



MISSION STATEMENT

Be a Catholic Community that is a Visible Presence of Jesus.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Baptisms are scheduled for individual families upon request, preferably during a weekend Mass. We request that parents attend a Baptismal class prior to the sacrament. Please register for class at <https://res-dbq.org/baptismal-preparation-class>

Weddings

All persons who wish to arrange for marriage are asked to contact Fr. Phil Gibbs six months in advance.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 PM

Monday 7:30 AM

Other times by appointment.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to become a member of Resurrection Parish, please call the Parish Office: (563-556-7511).

MASS SCHEDULE

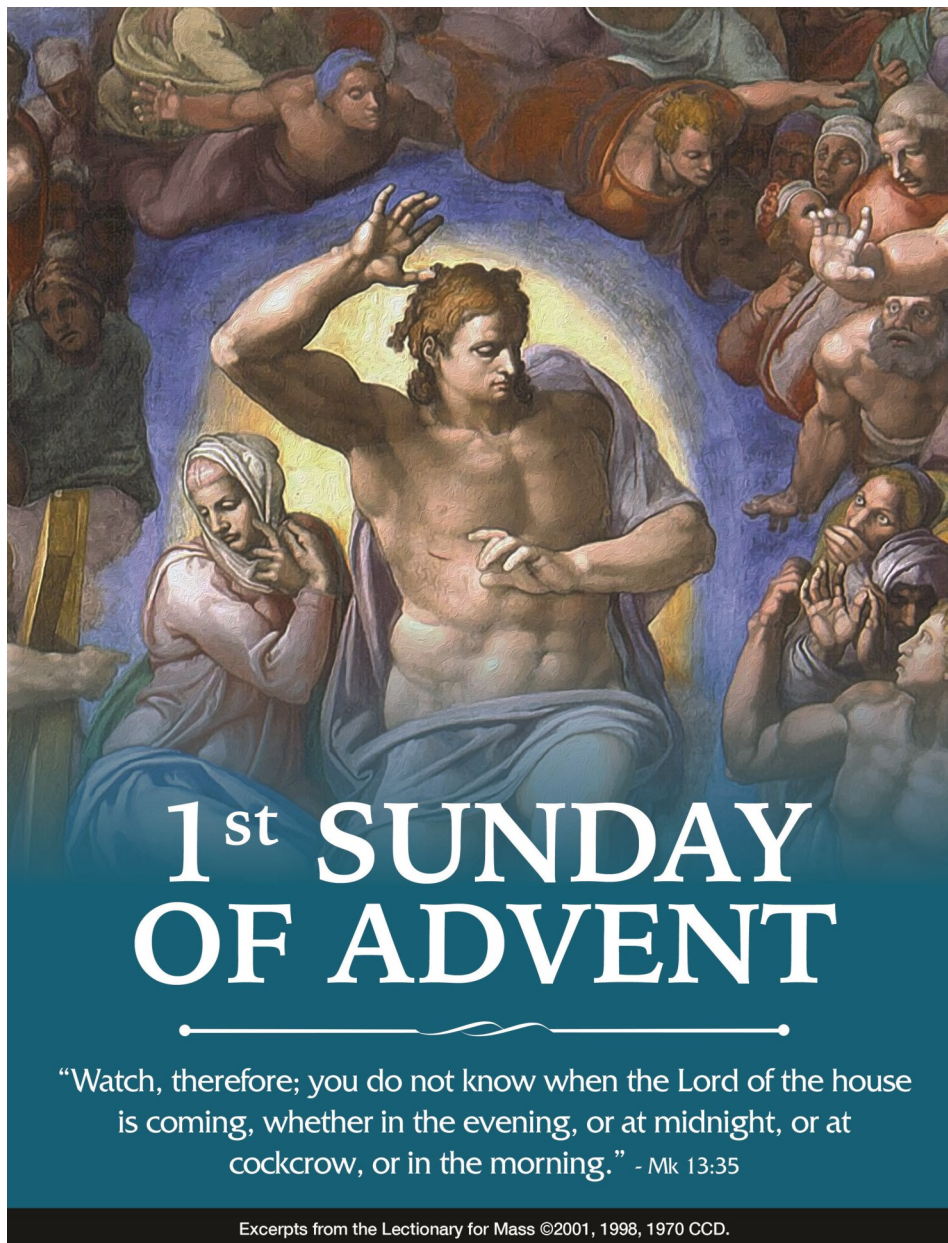
Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

Holy Days & Weekdays:

