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Parish

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The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020



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*The kingdom of heaven will be like
ten virgins who took their lamps
and went out to meet the bridegroom.*

— Matthew 25:1

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“Those who love may be sure that none of their acts of love will be lost, nor any of their acts of sincere concern for others, nor any single act of love for God, nor any generous effort, nor any painful endurance. All of these enfold our world like a vital force”.

[#FratelliTutti](#)

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday – 9:00 a.m.	November 9, 2020 Mary Graham – (Anna Dudzik)
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.	November 10, 2020 Henry Glob – (Family) Michael Kelly – (Family) Avelino Reyes – (Teresita Reyes) Michael Davis – (Betty Davis) Mother's Day Remembrance
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.	November 11, 2020 Mildred Miller – (Marijane Riffel)
Thursday – 9:00 a.m.	November 12, 2020 Chris & Sandy Paustian – (Mary Peeters) Miguel Chavez-Solis – (Maria Diamond) Generose, Violeta & Rosita Tupas – (Sol Molen) Agnes Pimental – (Sarmiento Family)
Friday – 9:00 a.m.	November 13, 2020 James Mander – (Jeff & Rose Waller)
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)	November 14, 2020 John White – Living Intention – (Marielena Lavoie) People of the Parish
Sunday – 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 12:45 p.m. (Polish)	November 15, 2020 Joseph Tierney – (Bill & Mary Kay Bollacker) Robert Snyder – (Rick Cerny) Ismael Francisco Arceo – (Family) S.P. Janina Stachura – (Family)



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary Immaculate Parish As of November 1, 2020

	2020	2019
Goal:	\$231,500	\$221,300
Amount Pledged:	\$188,553	\$210,003
Amount Paid:	\$168,821	\$176,391
Amount Due:	\$19,732	\$33,611
Number of Donors:	779	862

Readings for the Week

Sunday	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13
Monday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

*Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Matthew 25:13*

The Election is Over: Now What?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I don't know about you, but I can't be thankful enough that this election is over. Elections in our day are almost never the lofty, altruistic, concern-for-the-common-good events we would like them to be, but this rancorous election was more disgusting than any I can remember. Even worse than the last one, God help us. I don't imagine they'll get better, either, now that the concern for decency has been cast aside.

But I write this column on Monday, the day before the election. So I don't know yet how I will feel when I read this column on Sunday. By now, maybe we have our results and maybe not – that's still a tossup as I write. And, depending on who we've voted for, we will either feel elated or depressed, or perhaps we don't know how to feel yet!

So here's the thing about elections: we have to work with who we've elected. But this absolutely does not mean that the faithful Catholic can just throw up her or his hands and say, "Well, I didn't vote for him/her, so don't blame me!" No, the faithful Catholic has to take the results and work with them, because the success of our country affects the common good, and this nation is our earthly home.

We must continue to strive for a nation that is just, fair, and open to all people. We must tirelessly work to change the culture of death into the culture of life. We have to work to change the status quo into the heavenly city, counting on the providence of God who is always in control, and interceding for conversion of hearts in so many ways.

We faithful Catholics have to be ready to stand up for what we believe in. We have to give witness to our faith, even at great personal cost, because the alternative is not a happy life, but instead unending death. We have to trust that God will give us the words to speak, and the courage to act, and to trust in the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our community.

Don't let those elected stop hearing from us. Find ways to contact them and do it regularly. Make sure they know the issues that are at stake and the consequences of making the wrong decision. Speak always with love (and remember that love sometimes means we have to correct and admonish, lovingly) and concern for the salvation of others, even our elected officials. Remember, we will be judged as a nation one day, and we need everyone to come together on the right side of the judgment day.

The election is over; now let us pray.

Yours in Christ and His Blessed Mother,
Father Pat Mulcahy, Pastor

Prayer After an Election

God of all nations,
Father of the human family,
we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise
and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy
in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection and guidance
for all who devote themselves to the common good,
working for justice and peace at home and around the world.
We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants,
those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges,
those in the military and law enforcement.
Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord,
with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice
in the years ahead for all people,
and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst.
Amen.

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, revised edition (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2007). The "Prayer After an Election" by Cardinal Adam Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, is used with permission.

*Por tanto, estén despiertos
porque no saben el día ni la hora.
Mateo 25:13*

La elección ha terminado: ¿y ahora qué?

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

No sé ustedes, pero no puedo sentirme lo suficientemente agradecido de que estas elecciones hayan terminado. Las elecciones en nuestros días casi nunca son los eventos nobles, altruistas y de preocupación por el bien común que nos gustaría que fueran, pero esta elección rencorosa fue más repugnante que cualquiera que yo recuerde. Peor aún que la anterior, Dios nos ayude. No creo que mejoren tampoco, ahora que se ha dejado de lado la preocupación por la decencia.

