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ADVENT GIVING TREE

THOUGHTS FROM FR. SCOTT

I trust everyone enjoyed a wonderful day of thanks with your families and friends. Hopefully, there will be great joy, much rejoicing, and grand celebrations throughout this Thanksgiving weekend. 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.

Congratulations to all of the young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Tuesday. It was a glowing night of great mercy. The children and their direct thoughtfulness always amaze me. Children always see things very clearly and are willing to admit their need for God's help. Somewhere along the line we adults lose this thought all too easily. Perhaps we can learn for the excitement of the children and come to depend upon the mercy of God yet again; just a thought to help us prepare for Christmas. Anyway, congratulations to all who experienced the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time; welcome home!

Our annual Advent Giving Tree is located near the baptismal font once again this year 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. New this year, we are asking for certain items to be returned in a gift bag. As these are Christmas gifts we are donating, it is only appropriate that we brighten the holiday of 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.

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 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!

be vigilant at all times

LUKE 21:36

VOILAND'S VIEW

Every so often, I find myself frustrated with either the world in general, or some particular incident that puts me over the edge, and I can't help myself from saying to God, out loud, "Hey, I really need to sit down and have a talk with you! How can you let this world go on the way that it is? This is crazy! Why do you put up with this!" And just as the words come out of my mouth, I feel like God slaps me back to my senses and says, "You've got to be kidding! You people basically don't do a thing I ask you to do, and you expect a different world?"

As always, God gets right to the point. My frustration with the world, and seemingly with God's hands-off policy regarding it, comes from me looking at the big picture, the collective mess that the world has gotten itself into. But when I do that, I place myself outside of the mess and point my finger at it and say, "Why?" It is as if I don't have anything to do with it - but I do. Throughout the course of my life, I have done my share of good, but I have also contributed to the accumulation of sin in the world. I'm confident to say that I'm better than I was when I was much younger, more ignorant, and sometimes just plain stupid, but I'm still not perfect.

If I look strictly at my own situation, I have zero to complain about. In my case, the better question for God would be, "Why have you been so good to me? You know I don't deserve this." God is more than fair. His mercy is nearly scandalous. So, why would I question the way he treats the world, as it exists

now? We may collectively act like a bunch of spoiled infants, but we're made for far more. Aside from looking down on his earth and seeing a lot of people really striving to be better, God can't help but notice a lot of people who lie, kill, steal, gorge themselves on sex, power, addictive substances, and don't give so much as a single thought to him, the God who made them. And they are happy to promote such behavior! We are genuinely free persons, and this is how we act, so how can we expect the world to be different than it is?

Advent is a time of preparation. The color of the season is violet, the color of Lent. It is a time to prepare to receive Jesus Christ - again - into our hearts. It is a time to repent of our stubborn egoism. That God, the Son, would enter this world to save it, as corrupt two-thousand years ago as it is today, is astounding. God himself, the unfathomable creator of the universe, setting foot in this place that has abandoned itself to the satisfactions of mere flesh, is a level of sacrifice we would never make. It is like one of us becoming an ape to save the apes, or an ant to save the ants. Sorry, not me. But God loves us that much, because we are made in his image.

May we use this time of Advent to examine ourselves, count our blessings, repent of our sins, and prepare our hearts for a God who is ever new and always seeking a deeper relationship with us. What a gift to be so loved!
Blessed Advent!
Fr. Bob



WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY

James Gross
Kennedy Adler
Duke Fenton
Theodore Martin
Lennon Warfield
Anthony Jacoboni
John Dean, IV
Henry Selden
Gwendalynn Smith

*You are a child of God, you are wonderfully made,
dearly loved and precious in His sight.*

-Psalm 139

Wednesday Rosary

We invite all to join us each Wednesday at 6:30pm for a Rosary with our Blessed Mother.

We will be moving back inside to the chapel in the church.