Refer to Bulletin



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.” - Mk 13:35

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 AM–4:30 PM; FRIDAY: 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

Website: www.res-dbq.org | Facebook: facebook.com/resdbq

**MON, December 4**

St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM † Lynn Krausman

TUES, December 5

5:30 PM † All Souls

† Janice Bahl

WED, December 6

St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:00 AM † Heather Feldman

THURS, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM † Laurie Laurent

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 PM † William & Helene Byrne

FRI, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM † Clem & Maureen Steele

9:00 AM † Chuck Seipp

† Lois & Eileen Lex and
Viola Schuster

SAT, December 9

Nursing Home Mass at Hawkeye Care Center

9:00 AM † All Souls

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM † Donald & Violet Leytem

† Lester & Eulalia Schadler

SUN, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM † Paul Brown

† Blaine & Janaan Hancock

9:00 AM † John Anstoetter

† Michele Higley

11:00 AM Pro Populo

† Jim McDonald

REST IN PEACE

Shirley Hanley, parishioner, mother of Patty (Tom) Kopp and Jeff (Laurie) Hanley; **Thomas Clement Donovan**, parishioner, husband of Karen Donovan.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

The following families have joined Resurrection parish during the month of November:

Brett Galles Dale Vogt

TJ & Sam McLaughlin & family

Chris & Amy Nevins

Rob & Meghan Leibfried & family

It seems to happen every year about this time. When I think ahead to Christmas I always begin to wonder not so much about what I am going to get for Christmas gifts but rather what I am going to give as Christmas gifts to those people who are special in my life.

I am continuously perplexed by those of my loved ones who are especially difficult to buy for during this season because I never know what they desire even though I ask them a number of times. Some people can be the hardest person to whom to offer a gift. I think it is because they are not forthcoming about what they would desire. I also believe that it is difficult because they seem to be people who think they already have everything they want or need. And, as the saying goes, "What do you give a person who already seems to have everything?"

Recently I went on line and I discovered that there is an organization entitled amazingclubs.com that help to match people's desires with a unique club wherein the members receive, on a monthly basis, a particular food, beverage or item to enjoy. A membership to this club is truly a gift that keeps on giving. This organization features 30 different clubs and of them they highlight the top 5 which are as follows: Wine club; Beer club; Coffee club; Fruit club and a Hot Sauce club. To say the least, it is an interesting organization to plug into and explore. It also does qualify as a potential gift item to get for those who seem to have everything.

In the second reading for this weekend, the first weekend of Advent, we read of St. Paul as he addresses the Corinthians. And, it appears as though St. Paul is in a predicament with this particular community because they seem to think that they have it all. In Paul's words, "...in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gifts as you wait for the revelation of our Lord, Jesus Christ." In other words, perhaps Paul is thinking to himself, "What do you give to those who already seem to have everything?"

This Sunday, like all of Advent, speaks the language of hope. For the people of Corinth years ago and for us as people of faith today, it is "hope" that qualifies as the gift that keeps on giving. "Hope" and more specifically, "Waiting in Hope" is the message that St. Paul preaches to the Corinthians as they are encouraged to stay firm to the end and irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Waiting in Hope" is also a major theme of today's gospel as we are summoned to "Be watchful! Be alert! It is not as though we should stand idle and wring our hands in despair nor is it an invitation of passive participation when we stop and do nothing at all.

"Waiting in Hope" suggests that we joyfully do the work entrusted to us as disciples of Jesus and look forward with enthusiasm to the future that is yet to come. The servants whom the master put in charge of his house waited by doing the work entrusted to them. Yet they cherished an excitement about the future; they were ready to hand over the best to the next generation. The Lord will surely come and he must come if God is to remain just. The

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IN THE PARISH

VOCATION COMMITTEE

The vocations Committee is still looking to fill some of the dates for the 31 Club. Praying for vocations. The following dates are open for someone to pray each month: 3, 4, 7, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 25. If you are interested in praying for vocations on any of these dates, please contact Terry Friedman at 563-590-2030 or email tf50180@gmail.com

SATURDAY NIGHT EUCHRE

We sincerely hope to see you, friends, family and neighbors at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 16, 2023 in the Church Social Space for our next "Resurrection Church Third Saturday Euchre Tournament." Please feel free to invite others.



SENIOR SOCIAL LUNCH & CARDS

The next Senior Social will be held on Monday, December 18, at 11:30 am in the Church Social Space. Cost is \$5 if you are not bringing a dish to pass. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space or call Julie at 563-663-2034.