Pero escribo esta columna el lunes, el día antes de las elecciones. Así que todavía no sé cómo me sentiré cuando lea esta columna el domingo. A estas alturas, tal vez tengamos nuestros resultados y tal vez no; eso todavía está en el aire mientras escribo. Y, dependiendo de por quién hayamos votado, nos sentiremos eufóricos o deprimidos, ¡o quizás no sepamos cómo sentirnos todavía!

Así que esto es lo que pasa con las elecciones: tenemos que trabajar con quienes hemos elegido. Pero esto no significa en absoluto que el católico fiel pueda simplemente levantar sus manos y decir: "Bueno, yo no voté por él / ella, ¡así que no me culpes!" No, el católico fiel tiene que tomar los resultados y trabajar con ellos, porque el éxito de nuestro país afecta el bien común, y esta nación es nuestro hogar terrenal.

Debemos seguir luchando por una nación que sea justa, equitativa y abierta a todas las personas. Debemos trabajar incansablemente para cambiar la cultura de la muerte en la cultura de la vida. Tenemos que trabajar para cambiar el estatus quo a la ciudad celestial, contando con la providencia de Dios, que siempre tiene el control, e intercediendo por la conversión de corazones de muchas maneras.

Los fieles católicos tenemos que estar dispuestos a defender aquello en lo que creemos. Tenemos que dar testimonio de nuestra fe, incluso a un gran costo personal, porque la alternativa no es una vida feliz, sino la muerte sin fin. Tenemos que confiar en que Dios nos dará las palabras para hablar y el coraje para actuar y confiar en el movimiento del Espíritu Santo en nuestras vidas y en nuestra comunidad.

No deje que quienes hayan sido elegidos dejen de escucharnos. Encuentre formas de contactarlos y hágalo regularmente. Asegúrese de que conozcan los problemas que están en juego y las consecuencias de tomar una decisión incorrecta. Hable siempre con amor (y recuerde que el amor a veces significa que tenemos que corregir y amonestar, con amor) y preocupación por la salvación de los demás, incluso de nuestros funcionarios electos. Recuerde, seremos juzgados como nación algún día, y necesitamos que todos se unan en el lado correcto el día del juicio.

La elección terminó; ahora recemos.

Suyo en Cristo y Su Santísima Madre,
Padre Pat Mulcahy, Párroco

Oración Después de una Elección

Dios de todas las naciones,
Padre de la familia humana,
te damos gracias por la libertad que ejercemos
y las muchas bendiciones de la democracia que disfrutamos
en estos Estados Unidos de América.

Te pedimos tu protección y orientación
para todos los que se dedican al bien común,
trabajando por la justicia y la paz en casa y en todo el mundo.

Elevamos a todos nuestros líderes y servidores públicos debidamente electos,
los que nos servirán como presidente, como legisladores y jueces,
los del ejército y las fuerzas del orden.

Sánanos de nuestras diferencias y únenos, Señor,
con un propósito, dedicación y compromiso comunes
de lograr la libertad y la justicia
en los años venideros para todas las personas,
y especialmente aquellos que son más vulnerables entre nosotros.
Amén.

Bendiciones y oraciones del hogar católico, edición revisada (Washington, DC: Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, 2007). La "Oración después de una elección" del cardenal Adam Maida, arzobispo de Detroit, se utiliza con permiso.



The Word from Fr. Pat / La Palabra del Padre Pat / Słowo od Ojca Pat

*Dlatego czuwajcie,
bo nie znacie dnia ani godziny.
Mateusz 25:13*

Wybory się skończyły: co teraz?

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Nie wiem jak wy, ale nie mogę być wystarczająco wdzięczny, że te wybory się skończyły. Wybory w naszych czasach prawie nigdy nie są tak wzniosłymi, altruistycznymi, troszczącymi się o wspólne dobro wydarzeniami, jakbyśmy sobie marzyli, a te ostatnie wybory były bardziej obrzydliwe niż jakiekolwiek inne. Jeszcze gorzej niż ostatnio, Boże pomóż nam. Nie wyobrażam sobie też, że w przyszłości będzie lepiej.

Ale piszę tę rubrykę w poniedziałek, dzień przed wyborami. Więc jeszcze nie wiem, jak będę się czuł, czytając ten artykuł w niedzielę. Do tej pory może już mamy swoje wyniki, a może nie - to wciąż wielka niewiadoma, gdy to piszę. I w zależności od tego na kogo głosowaliśmy, poczuwamy się podekscytowani lub przygnębieni, a może jeszcze nie wiemy, jak się czuć!

A więc sprawa wyborów: musimy pracować z tym, kogo wybraliśmy. Ale to absolutnie nie oznacza, że wierny katolik może po prostu podnieść ręce i powiedzieć: „Cóż, nie głosowałem na niego /nią, więc nie obwiniaj mnie!” Nie, wierny katolik musi wziąć wyniki i pracować z nimi, ponieważ sukces naszego kraju wpływa na dobro wspólne, a ten naród jest naszym ziemskim domem.

