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# ST. PAUL VI PARISH



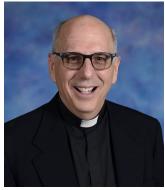
December 12, 2021

I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

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St. Mary Church 105 Herrick Road Riverside Mater Christi Church 2401 S. 10th Avenue North Riverside

# A message from our Pastor



Today is Gaudete Sunday, Advent is half over and the Scriptures call us to rejoice! There is no denying this is a busy time of year, sometimes filled with anxiety, still shadowed by Covid concerns. Yet, we hear Paul's words to the Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always." Not "rejoice when the shopping is done" or "rejoice when the family plans are made" nor even "rejoice when Covid is over." Rejoice always Paul tells us.

Indeed, there is much to rejoice about. On December 4 and 5, many people came to receive God's comfort, courage, and healing in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. On December 3, St. Paul VI Parish was a presence of God's love as staff, Pastoral Council members, and Knights of Columbus greeted people at the Riverside Holiday Stroll. The children's choir and adult choir added to our joy with Christmas Carols. Many people stopped by for refreshments, conversation, information about the parish, and blessings. Our presence brought "goodwill to all."

Today is also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and at Mater Christi church our celebration takes place early Sunday morning. We can find joy and inspiration in the person of Juan Diego, the humble man to whom the Virgin appeared. We can certainly find joy in the words Mary spoke to Juan, and speaks to us as well, "Let not your heart be disturbed...Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection...Are you not in the folds of my mantle...Is there anything else you need?"

Irish Benedictine Abbot Columba Marmion said, "Joy is the echo of God's life in us." Perhaps that is one reason why many parishioners seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent, to embrace more fully God's life in themselves. And the more we are filled with God's life in us—with grace—the more we can perceive the Christ in others and our joy grows.

The giving trees and the generosity of parishioners who reach out to those in need is proof that they know that Christ lives in those who are poor, or lonely this season. Those who give know the joy of sharing joy with others.

There are many reasons that faith gives us joy: the liturgy, the sacraments, serving with the community of faith, saints like Juan Diego, and the protection of our loving Mother, Mary, opportunities to share the joy with others through giving and outreach.

"Rejoice in the Lord" not just on Gaudete Sunday, but always, by seeing and receiving all the gifts that faith offers. "I say it again: rejoice!"

# A message from our Associate Pastor



This weekend we not only celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, but we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Theresa Civantos Barber of *Aleteia* talks about Our Lady of Guadalupe being a mother to us all which we know but she also illustrates that especially during the months of pregnancy, Our Lady walks the road beside us, so we know we are not alone.

It's been almost 500 years since a beautiful dark-skinned woman appeared to St. Juan Diego on a hill outside Mexico City and asked him in his native language, Nahuatl, to build her a church on that site.

Over the centuries, Our Lady of Guadalupe has not faded out of memory but has grown ever more important for Catholics around the world, especially for Mexicans, for whom she is a treasured symbol of cultural identity. And as Patroness of the Americas, her influence is

incalculable on the many generations who have lived in North, South, and Central America since her apparition.

Her image is different from other apparitions and even from most artistic depictions of Our Lady. These differences make Our Lady of Guadalupe a natural and sympathetic intercessor for pregnant women, a companion and guide who can truly walk through the months of pregnancy alongside expectant mothers. These two reasons in particular elucidate why mothers can turn to "La Guadalupana" for prayers and deep understanding.

#### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IS PREGNANT HERSELF**

Our Lady of Guadalupe appears as a pregnant woman, probably very near to giving birth (which makes sense, given that the apparitions took place only a few weeks before Christmas). Her pregnancy is apparent, not only because of her rounded abdomen but because of the black sash she wears around her waist, which indicates that she is with child.

It's still rare today to see images of Our Lady during her pregnancy—she is usually shown after giving birth—and it was even less common at that time. Mary's choice to appear as an expectant mother is an act with great significance for all pregnant women.

When expectant mothers see an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, they see someone who is walking in their shoes, quite literally. Pregnancy is replete with aches and pains, especially in the later months. Our Lady of Guadalupe intimately understands what a pregnant woman is going through, both the physical discomfort and the emotional upheaval that often comes with the territory (thanks to those pesky pregnancy hormones!).

