (or more) ornaments from the tree and return the gift cards you purchase by December 12.

You have been most generous and loving in the past and we know that you will do what you can to help brighten the holidays of someone in need. Thank you and we wish you a very Blessed Christmas,

Christian Service Commission

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 29 Advent Weekday

8 am +Robert Buhl by family
+James Pasut by Carol & family
6:30 pm +Mary Ellen Murray 1st ann. by Parish
+Robert Favot by Mickey Kulha
+Valentine Konarski by family
+Gerald Haliburda Sr. and Gerald Haliburda Jr.
by family

Tuesday, Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

8 am +

Wed., Dec. 1 Advent Weekday

8 am +Bob & Mary Ann Emond by family

Thurs., Dec. 2 Advent Weekday

8 am +Lottie Witkowski by Lorraine Witkowski

1st Friday, Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier, priest

8 am +Gabriel Mannarino 2nd ann. by Owens
Family

12 NOON +Robert Buhl by family

1st Saturday, Dec. 4 St. John Damascene

8 am In reparation to the Immac. Heart of Mary
4 pm +Nancy Roberts
People of the Parish

Sunday, Dec. 5 Second Sunday of Advent

8 am +Douglas Croft by family
+Fr. Anthony Iwuc by PRCUA friends
Living & Dec'd Members of SJB Rosary Altar
Society by Its Membership

10 am +Pearl Dube by family
+Jim Cayley by family
+Eleanor Sneller by family

5 pm +Virginia Marchak by sister

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED AGAIN TO VISITORS DUE TO THE RISE IN COVID CASES. Please call or email for anything that you might need.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TO THE PARISH

Just a reminder that the Archdiocese does not tax Christmas offerings made throughout the period from 2 weeks before and two weeks after the feast of Christmas.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Frank Mellnick** who will be buried from our parish on December 3rd. May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord. May his family be consoled in the hope of the resurrection.

St Anne Altar Society

We would like to invite all women of the parish to a Christmas Party on Friday December 3.

Please join us for First Friday Mass at 12:00 followed by a brief Altar Society Meeting and Potluck luncheon in the Activity Center. All attendees are invited to bring a dish to pass. Questions ? call Clare Girard (734) 846-7594

The First St Maria Goretti Christmas Bake Sale December 11 & 12



Calling All bakers of the parish! We need your delicious specialties for the bake sale.

We will hold the Bake Sale in the church meeting room. The Bake Sale will be open from 3 pm -5:30 pm on Saturday December 11 and from 7:30 am -11:30 am & 4:30 pm - 6 pm on Sunday December 12.

Donations can be dropped off in the meeting room on Friday December 10 from 3 pm - 5 pm or Saturday December 11 after 2 pm.

GARAGE SALE THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who donated goods for our Garage Sale recently. I am so sorry that we were unable to take donations past Thursday, but we were inundated with merchandise. Through your generosity, we were able to raise more than \$3,600.

Special thanks to each and every one who took time out of their busy days to work on this project. Whether you were able to stay for an hour or two or volunteered to be there for entire days, your help was so appreciated. We are already looking forward to our next sale in the Spring!!

Thank you again.

If you would like to donate a Nativity Set for our religious education classrooms, please call



or stop by the office to drop it off. The nativity sets will help the children to visualize the nearness of Jesus, who was born in humble poverty.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not



only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time.

Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. ©LPI



Question: What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer: Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the

eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas. ©LPI



A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME

Deacon Regis



It's hard to believe that it's the first Sunday of Advent already; but that it is! Advent is a time of preparation for us to get ready to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation where God became man so that man could become God (Saint Augustine). God's Word (Jesus) humbled Himself to share in our humanity so that we

might come to share in His Divinity! How awesome is that!!!

But Advent is more than a preparation to celebrate the Incarnation. It's also a time to reflect on the "Parousia". "The what?", you say? Parousia is a term that refers to the time when Jesus will come again to preside at the final judgement. It comes from a Greek word, Parusia which means present or presence. We refer to it in the Creed at Sunday Mass when we say "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead..." That's the Parousia.

