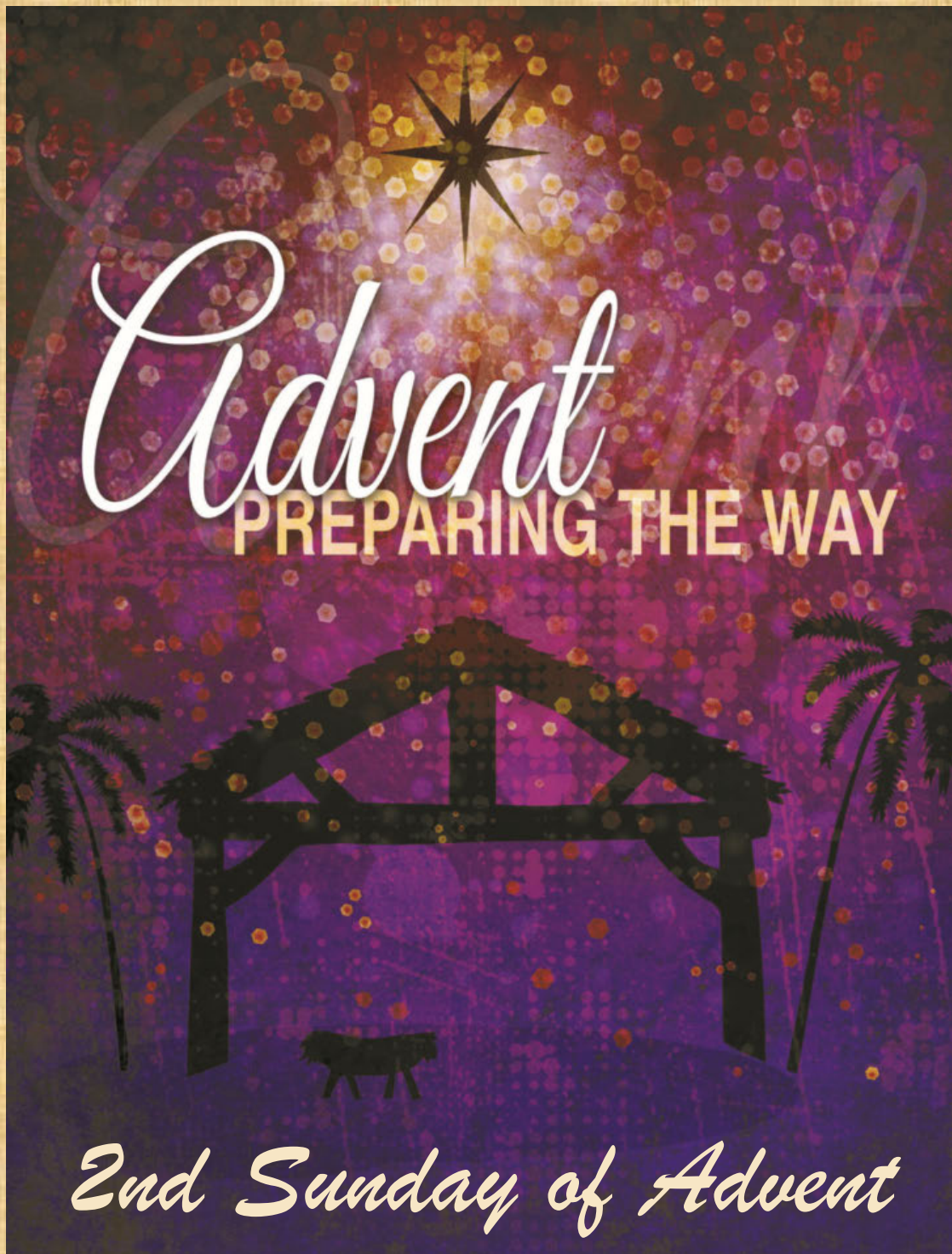


Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
5333 East Washington Street - Indianapolis, IN 46219

December 10, 2023



We, the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, strive to live, share and be Christ in all we do.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 4-4:30 p.m.
You may also call the parish office to arrange for an appointment.