Besides the tiredness and physical vexations that come with any pregnancy, Our Lady had to make a long and difficult journey very soon before giving birth. She had to leave her family and hometown to have her baby far away from home. If anyone can sympathize with the concerns and uncertainties plaguing a pregnant woman, especially during this pandemic when so many things seem topsy-turvy, it's the wise and gentle woman at Tepeyac Hill.

Her response to these difficulties, of course, is an inspiration to us all. She retained her inner peace and trust in God throughout all the hardships she faced. In imitation of her, all Christians, especially pregnant women, can turn to her intercession when we face problems that test our serenity and faith. We can ask her to share that abiding peace with us.

#### SHE BRINGS A MESSAGE OF RADICAL CONSOLATION

When my young children inevitably fall and hurt themselves, or panic at the loud sound of the garbage truck, I have a go-to phrase to calm them: "You're safe. I'm here." They know that their mama's job is to keep them safe and comfort them from the scary things in life.

At times, I wonder, who is here to sympathize with and comfort us adults? Parents, and anyone who cares for children, are called to be a source of calm and emotional stability for the little ones in our lives, but this work can be exhausting. At times (especially in 2020!), it feels like we have no one to lean on ourselves.

I was thinking about this when I came across Our Lady of Guadalupe's message to her children, spoken to St. Juan Diego:

Listen, put it into your heart, my youngest and dearest son, that the thing that frightens you, the thing that afflicts you, is nothing: Do not let it disturb you... Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need something more? Let nothing else worry you or disturb you.

Her message, assuring her beloved child not to be afraid because she is present, is one that is familiar to all mothers. How many times have we spoken similar words ourselves? But to hear them spoken to us, instead of by us—to know how deeply and personally we are loved, not only by Christ but also by His cherished mother—is enough to take one's breath away.

In pregnancy and motherhood, and indeed in almost all areas of life, it's almost a guarantee that something won't go as planned and expected. Through all of this, Our Lady of Guadalupe reassures us, saying, "Don't be afraid. I'm here." In troubles and sorrow, in fear and confusion, like anxious children clinging to a sure refuge, we can find comfort in her embrace.

## MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Mater Christi Church**

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday 8:00 am Church (Live replay on YouTube)

**Anticipated Mass** Saturday 5:00 pm Church

Sunday Mass 8:00 am Church (Live replay on YouTube) 9:30 am Church 11:00 am Church

## St. Mary Church

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 8:30 am Church

**Anticipated Mass** Saturday 4:00 pm Church

Sunday Mass 8:00 am Church 10:00 am Church & Livestream 5:00 pm Church

## Sunday Drive-thru Holy Communion

40 E. Burlington St., Riverside

11:00 to 11:30 am

Please remain in your vehicle and the volunteers will guide you.

#### RECONCILIATION

#### Mater Christi Church

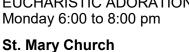
Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm or by appointment

#### St. Mary Church

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 pm, before 4:00 pm Mass or by appointment

## **ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Mater Christi Church EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Monday 6:00 to 8:00 pm



Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary Thursday 3:00 to 4:00 pm

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** 3:00 to 9:00 pm

## PRESIDER SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF **DECEMBER 18 & 19:**

St. Mary Church Presider:

4:00 PM Fr. Thomas May Saturday Dec 18 Sunday Dec 19 8:00 AM Fr. Robert Banzin 10:00 AM Fr. Ed Foley, Cap 5:00 PM Fr. Brian Taber, SJ

Mater Christi Church Presider:

Saturday Dec 18 5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

Sunday Dec 19 8:00 AM Fr. Thomas Unz 9:30 AM Fr. Thomas May

11:00 AM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

\*Presider schedule is subject to change.

#### ADVENT SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Christmas lights seem to be going up earlier this year. It appears we are eager to dispel the darkness as we await the birth of the Light of the World.

We have been given a gift that graces us to dispel other darkness's in our hearts, in our lives. Pope Francis wrote, "The Lord never tires of forgiveness. Let us ask for the grace not to tire of asking forgiveness because he never tires of forgiving."

