Thoughts from Fr. Scott

Hopefully, Thanksgiving Day was relaxing and enjoyable for you and your family this year. This never-ending year of 2020 is certainly not what any of us thought we might experience at the beginning of the year. Still, we have much to be thankful for and God's gifts to us are top of the list. An attitude of gratitude is always in order and appropriate for all of His children. So, let us never forget to be grateful this time of year and every day of our lives.

Our annual Advent Giving Tree project will continue throughout the Advent season. The tree is located at the Baptismal Font and is filled with tags. We always have wonderful participation with our annual project and I encourage your participation this year. The tags on the tree contain items of need for the various people and agencies that we assist this Christmas season. If not for the gifts received from our tree many would not receive a gift this Christmas. Obviously, our Advent Giving Tree is a worthwhile opportunity to care for those in desperate need during this season of kindness and sharing. As we did last year, we are asking for all items to be returned in a gift bag. As these are Christmas gifts we are donating, it is only appropriate that we brighten the holy day for those who are poor and in need. Therefore, we are asking these gifts be returned in a gift bag to keep the Christmas joy alive in the hearts of all. The tag you choose will have instructions for the "wrapping" of the gift in a gift bag. Thank you in advance for your participation in this matter.

As announced, we are asking for your opinion regarding your attendance at Christmas Masses this year. We are trying to determine our best way to serve you, the community of the faithful. We simply want to know if you/your family will be attending in person. If you will be then we would like to know if you will be coming Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and how many will be attending. Knowing this information in advance will help us to offer the proper number of Masses for our Christmas Holy Day observances. Folks with compromised health situations are encouraged to attend the Holy Day "online," not in person. Additionally, Christmas Day is a Friday this year and we will be praying our regular schedule of Masses for the weekend. Still, we want to know your intentions for Christmas Eve and Day. If you could be so kind as to help us out, that would be great. You may complete the survey online at www.ollonline.org or we have paper surveys in the bulletin and on the tables in the Church vestibule. Thank you for helping us plan our Christmas Mass schedule this year.

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent and begin the season of preparation with joy! What a wonderful season for us to contemplate and prepare for the coming of the Lord. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Christ. This season brings us to the two-fold purpose of preparing for the second coming of Christ and the celebration of the Birthday of Christ. With all of this in mind, we come together to worship and give praise. Always certain that our preparation for such an important event will allow us to more worthily celebrate that glorious day with immense joy.

Our yearly Advent journey presents many opportunities to help us grow in our love for God. In keeping with the spiritual nature of this season, we should avail ourselves of the prayerful events offered. Making a good confession or offering a day of prayer every week helps deepen our relationship with God setting it right before Him. Therefore, I encourage everyone to "make a visit" and pray before the Eucharist during this season. This visit before the Blessed Sacrament is available daily in our parish because of our open Church building. This is a wonderful way to experience intimate private prayer with God in the Eucharist. Days of adoration are personally revealing to those who participate in them. We also have ample opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season. Asking for the Lord's assistance and admitting our fault before Him is a tremendous

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way to clear our conscience and open our hearts to receive the Christ Child. There is no time like the present to begin this life of prayerful preparation.

God Bless and have a great week!
Fr. Scott

Thought for the week:
Happy New Church Year!
Time for a fresh start!

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES VIRTUAL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 6

4:00pm

www.ollonline.org

Do you want to join OLL Virtual Choir singing Silent Night on video? You are invited to join us in a special video for our virtual Christmas Concert. You just make a self video of yourself singing Silent Night while the track plays in your earbuds from a separate device. If you are interested, email **tim.smith@ollonline.org** for instructions and track. If you can sing Silent Night, you are in!

LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

The following are times for the Live Stream of Masses on Facebook. To watch live, go to **Facebook.com/ OLLwaterford.** After the Live Stream has finished they will be posted on our website **OLLonline.org.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:30am

Live Stream Masses will take place as long as necessary.