So, advent is a time for us to prepare for the celebration of the Incarnation AND a time to reflect on our lives and whether or not we are ready to meet Jesus when He comes again in glory.

We also just celebrated Thanksgiving. It's been a tough year for all of us, me included. I truly didn't see much to be thankful for. Then I pulled out a reflection written by a dear friend of mine, Deacon Mike Stewart. This year, we may have more to be thankful for than in years past. Here's what he had to say (with a few minor changes).

Lord, when we turned the calendar on this year, we thought things would greatly improve from 2020. We had had no vision for what lay ahead; and yet, Lord, I realize now that had you allowed us to see it, we would have feared it all the more. For loving and protecting us through this, Lord thank you ...

Lord, this pandemic has interrupted the rhythm of our lives; but as I look back on it now, it's clear to me that many of the things I thought were important weren't important at all. For my reordered priorities, Lord, thank you ...

Lord, sometimes I get caught up in the bad news ... the pandemic, the politics, the divisiveness of our people. When that happens, Lord, I forget to listen to you, the One True Voice who can see beyond the darkness. For reminding me that no matter how dark it gets or how far I wander, you're still there, Lord thank you ...

Lord, there's always been pain and suffering in the world, but I didn't always see it because I was preoccupied with my own life. Lord, as you allowed me to suffer, I am more aware than ever of the suffering of others. For helping me to recognize that we never suffer alone, Lord thank you ...

Lord Jesus, your beatitudes teach us that we're not just blessed in the good times of our lives; but rather, we're blessed in all times .. even difficult times like these. For the many blessings in my life, Lord, thank you! Yep, even this year I/we have a lot to be thankful for!!!

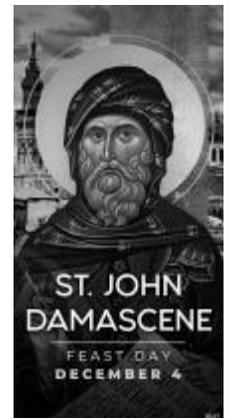
Have a blessed Advent. And, Oh Yeah, it's the beginning of the 2022 liturgical year so, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

God Is Good All the Time! All the Time God Is Good!

Don't forget, join us this Friday and every Friday at 3PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on ZOOM. See the ad in our bulletin or on the parish website for details on how to join in. Hope to see you there!

St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known. ©LPi





LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life.

Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to fulfill the covenant made with King David, four hundred years earlier in 1000 B.C. As we enter into the season of Advent, how might you show your fidelity to God?

Second Reading: Paul's prayer for the believers in Thessalonica is to abound in love and strength for one another in preparation for the return of Christ. How do you think communities of faith can support each other during the Advent season?

Gospel: In Jesus teaching the disciples about the coming end times and judgement day, he warns them not to be too distracted by the stresses and anxieties of daily life. How do you keep focused on your spiritual life amongst the many daily challenges we face? ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Preparing the Manger



Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological

problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

A THANK YOU:



So many parishioners have expressed concern for George and myself during our many weeks of illness. It is a heartwarming benefit to have such a prayerful parish.

We continue to pray for all of you as we slowly get out from under our weakness and symptoms.

May God bless all of you and know that we are ever grateful

In Jesus Name!

George & MaryAnn Lazich

Please
Pray
for...



Norm Abramczyk
Louise Ames
Anna Axe
Joyce Babosh
Harry Bacalia
Sue Bacalia
Norma Bak
Violet Barrette
Bob Behmer
Bob Bellottie
Jim Bellottie
Vincent Bellottie
Judy Bennett
Sharon Bieniek
Cynthia Blaha
Marilyn Block
Evelyn Boettger
Aaron Boyless
Thomas J. Brennan, Jr.
Ken Butler
Joan Buzo
Jacob Cassar