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Monday evenings of December 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM until 6:45 PM. It will be celebrated at both Mater Christi church and St. Mary **church**. An online video to help us prepare for confession is available at

https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=YwnipmICI4Y

Come to the Light!

May the Lord **Bless You** and Keep You, and continue to watch over vou.



November 23, 2021 - Eliza Margaret White

November 27, 2021 - Maya Madeline Villareal

November 28, 2021 - Lucie Joan Bernat Jane Ellis Cronin

December 5, 2021 - Paloma Saori Ramirez



# One Million Hail Mary Challenge

As of December 2, 2021 we have prayed 913,769 Hail Marys.

Come pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Join us on this link: Meeting ID: 812 1056 2468

Passcode: 949134

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?

pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUILVFVhYWVBQT09

# **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday, December 11

(MC) 8:00 am † St Paul VI Volunteers

(SM) 4:00 pm  $\dagger$  Don & Joan Dvorak (Dvorak Children), Josephine & John Dynako, Bill Polich

(MC) 5:00 pm † Jim Burns (Del Burns), Anne Mazur (Theresa Kirkley), Leonard & Marian Jelinek (Alice Kenar), Walter Folz, Jr (PJ Folz), Mary Anderson (PJ Folz), Gloria Padilla Lopez (Chris Battaglia)

#### Sunday, December 12

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † August & Helen Ondrejka, Kevin Gadus (MC) 9:30 am † Daniel Mokrzycki, Klara & John Grzelak, George R. Zdarsky (Pat Zdarsky), Ed Dulik (Holy Name Society), Rosa Guzman Jaso, Jose Gonzalez Monroy, Dalton Lee Brown (Mrs. Brown)

(SM) 10:00 am † Lillian & Procoro Cuevas, Ronald Smith (Darlene & Terry Humay), Mildred Valek (Zaviska Family)

(MC) 11:00 am † Ray Hickey, Bob Shermack

(SM) 5:00 pm † Richard & Barbara Brost (60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

#### Monday, December 13

(MC) 8:00 am and (SM) 8:30 am † Patricia Liska (Mark & Muriel Sweeney & Maureen N. Sweeney Hinds)

## Tuesday, December 14

(MC) 8:00 am and (SM) 8:30 am † Avelina Contreras, Karen Blackaller (Dorothy Krause), Charles Koblick (Theresa Hall), Purgatorial Society

#### Wednesday, December 15

(MC) 8:00 am and (SM) 8:30 am † St. Paul VI school children, Gene & Jennifer Michalowski (Dorothy Zenisek)

#### Thursday, December 16

(MC) 8:00 am and (SM) 8:30 am † Richard Kean, Gene Holzmeister (Kay Holzmeister), Teresa Reinhard

#### Friday, December 17

(MC) 8:00 am and (SM) 8:30 am † School Sisters of Notre Dame Benefactors (Sr Julice)

#### Saturday, December 18

(MC) 8:00 am † St Paul VI Volunteers

(SM) 4:00 pm † Charles Labotka Jr (Margaret Labotka), Fernando Solis, Theresa Kledek Helen & Stephen Kubiczky, Gene Swift

(MC) 5:00 pm † Jim Burns (Del Burns), Jolita & Marian Mazurkiewicz, Lillian Seils (Altobello)

#### Sunday, December 19

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Leona & Paul Carrabota, Rudolf, Yolana & Miroslav Vavrinek, Members of the Stumpo Family (D. Conjuna)

(MC) 9:30 am † Rosa Guzman Jaso, Jose Gonzalez Monroy

(SM) 10:00 am † Madai & Wengren Families, Nicoline Shields, Dr. Horatius Browne

(MC) 11:00 am † Susan McCauley (Koszala Family), Joseph Karasek (SM) 5:00 pm † St. Paul VI Parishioners

If you have a loved one that you would like to be remembered for a special intention during Mass, please visit our parish office located at 40 E. Burlington St., Riverside or call 708-447-1020 to schedule one.

To request your Mass Intention to be placed in the bulletin, please submit at least 2 weeks in advance.