MUSIC

Coordinator of Liturgical Music
Amy Dolan

As we begin this Advent Season, we prepare the way of the coming of Jesus into our hearts and into our world. This year we introduce a new version of a very old hymn: **Creator of the Stars at Night** is a translation of the anonymous 7th century Latin hymn, **Conditor alme siderum**. It was translated into English by the Anglican priest, scholar and hymn-writer: **John Mason Neale** (1818-1866). In the Liturgy of the Hours, **Creator of the Stars at Night** is used during Advent. We will be using a new adaptation of this plainsong chant by Josh Blakesley, which has a simple refrain, "Come, O Come into the night, O Child of Light," And we will sing it at Communion throughout the Advent Season. Here are verses 1-2:

*Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior to set free your own in glorious liberty.*

Did you realize that this year, the Advent Season is actually only 3 weeks and 1 day long? The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24th, Christmas Eve, so it is the shortest Advent season. On the Fourth Sunday of Advent we will only have 2 morning

Masses at 8:00 and 10:00 am, because we will have 2 Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 and 9:00! It will be a busy day at Church, especially setting up all the Christmas decorations, creche, flowers etc. between Masses. So let us prepare quickly for Jesus' coming this year!



LITURGY

Liturgy
Deacon Mike Ellis

Upcoming Liturgical Events/Training/ Special Masses

December 2 & 3 – Anointing of the Sick administered after the 4, 7, 9, and 11 Masses.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: December 5, 2023 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Community Room.

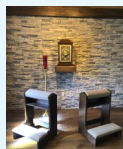
Immaculate Conception Masses: Thursday, Dec. 7 – 5:30 pm; December 8 – 7:00 am and 9:00 am

Notes: Lector Workbooks available on the table in the Social Space

Word Among Us: Please contact Deacon Mike if you are interested in receiving the Word Among Us.

Funeral Pre-Planning: if you are interested in pre-planning your Funeral Mass, please contact Deacon Mike.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



- Please join us for Morning Prayer on Tuesdays beginning at 7am and Evening Prayer on Tuesdays beginning at 4:30 pm.

- The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for private prayer before Our Eucharistic Lord.

- Please consider praying as your time allows. If 15 minutes is all the time you have the Lord will appreciate the visit.

- If you are able to commit to a time of prayer, please sign up using the Resurrection Website: <https://res-dbg.org>. Go to liturgy and prayer and then adoration. Please sign in as this will help us communicate. If you do not sign up on line, please sign up in the book.

- The outside door by the side of Church will be unlocked daily from 5:00 am – 8:00 pm. After 8:00 pm the door can be unlocked by using the security key pad to the left of the door on the outside wall. For the code password, call Deacon Mike in the parish office, 556-7511.

- The light switch for the Chapel is on the right wall inside the Chapel doors.

- Open the round tabernacle door on the actual tabernacle. If you are the only person in the chapel, upon completion of your visit close the round tabernacle door.

- If you hear the tornado siren, please take the steps to the bottom and hide yourself in the opening under the stairs.

Questions: Contact Deacon Mike Ellis in the parish office. 556-7511.

Social Justice Committee Facebook Group

The Resurrection Social Justice Committee would love to hear from you! Check out our Facebook group below to find out about what we are doing and to share your own experiences and ideas.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/922909382036597>



HEALTH MINISTRY

Mary Schmidt, Parish Nurse

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

Care for the Caregiver will meet Monday, December 4, from 1:30–2:30 pm in the Community Room. Respite care is available for your loved one during the meeting. Please contact Mary Schmidt at 563-556-7511 if you plan to utilize this benefit.

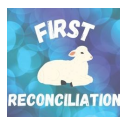


ADULT FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTS

Wendy Osterberger
Director of Faith Formation

Advent Books

We begin a new liturgical year this weekend as we celebrate the start of the Advent season. Advent is a time of preparation. To help you better prepare, we have booklets available for the taking on the tables as you exit church. During these weeks of anticipation, take time to reflect on the reason for this season. You can also prepare for Christ's coming by watching or listening to the Advent content on FORMED at <https://daily.formed.org/advent>. Get signed on today if you have not already by visiting signup.formed.org Enter our parish zip code (52002), your name & email address. No passwords or logins to remember. Start enjoying thousands of Catholic movies, programs, audio, & books instantly on FORMED.



First Reconciliation Service

This coming Tuesday, Dec. 5, students and their families will gather in the church for a service at 6:30 pm. We ask that our Resurrection community pray for all of these students as they receive for the very first time this beautiful sacrament of healing.