Michaeline Chwastek
Richard Cline
Zoe Cossin
Betty Ann Crawford
Sylvia Cyncewicz
Tina Doney
Jason Dull & Family
Marsha Farmer
Geraldine Filippi
Cecil Fernandez
Tina Fernandez
Rosemary Fisher
Lisa Foster
Rose Fraley
Duane Glossa
Roseann Gomez
Bob & Lori Gonzales
Gary Graham Jr
Abigail Graves
Jennifer Hanna Green
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Joseph Lasky
Henry Lemmens
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Michelle Thornton, Brittany Mack,
Tiffany Kay Smith (Ladd), husband, Don Smith

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Robert Truchan, Anthony Lemieux,
Bryce Bieniek, Tony Pernicano, Jacob Grzebienik,
Matthew Hapunowicz

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Army National Guard

Vincent Nowak, Michael Dunne

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Go to Joseph!”: 5 Nuggets of Saintly Wisdom About St. Joseph’s Power as a Spiritual Father by Bridget Costello - Nov 8, 2021 from ChurchPop.com (with permission)

Go to Joseph. With all the rampant evil that’s seemingly accepted and celebrated in the world today, it’s easy to be tempted to think things are dismal. However, that’s only possible if we forget that Jesus is in control. He’s always in control.

So much so, that He has willed **this to be the Year of St. Joseph!** (which concludes Dec. 8, 2021) **Think about that for a second.** Jesus, in His goodness, mercy, and love for us, gave us St. Joseph – a defender and provider who helps us forge ahead. All we have to do is “Go to Joseph.” ([Gen. 41:55](#)). In a response to God’s goodness, I’ve listed five nuggets of saintly wisdom about the power of our spiritual father, St. Joseph.

1) “It is true that the other saints enjoy great power in heaven, but they ask as servants, and do not command as masters. Saint Joseph, to whose authority Jesus was subject on earth, obtains what he desires from his kingly foster Son in heaven.” – St. Thomas Aquinas

We all have loads of favorite saints, but every single one of them is a servant. Save Our Lady Herself, St. Joseph is the **only one** with the authority to command His creator! Sacred Scripture teaches us that Jesus was obedient to Joseph on earth: “He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them” (Luke 2:51).

‘Them’ being Mary and Joseph. Out of love, respect, and honor, Jesus was obedient to Joseph then, and He listens to him now too.

Go to Joseph. He will take all your petitions to Jesus.

2) “Saint Joseph did not do extraordinary things, but rather by the constant practice of the ordinary and common virtues, he attained that sanctity which elevates him above all other saints.” – St. Joseph Marello

St. Joseph is a natural model of virtue. Anyone seeking to grow in virtue should ask him for help. In fact, true devotion to St. Joseph would be attempting, albeit imperfectly, to emulate his virtues, of which there are many!

Go to Joseph, he will help you grow in virtue.

3) “What a Divine union between Our Lady and the glorious St. Joseph! a union which made that Good of eternal goods, which is our Lord, belong to St Joseph, as He belonged to our Lady...” – St. Francis de Sales

Everyone seeks a sense of belonging. Everyone desires love. Moreover, everyone deserves belonging and love, especially in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. It’s there that we experience true mercy, peace, and joy.

St. Joseph knew this belonging and love, and he lived it day in and day out. Even amidst the struggles of life. He now enjoys it for all eternity in heaven. Who better to help us enter into the belonging and love shared in the Holy Family but through its head, St. Joseph?

Go to Joseph. He will help you know that you belong and are loved.

4) “St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, an upright guardian of those entrusted to his care.” – Pope St. John Paul II

St. Joseph is a model for leaders of families and workplaces. In a nutshell, St. Joseph was fair, worked hard, and took care of people and things. He is an example to everyone on how to conduct family and business life.

Go to Joseph, he will help you be just, forthright, and sacrificially attentive in your family and work life.