Get Rosary How to's and more at:
ollonline.org/rosary

This Week's Liturgies

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:15 AM † Helen Kubon by Family
† Isabell Horning by Eurich Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:15 AM † Bud Calme by Family
† Richard Brelin by Mary Brelin

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:15 AM † Arthur Miruzzi by Family
Maggie Sans by Bernie Tomko

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:15 AM † Jim & Mayola Alexander by Carol & Jim
† Wilbert Kobelski by Kathy Lewis

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

† Dick Ellis by His Wife
† Philip Horowitz by Bernie Tomko

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 PM † Rita Sequin by Chuck & Betty Schuster
Lois Zednik by Zednik Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM † Doris Oliver by Kevin & Patty Oliver
† James Radich III by Radich Family
9:30 AM † Edward Augustyn by His daughter
† Chuck Campbell by His Wife Margy
11:00 AM † David Marshick
Hamacher Family by Family
12:30 PM Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes
† George Tozer by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

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

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,
8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

HOPE



Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Prayers

- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

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Our Parish Life Together

MISSION & MINISTRY

High School Youth Group:

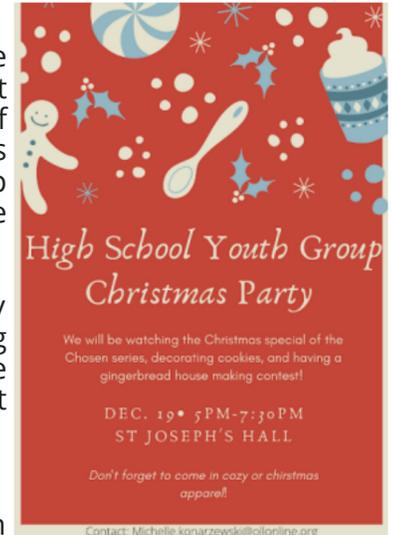
December 5th- Children's Village Christmas Party. The youth group will be pairing with St Mary's Parish to throw a Christmas party for the children at Mandy's place. The teens are asked to meet in the parking lot of Our Lady of the Lakes at 5:30pm, the teens will then carpool to Children's Village. If this is something that you are interested in please RSVP and get the permission slip forms at michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org. This is a great service opportunity and it is a really fun time!

December 19th-Our Lady of the Lakes Christmas Party. Join us for a cozy night of watching a Christmas special of The Chosen series, decorating cookies, gingerbread house contest, and some faith-filled games! This will be located in St. Joseph's hall at 5pm. If you have any questions, please contact **Michelle** at **248-623-0274** or by email at michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org

Young Adult Ministry (YAM):

The December events will be released shortly. If you would like to join the email/messaging list, please reach out to Michelle Konarzewski.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at 248-820-6670 or by email at michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org God Bless, Michelle Konarzewski, Director of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization



Right to Life -
LIFESPAN

**Christmas
Cards for Sale**

Right to Life LIFESPAN is selling Christmas cards. They will be selling them after the Knights of Columbus Breakfasts this weekend 11/21/2021.

They are also available for purchase at the Parish Center. Your purchase of LIFESPAN Christmas Cards represents support for the pro-life activities, education and materials offered during the coming year.



KOEZE NUTS

The Our Lady of the Lakes **Koeze Nut sale** is back. Our prices are lower than Koeze's catalog or online prices!

Colossal Cashews:

30oz Decanter	\$40
20oz Decanter	\$30
14oz Tin	\$20
10oz Box	\$16

Mixed Nuts:

30 oz Decanter	\$38
20oz Decanter	\$27
10oz Box	\$15

Pecan Puddles:

<i>milk or dark chocolate</i>	
19.5oz Decanter	\$35
8oz Foil Box	\$18

Have questions? Please call 248-623-0274 or Email: koezenuts@ollonline.org
Order deadline December 8th.



Happy New Year!! Today marks the first Sunday in Advent and the beginning of our new liturgical year. What type of New Year's resolutions are you making for your faith journey? I am going to share with you what mine is so that you can pray for my journey and keep me on task by asking me throughout the year how I'm doing. My hope for the new Liturgical year is to strengthen my relationship with the angels and saints. How will I do this? By paying more attention to the saint of the day and learning about them and praying for their intercession and by trying to be more aware of those moments when my guardian angel is at work in my life and the lives of my loved ones.