Baptism: 3rd Sunday of the month during or immediately after 10 a.m. Mass, or at another pre-arranged time. Preparation classes are held quarterly. Please call the parish office for additional information.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance. No wedding dates will be set until a couple has met with the pastor.

Communion Calls: Please call the parish office to arrange Communion calls for the home-bound.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are going to have surgery, or have a chronic illness and wish to be anointed, please contact the parish office. If a family member is in or admitted to the hospital, please call the parish office at **317-356-7291**.

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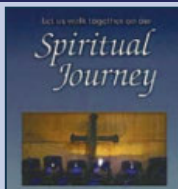
Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

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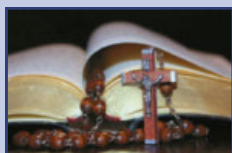
Welcome to our Parish Family!

To register or to schedule a tour of Our Lady of Lourdes, please call or stop by the parish office.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US



AT HOME OR IN CHURCH:
TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS
AT 5:30 P.M.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

THANK YOU!

parishsecretary@ollindy.org

Pastor's Corner

My dear brothers and sisters of our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

We are moving through our Season of Advent. This is the beginning of week two in a shortened season (only 3 full weeks and one day!)

This season has been a part of the liturgical life of the Church for centuries. It's origin dates to 380 A.D. It was made a part of the Roman Calendar by Pope Gregory the Great in the last years of the sixth century, spanning the four Sundays before Christmas.

This past week, the Monday Office of Readings offered a reflection by Saint Charles Borromeo. It is well worth a slow read and thankful reflection.

Fr. Rick

The season of Advent

Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.

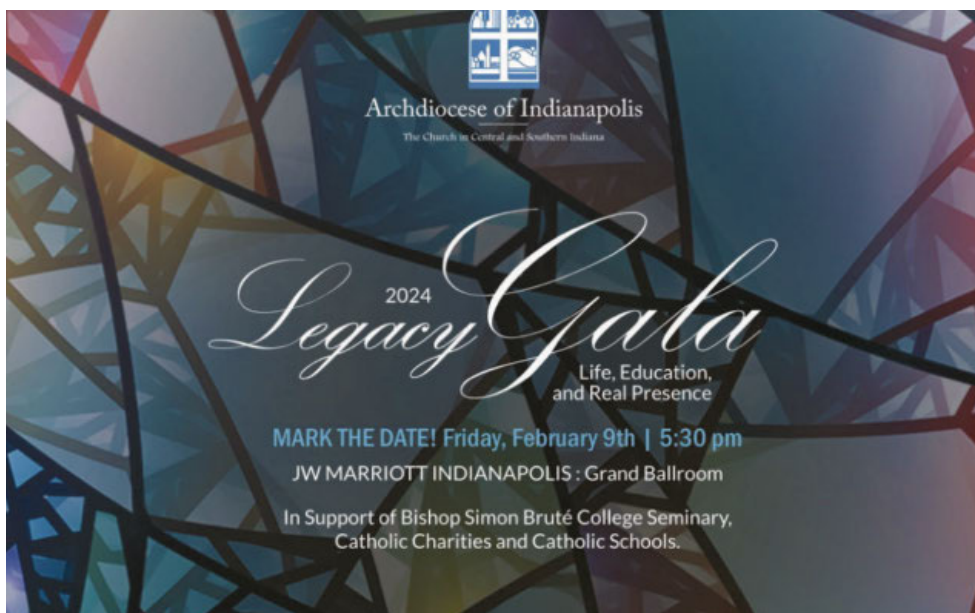
Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing, and how to gain its benefit: our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if he were still to come into this world. The same lesson is given us for our imitation by the words and example of the holy men of the Old Testament.

From a pastoral letter by Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

(Acta Ecclesiae Mediolanensis, t. 2, Lugduni, 1683, 916-917)



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Your Help Is Needed!

Decorating of the church for Christmas will take place immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, December 24**. Please stay and give us a hand!