5) “He (St. Joseph) was a virgin, and his virginity was the faithful mirror of the virginity of Mary.” – St. John Henry Newman

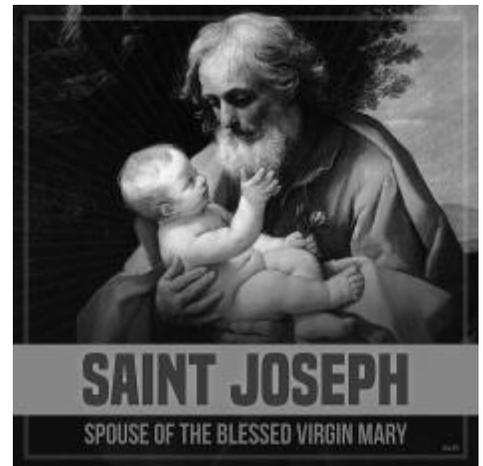
St. Joseph was a virgin. He was absolutely pure in body, mind, and intention. One of his roles as protector of the Holy Family was safeguarding the virtue of Our Blessed Lady. She, in return, safeguarded his virtue.

Wow! Now that’s a love that foreshadows the love that exists in heaven.

The truth is, St. Joseph will do the same for us, especially if you struggle with impurities of body, mind, or intention. St. Joseph’s chaste and pure heart can and will help us.

Go to Joseph, especially if you struggle with sins of impurity.

God pours out graces during this Year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph loves us and he will help us. We need only to “Go to Joseph, and do whatever he tells you.” ([Gen. 41:55](#)). St. Joseph, pray for us!



St. Vincent de Paul



Food Pantry
St. Maria Goretti Parish

Please drop off your donations on Mondays and Wednesdays between 12:00 and 2:00pm or call Matt at 313-595-1317

Here is the current list of needs for our pantry:

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| Coffee | Paper Towels and Toilet Paper |
| Canned Pears | Mixed Vegetables |
| Boil a Bag Rice | Spinach |
| Scalloped and Au Gratin Potatoes | |

Here we are, all rushing around for the holidays. Please do not forget your neighbors in need. We are in need of help at the Pantry. We're looking for a couple of people for Mondays and 2 for Wednesdays. We just keep growing. If your are able to help, please call Matt at 313-595-1317 for details. Thank you and a Merry Christmas to all.

Please remember **December 11th** for our **Meijer in Allen Park Simply Give Program double donation day**. This is crucial to keeping our shelves full. Thank you so much for all you do. Monetary donations are always welcomed and needed as some of our neighbors are homeless. Thank you and God bless you and your families.

SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM THROUGH MEIJER IN ALLEN PARK

Once again it's time for our **Simply Give Program** at Meijer. Beginning NOW thru January 1 st ,you can go to the Meijer Store on the hill in Allen Park, pick up a **Simply Give** donation card



located at every other register and donate a minimum of \$10.00 which Meijer will MATCH. On December 11 th Meijer will DOUBLE your donation.

Please help us keep our shelves stocked and your neighbors fed throughout the year. We have seen quite an increase and surely could use your help.

This is the holiday season and we thank you for thinking of others in need.

— St. Maria Goretti's St. Vincent de Paul Pantry



ST. MARIA GORETTI LECTOR SCHEDULE				
	4:00pm	8:00am	10:00am	5:00pm
Dec. 4/5	Gretchen Searynck	Mary Ellen Sobczak	Richard Fron	M.J. Favot
Dec. 7/8	Marge Taylor		Richard Fron	Betty Cayley (6:30 p.m)
Dec. 11/12	Chris Bergeron	Pat Wallace	Pat Woodby	Betty Cayley
Dec. 18/19	Marge Taylor	Tom Koselka	Kathy Munoz	Francis Tofil

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- ★ Complete the registration form

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Your donations are vital to the success of our Parish community.

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with Deacon Regis

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*Fridays at 3:00pm to pray the
Divine Mercy Chaplet on ZOOM.*

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Saturday: 4 p.m.

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Monday Evening: 6:30pm

First Friday: 8 a.m. & 12 Noon

First Saturday: 8 a.m.