This Advent I am going to focus on the different ways the Lord comes into my life every day. I believe that every encounter, every person, is an opportunity to see the Lord in my life. Every encounter is an opportunity for me to learn and every encounter is an opportunity for others to see and meet Christ. To that end I must ask myself; am I being responsible with the gifts God has given to me? Do I seek and expect justice? Do I spend time every day in personal prayer? Do I seek and see the Lord's presence in the Eucharist, in my family, in my work place? Will the Lord find me worthy if He were to seek me today?

A suggestion for your families today would be to talk on the way home from Mass how your family can actively wait for Jesus this Advent season and how you can use this new year to set some goals for this new liturgical year. Use this day; this New Year, this Advent, to intensify your relationship with your Lord, your faith community and your spiritual journey.

Peace and prayers,

Jean, DRE



All Day Adoration After Daily Mass Tuesdays Ending with Benediction at 7pm

November 30, 2021

December 7, 2021

December 14, 2021

December 21, 2021

Private Confessions Tuesdays

11:30am & 6:30pm

November 30, 2021

December 7, 2021

December 14, 2021

December 21, 2021

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Holy Day of Obligation

8:15am

10:00am

7:00pm

Taize Prayer

Thursday, December 9, 2021 @ 7pm

Christmas Eve Mass December 24, 2021

4:00pm Church

4:00pm Hall

6:00pm Church

Christmas Day Mass

Midnight Mass 12:00am

9:30am

11:00am

Solemnity of the Blessed Mother

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

January 1, 2022 9:30am

Christmas Concert

December 12, 2021

4:00pm Church



Again this year our gift program will be geared toward helping our neighbors in need with basic necessities. The organizations we have paired with in the past are still working under the "new normal" hence the decision to support other charities will remain. 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 19th. If you are in need of a gift bag, please stop by the Parish Office.

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. Again this year they will not 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 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.



Knights Korner

The Knights have placed boxes at the back of church to collect new coats for kids in the area that don't have one to wear this winter.



Family of the Month – Frank and Kathy Zelinski Family

Frank and Kathy Zelinski are longtime parishioners and are being recognized for the great support they show for our Knights of Columbus council's activities. They attend nearly all the KofC Breakfasts with son Patrick, Tammy and their three teen grandkids, following their faithful participation at 8:00 AM Sunday mass. Frank, Pat, and Alan recently provided equipment, operation, and much needed support in completing an earth moving project behind the rectory.

Pictured after the completion of the rectory berm removal project are Frank (center) flanked by sons Alan and Pat with Mike Zubalik and Mike Mandziuk on the far sides.

Ready to join the Knights?

For those men over the age of 18 interested in becoming a Knight, please contact:
Grand Knight Chris Scheuer GK5436@mikofc.org or
Deputy Grand Knight Michael Mandziuk MD5436@mikofc.org



 **Apply Now!**
2022 - 2023 

#GIVINGTUESDAY



NOVEMBER 30TH

Be a 2021-2022
Tuition Angel



OLL LMDC & THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Have a jolly holly holiday season in our bazaar!

DECEMBER 5, 2021
1:30PM - 3:00PM
\$8 / PERSON
(KIDS UNDER 2 FREE)

ST. JOSEPH HALL
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO
SCHOOL & PARISH FAMILIES

A hearty breakfast will be served by the Knights while we have multiple craft stations for the kids!

Registration and payment is required before the event. Register At: <https://ollonline.org/brunch-with-santa>



SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of the Lakes
18th Annual Auction is coming!

ANCHORS AWEIGH



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Send us your current email address, update your personal information, and submit an alumni entry at <https://ollonline.org/alumni> or by scanning the QR code below.

Contact the Alumni Office at:

alumni@ollonline.org

or

248-623-0340 x 3.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK

David Andrews
Rhonda Barron
Marie Kurczak
Adelyn Detassany
Suzette Zawifza
Maggie Sans
Jon Boncella
Gini Hoffman
Julia Sidebottom
Gary Day
Paula Jean Cullison-Burke
Francine Bailey
Karen Phelps
Don Sayre
Beverly Armstrong
Greta Ferguson
Rose Jones

To add someone to the prayer list please contact the parish office.