Congrats Mr. & Mrs. Moore!

Congratulations to Samantha Adams & Matthew Moore, who were united in Holy Matrimony at Church of the Resurrection on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023. May God richly bless their marriage.



Confirmation Preparation

December 6 will be the last Confirmation class for those high schoolers who have been preparing to receive the sacrament in January. Students will have the opportunity to listen to Fr. Phil as they get all of their burning questions answered about the Catholic faith.



Eliza Jane Dearing
Baptized: Nov. 18th

Welcome
to



God's
Family



Cameron Allen Crabill
Baptized: Nov. 19th



Jordyn Joy Wieser
Baptized: Nov. 25th



Lucy Leona Norby
Baptized: Nov. 26th

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Emily Tatum
Coordinator Youth Faith Formation



Children's Liturgy of the Word

ADVENT Week 1 - Today we learned about the Advent Wreath and lit our first purple candle - The Prophecy.

Our Gospel taught us to stay alert, because only God knows when Jesus will come again.

Youth Led Mass

Next Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 PM, we will have our Youth Led Mass. Any student K - 12th grade is encouraged to participate in Mass. We have multiple different ministries to choose from. Let Emily Tatum know if your child is interested.



2024 Epiphany Play

All youth K-12th grade are invited to participate in the Epiphany play during the 11 am Mass on January 7. If interested, let Emily Tatum know.

MIDDLE & HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Brian Nilles, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

Dec 3: NO LoBianco room tonight

December 3: Meal & Service (DAYM)

Come share a meal & service project with your peers at the Cathedral at 6:00 pm. We will have 3 different pasta dishes then do a service project for those less fortunate. Families are welcome 6th—12th grade. Please RSVP to Brian before 3:00 pm today.



December 10: Wrap Presents

Our youth will be available for wrapping your presents from 12:30 -2:30 pm in the LoBianco Youth Room. Parishioners, bring your items to be wrapped! We will supply paper or bring your own. Enter Door #2



Dec 17 YLT Christmas Party

All high school students and their family are invited for a Christmas party from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm with food, Secret Santa, and games. Please RSVP number attending from your family to Brian.

December 6: Foundation Community Night

All 6th –8th grade students of the parish are invited to share their talent from God at the Foundation Community Night from 6:30-7:45 pm. Enter through Door #5 at the school.



For more information, contact:

Brian Nilles 556-7511 or dbq058ym@dbqarch.org

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult tithe for November 19, 2023

Weekly contributions needed	\$34,615.38
Collected from 209 out of 2344 envelopes	\$12,557.00
Offertory	\$811.71
Total collected	\$13,368.71
YTD collections needed (7/1-11/19).....	\$688,461.58
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1-11/19).....	\$620,214.11
YTD total over/short.....	(\$68,247.47)

Have you remembered Resurrection in your will?

Thank you for your support!

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult tithe for November 26, 2023

Weekly contributions needed	\$34,615.38
Collected from 177 out of 2344 envelopes	\$8,870.51
Offertory	\$702.56
Electronic Fund Transfer (187 envelopes).....	\$19,574.33
Total collected	\$29,147.40
YTD collections needed (7/1-11/26).....	\$721,153.89
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1-11/26).....	\$649,361.51
YTD total over/short.....	(\$71,792.38)
Thanksgiving Day Collection	\$693.00

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2024 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

If you would like to make any changes to your current Tithe pledge or start a monthly Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), forms are available in the church or you can find them online with the following QR Code.



SCRIP

On Monday, November 20, there were 16 Scrip orders with profit of \$1,335.97.



The next scrip order date is Monday, December 4. Orders and payment must be received by 10:00 am on Monday.

**ONLY 2 SCRIP ORDER DATES BEFORE CHRISTMAS:
DECEMBER 4 & DECEMBER 18.**

To sign up for a scrip account, or for any other questions related to scrip, contact the Resurrection Scrip Program at: scripoffice@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

Parish Offices are closed Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday.