# In our hearts and prayers, we pray...

#### For the deceased

#### PRAYER FOR THE ETERNAL REST

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For Arthur H. Yetter, Jose Luis Prado, and for all those who have died, may they rest in Peace.

#### For the sick and homebound

Virginia Alba Jinnie Allan Leo Augustinas Arlene Batek Jorge Blackaller Linda Bronsteader John Brophy Del Burns Joseph Carrabotta **Dorothy Dunajcik** Midge Galloro Anthony Gorski Elena Gorski Irene Gorski Robert Holas Irene Horacek Olga Horacek Juan Infante Noel Keen Patricia King Norman Kirkley

Mary Kratchovil Joseph Kratchovil Ramon Lehnen Charlotte Lindauer **Emily Martinez** Spencer Mehr Dolores Messlein Lizzie Mooney Freda Murphy Annie Nystrom Beth Pennacchio Dean Pennacchio Rafaela Perez Elsie Piszczor Carol Schaffer Lorraine Schmecht Eugenia Valdivia Infante Jorge Valdivia Jennifer Walden John Leo Wilson Tommy Witteman Pat Zdarsky



#### This Week's Scripture Reading

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab,

6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7,

17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps

85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a,

13b; Lk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

**Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13,

18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

# Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

"Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not count the cost; to fight and not heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not ask for reward."

Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola

<b>Month Ending November 2021</b>	
Sunday Collections	\$60,314
Online Offerings	30,333
Text	<u>375</u>
Total Received	\$91,022
Budget	<u>81,160</u>
Greater/(Less) Than Budget	\$9,862
% Greater/(Less) Than Budget	12.2 %

Fiscal Year to Date (7/1/2021-11/30/2021)		
YTD Sunday Collections	\$ 388,298	
YTD Budgeted Collections	<u>410,880</u>	
Greater/ (Less) Than Budget	\$(22,582)	
Percent Greater/(Less) Than Budget	(5.5 %)	

<b>Special Collections November 2021</b>	
Building Fund St. Mary Church	\$2,098
Building Fund Mater Christi Church	\$3,500
Building for the Future	\$774
Energy	\$40
Mother of Mothers Shrine	\$922
St. Mary School Education Fund	\$3,911
RE & Lifelong Faith Formation Fund	\$3,063
Sharing Parishes	\$2,521
Archdiocesan Special Collections	\$3,794

<b>Christmas Collections YTD</b>	
Collections thru 11/30/2021	\$2,175
Budgeted Collections	<u>130,000</u>
Greater/ (Less) Than Budget	\$(127,825)

The Sunday Offertory supports the day to day operations of our parish. As you can see we are trending below budget through the end of our fiscal year. The faithfulness and generosity of our parishioners is truly appreciated. Your contributions are needed to operate and maintain all that we are doing at St. Paul VI.

We have a new user friendly platform called Parish Soft Giving that lets you easily manage your contributions to the parish. For those looking for a convenient way to make your weekly offering, please consider signing up for automatic giving. You can also text GIVE to 708-55-4PAUL (708-554-7285).

Please visit our website at www.stpaulviparish.org and click on the Donate button for additional information.

If you require any assistance in signing up for automatic giving, please contact our Business Manager Christine O'Connor at 708-447-1020.

Thank you!

## -WAYS TO GIVE-

## MAIL - DROP OFF - CALL

- Bishop Lyne Pastoral Center 40 E Burlington St. Riverside IL 60546
- (708) 447-1020

#### ONLINE

 Click the donate button at <u>www.stpaulviparish.org</u> to set up an EFT or credit/debit card donation.

#### **TEXT-TO-GIVE**

- Text dollar amount you wish to donate to 708-55-4PAUL (708-554-7285).
- A verification and an email will be sent to you.



Due to recent health setbacks, Fr. Cy Nemecek is having difficulty preparing meals.

Father became Pastor of Mater Christi Church in 1992 and has been Pastor Emeritus since 2004.

Please help us and together we can provide nutritious meals for Fr. Cy so that he may be strengthened and kept as healthy as can be.

If you would like to volunteer to make some meals for Fr. Cy:

Call or Text Patti Jo Meyer at 708-334-6263

(Please leave a voicemail if no answer.)