Join Our RCIA Team!

You can fulfill the obligation to spread the knowledge of God at Mass – join our corps of evangelists who will discuss the weekly Mass readings with the RCIA catechumens when they are dismissed at the beginning of the Eucharist. You will receive a preparation book to help you lead the discussion and inform the participants. The more we have in the rotation, the better: it will lighten the load and introduce the new Catholics to more of their fellow parishioners!

Share Your Witness with Our Confirmation Group

The Confirmation group is looking for witnesses to share their own story at our meeting on Sunday evening (7 – 7:45 p.m. approx.), January 21. Volunteers will speak one-on-one with candidates for 5 minutes about how you cooperate with the graces of the Holy Spirit in your life since your own confirmation, how you see God at work in your life, and what it means to you to be a full member of the Catholic Church. Talk with Matthew (mfallon@ollindy.org) about helping our candidates be ready to live their faith after receiving the sacrament.



**Peace Light
North America**

Sharing of the Peace Light
will take place
after the Masses on
December 16 & 17.

Socialaires

The Socialaires will celebrate Christmas together on December 21, at noon. We will have a pitch-in meal at the home of Diane Beasley. Please bring a white elephant gift for our "enjoyment." Please call Diane by Monday, December 18, to confirm you're coming and for directions, if Carroll Rd is under construction. Thank you. (317-527-5749)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Susan Abel, Pam Aiello, Emilia Atkinson, Harold Barthé, Paula Bittelmeyer, Rose Boggs, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Denise Byers, Cathy Cancellia, Catherine C. Coop, Will Christiansen, Deborah Clayton, Marc Davis, Cassandra Budreau Dunne, Gilbert Durham, Mona Eitel, Norma Faye, Tina Fields, Teresa Foster, Jim Funk, Steve Gray, Katie Guzman, Ben Hall, Charles Hart, Isabelle Hofmeister, Kevin Houppert, Harold Irons, Michael James, Karen Jaskelski, Teresa Kerns, Randy Kidwell, Peggy Kloenne, Joseph Kossack, Joe Leach, Emerson Linde, Paul Linne, Jay & Mitzi Loomis, John Maag & Ellen, Sean Marcum, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Mike Miller, Glenda Moore, Victoria O'Neil, Dale Page, Sandi Pavey, Bernie Price, Joseph Rogers, Irene Roseman, Rhonda Roseman, Vonda Sigman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Barb Tittle, Jimmy Warrenburg, Arianna Williams

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Phone: 317-356-7291

School Office

Phone: 317-357-3316

Fax: 317-357-0980

Mass Schedule

Tues & Thurs 6 p.m.

Wed & Fri 8:15 a.m.

Sat 5 p.m.

Sun 10 a.m.

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SCHOOL NEWS

It all started last spring during state testing time. On a whim, I casually asked students as they walked through the doors one morning, "What do you think of ILEARN testing? Is it easy; is it difficult; or is it just enough to make you think a little?" Why hadn't I done something like this before? The kids stopped and gave me honest thoughts. Middle schoolers even smiled and enunciated their answers, and many bounded up the stairway with a spring in their step not usually present at 7:40 a.m.

Along comes Fall, 2023 and our assistant principal, Mrs. Page starts a new program. As part of our work toward providing a joyful learning environment, we created our Wednesday morning student surveys. Each week, Mrs. Page provides a weekly survey question. Staff members who greet students at morning arrival pose the question. As you read through some of the survey results arranged in the order from August through today, you feel the changing seasons and the uniqueness of our school community.

Throughout the year, we have learned that our students:

- Are overwhelmingly dog people (over cats)
- Prefer summer over winter
- Would overwhelmingly rather swim in a pool of Jello over pudding
- Would rather ride the mechanical bull than climb the rock wall
- Enjoy pumpkin patches more than apple orchards
- Prefer pumpkin pie over apple pie

Through this simple weekly activity, we enjoy seeing the anticipation of the weekly question by students of all ages, as they pause on their way into school. Greeting students with a fun interaction that gets the brain going, and often a little giggle or smirk, creates a joyful start to our Wednesdays.