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, Army, died 11/22/03
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres, Marines
Eddy DeRocher
Jacob Dumont, Army
SFC Scott Emanuel
2LT William Gischia, Army
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr., Army
Dillan Johnson, Air Force
Jackson Jones, Army
Msgt Justin Jones, Air Force
Matt Koetting, Marines
Robert Maher & Crew, Navy
† Sgt. Joseph Martin, Army, died 8/16/18
Francesca Meno, Army
Karolyn Meno, Air Force
† PFC Joseph Miracle, Army, died 7/5/07
LCP Derek Monday, Marines
Gunnar Ottman, Army
Amanda Paczynski, Army
Capt. Matthew Richards, Army
Katie Rounds
CPTN Daniel Schasser
Anthony Schmidt, Marines
Lt. Col. Nick Strelchuk, Air Force
Cory Vaught, Army
James Whitlow, Navy
Max Kravetz, National Gaurd

To update an individual's rank or to add someone to the list, please contact us at the parish office.



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the vast amount of groceries that were donated by the very generous members of our parish.

The food, toiletries and household items that we collected were taken to Lighthouse of Oakland County, St. Anne's in Ortonville, St. Rita's in Holly as well as Holy Redeemer in Detroit for distribution. These agencies have expressed their sincere gratitude. Prior to our delivery the food pantry at Holy Redeemer had bare shelves with no means to fill them. Because of the kindness of our parishioners they are once again able to help their neighbors in need. Thank you again for your support of this outreach program.



Stewardship Thoughts

First Sunday of Advent

As we begin this holy season of Advent, we should consider taking inventory of our lives. In today's Gospel from the evangelist St. Luke, Jesus tells of the signs associated with the end times. For faithful disciples, though, Christ reassures us: But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. In other words, stand firm in your faith before the Lord when He comes again in glory and power. St. Paul reminds the Thessalonian community, and us, that our Lord strengthens us to love God and one another — to be blameless in holiness before Him. Faithful stewards acknowledge that expressing evangelization through stewardship as a way of life deepens our quest for holiness. As we prepare for Christ's birth, avoid the busyness of the "holiday season" by making time to read Scripture daily and attend Mass frequently to receive Holy Communion.

First Sunday

Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42



Next Weekend December 4 & 5

<i>Time</i>	<i>Presiders</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Sacristans</i>
Saturday, 5:00 pm	Fr. Scott	Z. Campbell S. McCarthy A. Voto	Lynn Pomerlaeu	Bernie Tomko
Sunday, 8:00 am	Fr. Bob	B. Asai E. Asai M. Gallmeyer	Cathy Robertson	Mark Blaszkiewicz
Sunday, 9:30 am*	Fr. Bob	K. Comerford H. Drouin O. Miller	Eric & Kim Bischer	Jim Bruso
Sunday, 11:00 am*	Fr. Scott	A. Bonnavier R. Bonnavier R. Luptowski	Evelyn Clark	John & Evelyn Clark
Sunday, 12:30 pm	Fr. Scott	B. Burton G. Donnarumma L. Jasinski	Jose Soliman	Diane Lowry
Altar Help				
November 27	Group 6: Pat Hannum			
December 2	Group 1: Paul & Felice Schneeman, Annette Kobylarz, Caron Rolinski			
 LIVE 9:30am & 11:00am Masses streamed live at ollonline.org/live and facebook.com/ollwaterford/live				

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
Monday through Friday 8:15am

Baptisms
Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class.
Contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays from 3:30pm until all are heard.

Choir Wednesday's at 7:30pm

Eucharistic Exposition

3rd Tuesday of the month after 8:15am Mass until Rosary and Benediction at 7:00pm

Faith Formation

Ages 4/5 Sundays | 9:30am
Mondays Grades 1-8 | 6:15pm
Family Catechesis One Sunday of Each Month | 11:00am
RCIA Tuesday | 7:00pm

Weddings

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

Registration

Register online at ollonline.org/join or stop by the office
Please notify the parish of all address, phone, email changes by phone or online at ollonline.org/update

Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry 1-888-722-4355
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