Or you may email her at pjmeb14@gmail.com and she can send you the link. Thank You!



Thank you to
Vesuvio's
Bakery in North
Riverside for
their generous
donation of the
Thanksgiving
Loaves of Bread.

# Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



November 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the weekend of December 11-12 2021, our parishes will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits some 30,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

Pope Francis often highlights the role older adults play in conveying faith from one generation to the next. Recently, he noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." 1 As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection—an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows.

Instead, the prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Most senior religious worked for little pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. If you are unable to give during Mass, please mail your offertory envelope to your parish or donate through your parish's online giving platform, if available. You can also send your contributions to:

National Religious Retirement Office 3211 Fourth Street NE Washington DC 20017-1194

Please make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

Please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Store Coud. Curriel

Archbishop of Chicago

# Thank you to all who volunteered for the November Tuesday Supper.

Your kindness to help support the suppers for those in need, is what we need more of in our world. The turkey meal aroma in the Oak Room was wonderful.



130 individual meals were assembled and delivered to Catholic Charities in Cicero and then distributed to the needy. May God bless you for helping those in need and may He also bless those who are having difficulties at this time.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

On November 18, parishioners spent their

Saturday afternoon to help feed the hungry of Cook County. The group unboxed and packed 7,739 pounds of apples into hundreds of individual mesh bags of several apples each to go out into the community the next day. The apples came from as far away as the great state of Oregon.





# Parish Announcements

- Didn't receive our Christmas mailer? Let us know and we will drop one in the mail. Please call the Parish office at 708-447-1020.
- Are you a budding cinematographer? We are seeking volunteers that would like to become a part of the livestreaming team for masses. Please reach out to Bryant Rouleau brouleau@stpaulviparish.org for additional
- Calling all book lovers, we need help putting the St Mary School Library together. We are looking for volunteers to unpack and to shelve books one Saturday morning in December. If you love to organize please reach out to Nicole Nolazco: nnolazco@stmaryriverside.org to volunteer.

#### **1300 CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS**

November 21, 2021 1st Prize Elizabeth & Dvorak Family 2nd Prize Pat Brown

November 28, 2021 11st Prize Maureen Ferriter 2nd Prize Megan Kroc December 5, 2021 1st Prize Ken & Bonnie Krochmal 12nd Prize Geraldine Dulik



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Visit: www.stpaulviparish.org

# Parish Events



This Christmas wafer is a central European holiday tradition celebrated in Poland, Lithuania, and Slovakia during Wigilia, or the Christmas Eve Vigil.

If you would like to purchase some Oplatki Christmas Wafers, they will be available for purchase at both worship sites during Advent starting November 28, for \$2 an envelope.



## **Holy Name Society Monthly Meeting and Mass**

The Holy Name Mass will be on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at the 9:30 am service at the Mater Christi worship site. There will be hospitality after Mass. All men of the parish and their families are invited to pray

together with the HNS at that Mass and share in hospitality after Mass. Please note that social distancing should be observed and unless you are actively eating or drinking, masks should be worn. Thank you in advance.



Send our troops and local veterans a little taste of home for the holidays. Now through December 17th, Monday through Saturday between the 4:00 pm please stop by

the funeral home and pick up a free Christmas stocking to take home, decorate and stuff with Christmas cheer or drop off an old cell phone to donate to the troops. You will receive a list of recommended items along with the free stocking.

Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home will either ship or deliver the stockings at their expense, to troops abroad and veterans here at home in time for Christmas. "Providing our heroes with some good tidings and holiday cheer is a great way for us to show our support and appreciation for the sacrifices they make to keep our country safe and secure," said Frank Nosek Jr., owner of Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home.

We truly appreciate your continued support of our program and are so thankful to have a community full of so many people who are willing to give to the troops, especially during the holiday season, as it is so difficult for them to be away from their families during this time.

> Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home is located at: 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside. For more information, please call (708) 447-2500.



# Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)

**Filipino Christmas Celebration** 

Please join us for a Night Mass on Saturday. December 18 at 7:00 PM at Mater Christi Church. Our celebrant will be Fr. Xamie Reyes.