CONFESSIONS Saturday: 3 - 3:30 p.m. or by request

HOLIDAYS TIMES TO BE DETERMINED

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Each Monday,
beginning at Noon, ending prior to 6:30pm Mass

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Sunday, Nov 28, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Light up the night

In an unusual conjoining of celebrations, we begin the season of Advent today as our Jewish friends begin the eight-day festival of lights known as Chanukah tonight. It's intriguing to reflect on how Advent too is an extended celebration of moving from the darkness of history into the light of Christ's coming. Light remains a symbol of spiritual illumination, abandoning the gloom of ignorance for knowledge and the shadow of foolishness for wisdom. As we string holiday lights and decorate with sparkling ornaments, let's consciously choose against error's dark deceptions and ally ourselves with the light of truth. TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (3). "Be vigilant at all times . . . to stand before the Son of Man."

Monday, Nov 29, 2021 ADVENT WEEKDAY Have yourself an evergreen Advent The origins of the Advent wreath are unclear. Like many holiday traditions, they may be pre-Christian, and like many of today's Christmas traditions, Advent wreaths were popularized by Germans, who brought them to the United States. No matter where they came from or how they differ, Advent wreaths are rich in symbolism. The candles are lit as a sign of hope to dispel the darkness. The evergreen, wrapped in a circle, signifies continuous life. The prickly leaves of holly are like the crown of thorns. Pinecones symbolize resurrection. If you don't already have one, consider making one as a craft project this Advent, and add elements that have symbolic meaning for you. TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11 (175). "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed."

Tuesday, Nov 30, 2021 FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE Can you follow directions? Sometimes what we appreciate about saints comes from other saints. Such is the case with Saint Andrew and his brother, Simon Peter, of whom Saint Gregory the Great said: "At a single command" from Jesus, they "leaving their nets followed the Redeemer. Up to that time, they had not seen him perform any miracles. They had heard nothing from him concerning a reward of eternal joy." All Jesus had to do was ask them to follow. This Advent, listen for what Jesus may be asking of you; pray for the trust that Andrew had, to simply follow. TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Wednesday, Dec 01, 2021 ADVENT WEEKDAY Guess who is on the way? On this Wednesday of the First Week of Advent, we look forward to the second coming of Christ. Advent comes from the Latin word for arriving. We have all experienced brokenness and hopelessness in our lives. You may know and cross paths with someone yearning for Jesus' healing power and awareness of his presence in their life. Has your mind, heart, body, and spirit been hungry for spiritual nourishment? Have you been healed by Jesus? Do you want to share that same healing experience with others? Consider simple ways that you can share with a hurting friend the Good News that Jesus is on the way! TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 (177). "I do not want to send them away hungry."

Thursday, Dec 02, 2021 ADVENT WEEKDAY Seek to unite, not divide It's human nature to see the good in our own habits, ways, and traditions, but at the same time, Pope Francis has encouraged Christians to acknowledge the validity of other spiritual paths to God. The Holy Father's focus on what unites humanity spiritually is an important lesson for a world community that depends more than ever on cooperation. As you begin Advent, look for ways that you are united spiritually with people who are part of your life, no matter what their faith tradition is. TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178). "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven."

Friday, Dec 03, 2021 ADVENT WEEKDAY Creation celebrates diversity "If you embrace diversity, but ignore disability, you're doing it wrong." This popular phrase on social media reflects the venerable tradition of Catholic social teaching. On this Day of Persons with Disabilities, remember that in following Jesus, we are committed to promoting and protecting the dignity of all humans. At times, we as church have led the way in this, and other times we have fallen short. Nevertheless, it is fundamental to our faith. Why? Because we believe that each person is made in the image of God. Imagine that: In you—with all your strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and unique traits—we see an image of God. What does that do within you? TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 (179). "And their eyes were opened."

Saturday, Dec 04, 2021 MEMORIAL OF JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH **The embodiment of faith** John Damascene, priest, monk, and poet, was an early defender of the use of religious icons—images of the sacred—at a time in the early Middle Ages when a movement to strip religious life and worship of all images—called iconoclasm—had a following. Thanks to John’s vision—perhaps rooted in his sense of the power of the poetic to move people—religious icons are cherished, especially in the Eastern church but also throughout the Catholic world. Our faith is an embodied faith, an incarnated faith. Wear it proudly! **TODAY’S READINGS:** Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180). “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.”

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