Angie Therber, Principal

K of C Fatima Council Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold their December/Christmas Party meeting on Wednesday, December 13. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served after the meeting. We will be discussing plans for the Ladies Auxiliary for 2024. We also have a \$10 gift exchange, at the party. All Ladies are welcome to attend. If you have any questions about the Auxiliary please contact Mary McGinley at 317-627-2840. If you are planning to attend please text or call Holly Blagburn at 317-965-8781 or Mary McGinley at 317-627-2840 so we have an accurate count for dinner.

Upcoming Communications Survey

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is conducting an archdiocesan-wide research initiative to help shape our communications strategies. Hiron, an Indianapolis-based communications firm will be reaching out to parishioners in the coming weeks. For questions or participation information, contact research@archindy.org

Strengthen Your Marriage

Even if you are not a part of our parish Marriage preparation team, you can learn more about strengthening your own marriage bond and practices by studying at FranciscanAtHome.com! Go to this website and create your account with this parish-provided resource and begin learning more.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9	2nd Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:00 pm	Pro Populo
Sunday, December 10	2nd Sunday of Advent
10:00 am	†John Gilday Req. by Maureen Bond
Tuesday, December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:30 pm	Rosary
6:00 pm	†Mike Bisesi Req. by Richard & Penny Moss
Wednesday, December 13	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
8:15 am	†Eloise & Clinton Hudson Req. by Mark Hudson
Thursday, December 14	St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor
6:00 pm	†Mary Hammond Req. by Bill Bakemeyer
Friday, December 15	Advent Weekday
8:15 am	Int. of Jay & Mitzi Loomis Req. by The Fleak Family
Saturday, December 16 ... 3rd Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday	
4:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:00 pm	†Mary Ann Heneghan Bennett Req. by Fred Bennett
Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday	
10:00 am	Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 16 - 5 p.m.	2nd Sunday of Advent
EMHC:	Luke Mervilde (Host), Nick Petrone (Host), Deacon Tom (Cup), Sally Budreau (Cup), Julie Ritzi (Main Host)
Hospitality	
Ministers:	Don Flick (HM Team Leader-UW), Kay Campbell (GE), Lisa Flick (GN), _____ (GW)
Lector:	Paige Kervan (A), Priscilla Campbell (B)
Sacristan:	Mary Morois
Servers:	Gavin Connel, Joseph Mervilde
Cantor:	Michele Kite
Sunday, December 17 - 10 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Advent
EMHC:	Fletcher Daly (Host), Linda Caraher (Host), Deacon Tom (Cup), Amy Duke (Cup), Jill Daly (Cup), Chris Kolakovich (Cup), Jane Pittman (Main Host)
Hospitality	
Ministers:	Mike Guinan (HM Team Leader-UW) John Lockhart (GE), Steve Wuertz (GN), Bob Davey (GW), Catherine Carey (Y)
Lector:	Mark Caraher (A), Vic Berlage (B)
Sacristan:	Bernice Berlage
Servers:	Lola Carey, Kate Pittman
Cantor:	Matt Cannaday
C.L.O.W. Leader:	Tom McKiernan, Kady Gilbreath
Mass Childcare:	Fiona McKiernan, Tracy Warner
Small Linens Sacristan:	Linda Abner

READINGS: WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab,10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Zec 2:14-17; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13b; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19; Mt 17:9a,10-13



Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, December 9 4:00 pm Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass	2nd Sunday of Advent Church Church
Sunday, December 10 8:30 a.m. SRE 10:00 am Mass 11:30 am Parish Council	2nd Sunday of Advent School Church BH-C
Monday, December 11 7:30 pm Men's Monday Night Prayer	Jockamo's Pizza
Tuesday, December 12 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm Christmas Program 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #8 7:00 pm School Commission	Chapel Chapel Gym Cafeteria BH-C
Wednesday, December 13 8:15 am Mass 7:30 pm RCIA	Chapel BH-C
Thursday, December 14 10:00 am In Stitches 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mass	BH-A&B Chapel Chapel
Friday, December 15 8:15 am Mass (School)	Chapel
Saturday, December 16 4:00 pm Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass	3rd Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday Church Church
Sunday, December 17 8:30 a.m. SRE 10:00 am Mass 11:00 am SVdP Gift Distribution 7:00 pm Confirmation Class	3rd Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday School Church Remote Locations BH

JOIN THE RCIA TEAM!!