The tradition of Simbang Gabi is a devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas practiced by Filipino Catholics. It is an advent tradition that dates back in the Spanish era since the 1960's. It is celebrated in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



# St. Paul VI Giving Tree

will begin on November 13.

# to benefit St. Eulalia

The Quinn Center of
St. Eulalia's cannot accept
clothes or toys at this time.
We have been asked, if we can, to
purchase gift cards instead of gifts.
Tags are on the tree with an Angel.

# to benefit Veterans

Hines Veterans Hospital also asked for gift cards but also asked for a few necessities. Tags are on the tree with a Star.

# FOR ST. EULALIA AND VETERANS:

Please purchase gift cards and return on or before December 12 to the Mater Christi rectory mailbox or into the marked collection box under the tree.

Label the envelope "Giving Tree."

Veteran gifts can be placed unwrapped under the tree.

#### Gift card suggestions:

Walmart, Target, Aldi's, Jewel, Walgreens, Kohl's, Amazon, Subway, and McDonald's Contact: Carol Dvorak at ccdvorak123@yahoo.com

# Thank you!

Your spirit of giving & love are appreciated!

# to benefit the Children of Lyons

Tags will be available at both church sites and online.
Link will be on website(s) and emailed.
Wrapped gifts are due under the tree at Mater Christi church by December 12.

You can also drop off wrapped gifts at the Mater Christi Rectory (2431 S. 10th Ave., N. Riv.) on December 12 from 1:30-3pm.

Contact: Chris Alfred at jcvalfred@sbcglobal.net or 708-224-9993

# to benefit St. Agatha

Our Parish has been asked by St. Agatha's to "gift" store gift cards only again this year to limit handling and exposure to all that are involved in this wonderful opportunity.

Signup is available ONLINE ONLY at www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F48ABA62
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All details are available on the signup link.

All gift cards are due back to the Lyne Pastoral Center by December 12. Contact: Renee Tomczak at reuconn@comcast.net or 708-557-3066



# Knights of Columbus

Bishop Ketteler Council #1628



# Order Luminaria for Christmas

6 Luminaria per kit for \$7 3 Kits for \$15

Each kít contains 6 Candles, 6 Bags, § Sand Local Orders will be delivered December 18th.

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Checks payable to: Knights of Columbus #1628 Send orders to : 40 E. Burlington St. OR  in the Sunday Collection. Credit: https://bk1628.square.site/#





# CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CC) TUESDAY SUPPER

The CC Cicero office and Service Outreach provides monthly hot meals to those in need in the local community every third Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are needed to cook, bake, shop, assemble containers, clean-up and food delivery.

The next Tuesday Supper will be on **Tuesday**, **December 21**. Job details and food items needed for supper can be found on the Sign-Up Genius. Please use this link to sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-catholic38

# FOOD PANTRY - STOCK THE PANTRY!!

Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Pastoral Office located at 40 E. Burlington during business hours. Place Gift Cards in the office mailbox and clearly marked for Catholic Charities food drive.

For a list of the most requested items or to sign up to volunteer, please use the Sign-Up Genius:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-catholic44

Feel free to leave any non-perishable items.



## SOCK DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

The Service Outreach Group of St. Paul VI Parish, will be collecting new socks for the homeless, **January 3rd through the 17th**. New men's, women's and children's socks can be dropped off at the Lyne Parish Office, 40 E. Burlington, St. Mary School, or the St. Hugh Faith Formation Center at Mater Christi.

Socks are seldom donated for the homeless, yet socks are one of the most important clothing items needed. This is especially true for the colder months, and provide warmth and prevent disease. We ask that you drop off your new men's, women's children's socks the first 2 weeks in January, 3rd thru the 17th. These will be donated to Guardian Corps of America, where they seek out the homeless under viaducts, at camps, or on the street. Thank you for your caring and generosity.

For questions, please contact Pat Madai at 708-484-2047.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help in the food pantry at 1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero. Staff, volunteers, and clients are screened for COVID and wear masks.

Volunteer shifts:

Mondays: 9:15-11:15 a.m.; 12:15-2:15 p.m. and 2:15-4:15 p.m.

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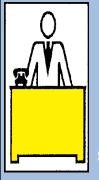
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