MONDAY, December 4

10:00 AM SCRIP Due	Parish Office
1:30 PM Care for the Caregiver Community Room
3:30 PM Children's Choir	Church
5:45 PM Stretching to God	LL Social Space
6:00 PM High School YM Deacon Tim LoBianco Room
6:30 PM Women's Christmas Potluck..... Church Social Space
6:45 PM Bell Choir	Church

TUESDAY, December 5

1:00 PM Bible Study.....	Adult FF Room
6:30 PM First Reconciliation Service.....	Church
6:30 PM Liturgy Committee.....	Community Room

WEDNESDAY, December 6

4:00 PM YFF Class.....	Church Social Space
6:30 PM YFF Class	School

THURSDAY, December 7

7:30 AM M.E.S.S.	Church Social Space
5:00 PM Choir	Church

FRIDAY, December 8

No Events

SATURDAY, December 9

6:30 AM TMIY	Rectory
5:00 PM Family Advent Activity Night..... Adult FF Room

SUNDAY, December 10

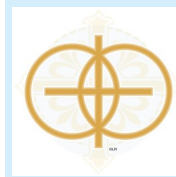
6:00 PM MYLT	Deacon Tim LoBianco Room
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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come" (Mk 13:33). Advent is a season of waiting. As Christians we are not only waiting for the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas, but the day that Christ will come again. We do not know the time. Are there any endearing words you want to say to your beloved? Don't wait!

CONTACT US

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOUCHER CENTER NEEDS



End Poverty Through Systemic Change

Thank you, the awesome response, to the recent food collection effort that was led by Youth Ministry team. Enough food was collected to allow our Resurrection St. Vincent de Paul Conference to make up 40 food baskets that will be distributed as part of the sharing tree efforts next month. Additionally, we had close to 600 pounds of food that we were able to take to the downtown Voucher Center to help our broader community! Thanks again for your support. The following items are needed most right now at our downtown Voucher Center:

- Hygiene products (shampoo, body wash, bars of soap)
- Cleaning supplies
- Small jugs of laundry soap
- Ketchup and mustard
- Cooking oil



Please be sure to return the blue bags with your donations. If you wish to make a financial contribution to St. Vincent de Paul you can use the envelopes in the pews. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Voucher Line at 563-584-2226.

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promises have been made, and as the word of God they cannot be revoked. And, so we wait – not in fear but in hope.

This Advent theme engages us to look deeply into ourselves to explore what it is that we truly seek to obtain in this life as we prepare for the life to come. It is not necessarily our physical wants or needs that must be met but rather our heart's desire for oneness with the Lord.

Many if not all of us hinge our happiness and base our futures on the state of the economy rather than on the significance of hope. Perhaps this is an opportunity for us to reprioritize our values; readjust our holiday habits; renew our convictions of faith; and restore the spiritual gift of hope in this time of preparation.

As we consider the scripture readings, especially the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians, perhaps we may think that we do “have it all”. We really are blessed with spiritual gifts, knowledge and discourse. However, what we may desire is the ongoing gift of Hope which is sweeter than any Wine of the month club or more satisfying than any sweet fruit of the month or any hot sauce. “Hope” and more specifically “Waiting in Hope” truly is the gift that keeps on giving.

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

STO

The State of Iowa is offering 75 cents for every dollar you donate back on your Iowa taxes: For every \$1 you donate to Our Faith STO, you get 75 cents of that donation back on your Iowa taxes. It is that simple. Your donation helps families with qualifying financial needs attend schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. If you have questions, or think this offer from the State of Iowa is too good to be true, talk with your tax advisor, or call Steve Kane, Director of Our Faith STO at (563) 556-2580 x296. For information on how to donate visit www.ourfaithsto.org/donor

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

VOCATION VIEWS

At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised. (Mark 13:33-37)

Please pray for all seminarians of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and those in formation for religious life.

THE SHARING TREE

St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring the Sharing Tree to share Christmas gifts with those less fortunate. Tags are the same as in the past with tags of various colors on the trees: PINK (girls), BLUE (boys), GOLD (food gift certificate from any grocery store), GREEN (family gift certificate from any store, restaurant, or family activity), WHITE (laundry basket with cleaning supplies and paper products), PURPLE (Resurrection nursing home residents—see back of tag for items). We ask that you spend between \$15 and \$25 for the gifts. Each child is given two articles of clothing and two toys. Please wrap your gifts and securely attach the tag to the **outside** of the gift. **DO NOT WRAP** the GOLD food gift certificates—just put in a white envelope with the gold tag taped to the outside of the envelope. The food gift certificates are distributed according to the size of the family. Cash/check donations are also accepted and used throughout the year for help with food, utilities and rent. Thank you for your continued support.



All gifts for the Sharing Tree must be brought to the main entrance of church by 11:00 am on December 17.

A sincere thank you to all who have taken gift tags from the tree or have given cash donations. St. Vincent de Paul Society