CHRISTMAS MASS SURVEY

I/We prefer Christmas Eve Mass

_____ 4:00pm

_____ 6:00pm

_____ 8:00pm

_____ Midnight

Approx. number attending _____

I/We Prefer Christmas Day Mass

_____ 9:30am

_____ 11:00am

_____ 12:30pm

Approx. number attending _____

_____ **Not attending in person on Christmas Eve or Day, prefer to watch online.**

In an effort to better plan and prepare for Christmas Masses this year and to ensure proper social distancing, please complete and submit this short survey and drop it in the basket/box provided.

You may also complete the survey online at www.ollonline.org or use the QR code below.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020
St. Andrew
ROM 10:9-18 MT 4:18-22

8:15am...†**Bud Calme** requested by his Family

8:15am...†**Emily Zubalik** requested by Anne Zubalik

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020
IS 11:1-10 LK 10:21-24

8:15am...†**Richard Brelin** requested by Mary Brelin

8:15am...†**Julith Lalli** requested by her Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020
IS 25:6-10A MT 15:29-37

8:15am...†**Nancy Flynn** requested by John Oldenburg

8:15am…†**Richard Krist**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020
St. Francis Xavier
IS 26:1-6 MT 7:21, 24-27

8:15am...†**Dick Ellis** requested by his Wife

8:15am…†**Richard Krist**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020
St. John Damascene
IS 29:17-24 MT 9:27-31

8:15am...†**Rita Seguin** requested by Chuck & Betty Schuster

8:15am…†**Richard Krist**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020
IS 30:19-21, 23-26 MT 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:00pm...†**James Cecil** requested by his Family

5:00pm...†**Julia Cecil Depa** requested by her Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent
IS 40:1-5, 9-11 2 PT 3:8-14 MK 1:1-8

8:00am...†**Doris Oliver** requested by Dick Oliver

8:00am...**Int. Fr. Scott Thibodeau on the anniversary of his Diaconate Ordination** requested by OLL Staff

9:30am...†**Edward Augustyn** requested by his Daughter

9:30am...†**Tony Bombardo** requested by Kathy Lewis

11:00am...**Int. Kathy Johnson** requested by B. Tomko, B. Radziewicz, & B. Renkiewicz

11:00am...**Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes**

12:30pm...†**Frederic Theisen** requested by his Family

12:30pm...†**George Tozer** requested by his Family

ADVENT

Virtual Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 6th
4:00pm
www.OLLonline.org

All-Day Adoration

Tuesday, December 1, 15, 22
9:00am Adoration begins
7:00pm Rosary and Benediction

Private Confessions

Tuesdays, December 1, 15, 22
11:30am & 6:00pm

Saturdays of Advent
December 5, 12, 19
3:30pm

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ADVERTISERS SOUGHT

The new 2021 Our Lady of the Lakes Waterford Catholic Church Membership Directory will be ready for publishing this February. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement for their business, or a personal message in support of our new directory should call Jake Allport at 248-545-4330 or email him at jallport@cathedraldirectories.com. A business card can be used in creating a new ad. Many times members have small businesses and other members aren't aware, but would love to support them. Also, advertisers do not need to be members of our church, so feel free to pass this information along to others.

ON-GOING COLLECTIONS

We are collecting the following items:

Eyeglasses
Hearing Aids
Cell phones
Sample size toiletries

Any of these items may be dropped off at the Parish Center.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

JEAN'S JOTTINGS

Today we begin a new liturgical year as we begin to prepare for the birth of our Lord, Jesus. Waiting always involves a certain amount of patience which some of us seem to be running out of. Let us keep in mind that during these next weeks of Advent we remain patient in the Lord and all that His birth gifts us with. There is a call for us to be vigilant among the distractions of our lives and the distractions of the commercial celebrations. Let's keep our focus ever on Him.

A new resource I am using during Advent is something called "Mass Transit Cards" in hopes that you find it helpful:

November 29, 2020 1st Sunday in Advent

"What I say to you I say to all: 'Watch!'" —Mark 13:33-37

Whenever something exciting is coming in our lives, we wait for it with great anticipation. If it is a birthday or a holiday, there is a lot to do to prepare for it. We put all our energy into the preparations without hesitation because we know how much fun it will be when the day comes. Today's scripture reminds us to prepare ourselves with this same excitement and anticipation for Christ's coming. Since it is the season of Advent, we are preparing to celebrate Christ's birth. But we are also called to be prepared every day of our lives. Jesus wants us to be ready to meet Him any day, any time, anywhere.