People learn about the Catholic Faith and prepare to join the Church through the RCIA process; you can help them along the way. You can find good, independent training at FranciscanAtHome.com in their Catechumenal (RCIA) Track of trainings. Go to www.FranciscaAtHome.com, create a free personal account, and identify your sponsoring groups: the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and then our OLL parish. Start watching and learning and then join us for RCIA meetings! See Matthew Fallon to help (mfallon@ollindy.org).

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



December 3, 2023

Due to Early Bulletin Deadlines, the Financial information for December 3, will appear in next week's bulletin.

Stewardship

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."

- MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a **Stewardship** lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

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URGENT NEED FOR CHILDREN'S COATS



Winter is right around the corner and we have a shortage of children's winter coats. Please check your closets! If you have gently used or new children's winter coats sizes 2T-18 for both boys and girls, we would appreciate your donations. You can drop them off at the Distribution Center dock (1201 E. Maryland St.) Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. or at one of our blue donation boxes around the city.

[\(https://www.svdindy.org/i-want-to-help/find-a-clothing-bin/\)](https://www.svdindy.org/i-want-to-help/find-a-clothing-bin/)

We are also in need of sponsors to help support our **Dream a Little Dream** mattress program benefitting children and their families.

Learn more about this program and how you can help at:

<https://www.svdindy.org/dreams/>

Thank you for helping us keep children warm and in their own beds this winter.



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COMMUNION CALLS

If you know someone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the parish office at **317-356-7291**.



Prayer Vine

To add someone's name to the Prayer Vine, please contact Laura Hughes at: vineollstb@gmail.com

Monday Night Men's Prayer Group: December 11

The Men's Prayer group will meet at 7:30 p.m., **Monday, Dec. 11**, at **Jockamo's Pizza**. All men of the parish are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Bob Eha at **317-345-9884**.

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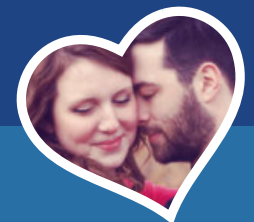
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Free-will offerings are accepted.

Call the Parish Office for Reservations: 317-356-7291.

We will take reservations until December 22.



The Our Lady of Lourdes Conference of THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

invites the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes to join us in serving the needy families of our neighborhood this Christmas season by participating in the following activities:

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, November 25 through Sunday, December 10

You are invited to bring the following items to church by **Sunday, December 10** and place them in the grocery cart at the back of church. These items will be used to complete a ham dinner to be distributed prior to Christmas.

Boxed instant mashed potatoes
Boxed stuffing
Canned cranberry sauce
Canned fruit

Canned yams
Canned gravy
Canned corn
Packaged cookies
Christmas candy

The above are recommendations only. All other items are welcome and if not used for the Christmas baskets will be distributed to needy people in our community.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Through Saturday, December 16

You are invited to buy a Christmas gift for a needy child in the neighborhood. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SVDPGivingTree23> or use QR Code below to sign up.



All gifts are due by the 5pm Mass on **Saturday, Dec. 16**. Gifts may be dropped off at the parish office during business hours or at the back of church by the Giving Trees prior to Mass.

CHRISTMAS GIFT & FOOD BASKET DELIVERY

Sunday, December 17

Gifts and food baskets will be delivered after 10am Mass on **Sunday, Dec. 17** from **11am – 1pm**. To help deliver, meet at the basement (rear) door of the rectory.

Thank you for any assistance you can offer!