Dear Lord, show me how I can best prepare my heart and mind to meet You whenever You come. An Advent wreath helps us count the four weeks of preparation for Christ's birth. Does your family have an Advent wreath or another Advent tradition that helps you count the days until Christmas?

Answer the following questions together after Mass:

What Mass did you attend this week? _____

What color were the priest's vestments? _____

What was one new insight the homily gave you?

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Was there something special you noticed at Mass today?

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Happy Advent!

Peace and prayers,
Jean, DRE

ADVENT GIVING TREE

This year our gift program will look a little different. Since the organizations we normally work with are unable to gather to sort the gifts or host a "store" there has been a decision to choose other charities to help. Below is a description of the new charities. Please take a tag and return all items in a Christmas gift bag. Attach the tag to the gift bag and return it to the church by Sunday, December 20th.

St. Aloysius Parish Neighborhood Services

St. Aloysius Parish Neighborhood Services exists to provide emergency assistance for the homeless, working poor and seniors in the community. St. Aloysius has provided us a significant list of needs that have been added to the giving tree.

Waterford Goodfellows

Each year the Goodfellows help families in Waterford with their Christmas needs. This year they are not able to gather to sort the items that the parish so generously donates to them so they are asking for food gift cards to help feed the families that normally benefit from area charities as well as the schools.

Mother and Unborn Baby Care

Mother and Unborn Baby Care serves women in crisis pregnancies and their families. MAUBC operates a pregnancy resource serving women of many varied backgrounds. Most clients reside in Oakland County or Wayne County. See gift tags for the center's needs.

OLL Christian Service

Our Lady of the Lakes has needy individuals walk into the Parish Center almost daily in crisis situations. To help those people we are in need of gas, food and clothing gift cards.

PLEASE HELP US TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS THROUGH OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE!!

OUR PARISH LIFE TOGETHER

Happy 96th Birthday!
December 4
KATHY JOHNSON

"Energizer Bunny"

WELCOME

Please welcome to our Christian family:

John and Cynthia Hergert

Remember to introduce yourself to new faces in church. We want everyone to feel welcome at Our Lady of the Lakes.

Commit to pray the Rosary with us as a parish! Pray for our parish, our country, and everything we need in the world today.

Our Lady of the Lakes is hosting a Perpetual Rosary. We have split the week into slots every 30 minutes. Please sign up once a week, once a day, however you are called.

https://ollonline.org/news/perpetual-rosary

5TH SUNDAY FAMILY ROSARY SERVICE

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a 5th Sunday Rosary Service at **2:15pm on Sunday, November 29th** in the Church. We will have Guides to Praying the Rosary and Rosary Rings available for anyone that needs them. Please join us as we pray for our Priests.

EUCHARISTIC DAY

"And while I journey to find what God wants for me, I rest assured that I am flawed but still worthy - That I am a masterpiece and a work in progress at the exact same time." - Venerable Fulton Sheen

Eucharistic Adoration is every Tuesday during the season of Advent beginning December 1st. Following the 8:15 am Mass and ending with Rosary and Benediction at 7:00 pm.

We need a firm commitment of 2 individuals per hour to be present in the Church between the hours of 9 am thru 7 pm.

The Sign-up Genius web site is: https://tinyurl.com/OLLexposition8. Please call if you have any questions or problems: Patrick Allsteadt at 248-623-7880

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers this week the sick members of our Parish:

Kevin Adair	Bill Grace	Irene Pawlowski
Beverly Armstrong	Suzanne Grimminger	Karen Phelps
Joe Batwinas	Karen Haines	Marie Phillips
Christian Bodenmiller	Linda Hemphill	Mark Pidgeon
Mikela Bodenmiller	Patrick Hull	Tania Price
William Bodenmiller	Tara Isaac	Scott Przybylowicz
John Boncella	Lucas Isaac	Shawn Randazzo
Margo Brown	Bill Keul	Dennis Ritter
Chuck Campbell	Ethan Lewis	Roxxy Ryan
Janet Cobert	Larry Lovejoy	Holly Sanders
Dean Coleman	Bill Martin	Roger Smith
Kevin Dalley	Cindy McConnell	Joe Sommerville
Ben Darmofal	Jean Messing	Joe Sutherland
Irene Delasko	Tim Nepjuk	Kenneth Turner
Joyce Delasko	Cam Pardington	Theresa Villereal
Patty Fincannon	Frank Pardington	Ralph Vogan
Jennifer Gaffey	Carol Pawlowski	Lucy Wilhelm

May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's Scripture passages express the Advent topics of hope, vigilance, and repentance. From the Book of Isaiah, the prophet expresses his desire for his people (the ancient Israelites who have returned from Babylonian exile) to atone for their sinful ways and turn their hearts back to the Lord. For God has done great deeds for them. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist quotes Jesus' warning to His disciples, *Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.* Here our Lord and Savior is referring to when He will return at the end of time. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, and us, that our fellowship in the Lord fortifies us with many spiritual gifts — a timely reminder as we start this Advent season. May we, as faith-filled stewards, put our hope and trust in the Lord, recognize our sins, and seek with contrite hearts, Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. Advent is an excellent time to confess our sins by taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"BEHOLD THY MOTHER: Getting to Know the Blessed Virgin Mary"

Why did God choose Mary to be the one through whom Jesus would come? How can she help us be better missionary disciples of Jesus? Prepare yourself for Christmas with a free interactive online study hosted by Sacred Heart Major Seminary: *Behold Thy Mother: Getting to Know the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Dr. Robert Fastiggi, a renowned Mariologist, will offer reflections on the beautiful teachings of our Catholic faith about our Blessed Mother. Each week a different member of the Sacred Heart faculty will also introduce us to one of Mary's apparitions (Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe, and Kibeho).

Come and join us this Advent as we get to know better the Blessed Virgin Mary! The course starts November 29, but you can access the course now. Learn more and register for this wonderful opportunity at shms.edu/mary.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

It's that time of year again when preparations are underway to publish our 2021 Parish Directory. This is the "older style" directory without photos.

Many people have dropped their landlines in favor of cell phones. Please call the Parish Center at 248-623-0274 or e-mail: ParishOffice@OLLonline.org to update your info.

Again, if anyone does not want their name and/or phone number published in our Directory, please contact the Parish Center at 248-623-0274 or ParishOffice@OLLonline.org.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

TAKE A SACK & BRING IT BACK

We are collecting food for several different places this year including Matchan Soup Kitchen, St. Anne's Parish in Ortonville, St. Rita's Parish in Holly and Lighthouse of Oakland County. We ask that you please take a sack from the carts in the back of church, purchase the items listed on the bag and return it back to church. All of these locations help needy families with emergency food.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Do you have a family member or a friend that could use the grace of a prayer shawl? We have a supply of prayer shawls at the parish center that can be given to a family member in need of prayers. We supply the shawls with prayers to those suffering from grief, illness or other life situations that can be helped with the comfort of knowing others are praying for them. Please contact Artha Horowitz at 248-623-0274 or artha.horowitz@ollonline.org if you need a prayer shawl.

SUNDAY HOMILIES

Our Sunday homilies are available on the parish app and on our website: https://ollonline.org/digital-liturgies-devotions.

Our app is available for both Android and iPhone by going to the app store for your device. Search for **MyParish** or text the word **APP** to **88202**.

OLL PARISH UPDATE

Have you moved...dropped your landline?
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Or email to ParishOffice@OLLonline.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

KNIGHTS KORNER

COUNCIL #5436

Become a Knight

Sunday, November 29th at 1:30pm we will be having an exemplification for all those men over the age of 18 ready to join the Knights.

For additional information please contact:

Grand Knight Chris Scheuer: GK5436@mikofc.org

Deputy Grand Knight Michael Mandziuk:

MD5436@mikofc.org

5th Sunday Rosary

Everyone is invited to the 5th Sunday rosary following the exemplification at 2:15pm. Please pray with us in person or from the comfort of your home.

Don't Worry, Retire Happy! Seven Steps to Retirement Security

Have questions about retirement? Want to know what you need to retire happy?

Award-winning author, speaker, and economist Tom Hegna will be joining agents from The Borrelli, Huard & Wesley Agencies to present a free webinar on Wednesday, December 2nd from 7pm-8pm and will be sharing his 7 steps to a secure retirement. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, registration is required.

To register online: **https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LdTlJOZLQRWerlCJ72G1rA**

When registering online, please enter 5436 for the council number.

If you have questions or need assistance registering, please contact:

Grand Knight Chris Scheuer
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Coats for Kids

It's not too late to donate new or gently used coats for kids and teens. Please drop them off in one of the blue cardboard boxes marked Coats for Kids located in the back of church and at the school. We will be accepting donations through the end of November. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

CW3 Jacob Beno	Army	
Capt Kelsey Beno	Army	
† Jenna Beno *died 10/15/12*		
AMN Stewart Blaquiere	Air Force	
† PFC Damian Bushart *died 11/22/03*		*Army*
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres	Marines	Iraq
Eddy DeRocher		Iraq
Jacob Dumont	Army	
SFC Scott Emanuel		Afghanistan
2LT William Gischia	Army	
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr.	Army	
Dillan Johnson	Air Force	Kuwait
Jackson Jones	Army	Afghanistan
Msgt Justin Jones	Air Force	
Matt Koetting	Marines	Afghanistan
Robert Maher & Crew	Navy	
† Sgt. Joseph Martin *died 8/16/18*	Army	
Francesca Meno	Army	
Karolyn Meno	Air Force	
† PFC Joseph Miracle *died 7/5/07*	Army	Afghanistan
LCP Derek Monday	Marines	
Gunnar Ottman	Army	UAE
Amanda Paczynski	Army	Korea
Capt. Adam Renkiewicz	Army	Afghanistan
Capt. Matthew Richards	Army	Iraq
Katie Rounds		Bahrain
Sgt. Gerald Sanchez	Marines	Afghanistan
CPTN Daniel Schasser		
Anthony Schmidt	Marines	
Lt. Col. Nick Strelchuk	Air Force	Beale AFB
Cory Vaught	Army	
James Whitlow	Navy	Iraq

If your son, daughter or grandchild is serving us in troubled places, please let us know. Just drop a note in the mail, e-mail us at ParishOffice@OLLonline.org, fax us at 248 623-2723, or call us at 248 623-0274.

Our Lady of the Lakes PRAYER REQUEST LINE

248-623-0274

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Touch "Prayers" in our Parish App

FOR THE WEEKEND
December 5 & 6, 2020

Time	*Presiders*	*Servers*	*Lectors*	*Captains*
Saturday: 5:00pm	Fr. Muer		Tim Gabrys	Karen Romkema
Sunday: 8:00am	Fr. Thibodeau		Vivian Steinhilper	Jean Kempf
9:30am	Fr. Thibodeau		Brooklyn Robak	Jim Desantis
11:00am	Fr. Muer		Paul Kowalczyk	Greg Walter
12:30pm	Fr. Muer		Steve Yanek	

Altar Care

ALTAR HELP

WEEKEND 12/12/20
David Diffenderffer
Melanie Gaynor
Pat Hannum

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Jared Kullman, Athletic Director 248-623-0340

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Mondays, 9:00am at the Parish Center
Kathie Harroun, Editor
Submissions to: Bulletin@OLLonline.org

Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry...1-888-722-4355
National Domestic Violence Hotline...1-800-799-7233

MASSES
Saturday Evening....5:00pm
Sunday.....8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am, 12:30pm
Monday - Friday.....8:15am

BAPTISMS:
Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class.
Call 623-0274 for more information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays from 3:30pm until all are heard

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:
Dates yet to be determined

FAITH FORMATION:
Ages 4/5: Sundays 9:30am
Mondays: Grades 1-8— 6:15pm
Family Catechisis: 1st Sunday of each month - 1:30pm
RCIC – Tuesday 7:00pm - RCIA — Tuesday 7:00pm

WEDDINGS
Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.
Couples must attend the Pre-Marriage Workshop.

REGISTRATIONS:
All families must register personally at the Delaney Center or online at OLLonline.org.
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