Musimy nadal dążyć do narodu sprawiedliwego, sprawiedliwego i otwartego na wszystkich ludzi. Musimy niestrudzenie pracować, aby zmienić kulturę śmierci w kulturę życia. Musimy pracować, aby zmienić status quo w niebiańskie miasto, licząc na opatrność Boga, który zawsze panuje i wstawiając się za nawróceniem serc na wiele sposobów.

My, wierni katolicy, musimy być gotowi stanąć w obronie tego, w co wierzymy. Musimy dawać świadectwo naszej wierze, nawet za wielką osobistą cenę, ponieważ alternatywą nie jest szczęśliwe życie, ale niekończąca się śmierć. Musimy ufać, że Bóg da nam słowa do przemówienia i odwagę do działania oraz zaufanie w działanie Ducha Świętego w naszym życiu i w naszej wspólnotie.

Nie pozwól wybranym przestać słyszeć od nas. Znajdź sposób na skontaktowanie się z nimi i rób to regularnie. Upewnij się, że znają problemy o które chodzi i konsekwencje podjęcia złej decyzji. Mów zawsze z miłością (i pamiętaj, że miłość czasami oznacza, że musimy poprawiać i upominać z miłością) i troszczyć się o zbawienie innych, nawet naszych wybranych urzędników. Pamiętaj, że pewnego dnia zostaniemy osądzeni jako naród i potrzebujemy, aby wszyscy spotkali się po właściwej stronie dnia sądu.

Wybory się skończyły; teraz módlmy się.

Wasz w Chrystusie i Jego Najświętszej Matce,
Ojciec Pat Mulcahy, pastor

Modlitwa po wyborach

Boże wszystkich narodów,
Ojciec rodziny ludzkiej,
dziękujemy za wolność, z której korzystamy
i wiele błogosławieństw demokracji, którymi się cieszymy
w tych Stanach Zjednoczonych Ameryki.

Prosimy o ochronę i wskazówki
dla wszystkich, którzy poświęcają się dobru wspólnemu,
i pracy na rzecz sprawiedliwości i pokoju w domu i na całym świecie.
Ofiarujemy wszystkich naszych należycie wybranych przywódców i urzędników państwowych,
tych, którzy będą nam służyć jako prezydent, jako ustawodawcy i sędziowie,
osoby z wojska i organów bezpieczeństwa.
Uzdrów nas z różnic i zjednocz nas, Panie,
ze wspólnym celem, oddaniem i zaangażowaniem w osiągnięcie wolności i sprawiedliwości
w nadchodzących latach dla wszystkich ludzi,
a zwłaszcza tych, którzy są najbardziej bezbronni pośród nas.
Amen.

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, wydanie poprawione (Waszyngton, DC: Konferencja Biskupów Katolickich w Stanach Zjednoczonych, 2007). „Modlitwa po wyborach” autorstwa kardynała Adama Maidy, arcybiskupa Detroit, jest używana za uprzednią zgodą.

Our Family in Faith

Please remember the sick and the confined of our parish community, especially...

John Arduino, Marsha Bysak, Frank Carino Jr., Luz Contreras, Camilla Cook, Gloria Cook, Lois Costablile, Pat Cremeens, Patricia Cunningham, Lynette Dattomo, Mary Dickerson, Megan Dolan, Maureen Dranger, Alexander Dynako, Rick Erwin, Deborah Fadden, Jean Fiaoni, Sue Flynn, Brandon Franklin, Dana Freund, Paul Gadomski, Frances Galasinski, Wayne Galasinski, Margaret Gee, Steven Gentili, Mary Lou Gist, Avery Gladkowski, Janice Gregoire, Jennifer Grimm, Mark Gualberto, Donald Hahn, Mary Hanna, Erinn Heines, Matt Hoch, Sue Hoch, Ken Hood, Pat Hood, Chris Jalove, Joe Jonish, Carmella Justice, Grant Justice, Kelly Kemp, Derek Khan, Donna Knight, Colleen Kowalke, Rita Kowalski, Lenita Krall, Lucille Lamb, Jeffrey Les, Zachary Loeffler, Rita Maksimik, Diane Markley, Michael Mardula, Shirley McBride, Margaret McCarthy, Lois McGowan, Gregory Mendoza, Amparo Mireles, Carmen Mireles, Elena A. Mireles, Raul Mireles, Benjamin Mollandin, Erik Mollandin, Kevin Moore, Michael Moravec, Wally Moskwa, Cheryl Muscato, Betty Nichols, Bob Nichols, Bobby Nichols, Sr. Roselyn Nichols, Lawrence Nonnie, Steve Obremski, Patricia O'Donnell, Maria T. Olvera, Ella Page, Siobhan Peacy, Corrine Pieroni, Willard Pisto, Joel Rivera, Kathy Schipman, Cathy Schuller, Hayley Schwartz, Rose Marie Selke, Mya Singh, Tim Slayman, Roseanne Smith, Dan Sochan, Stevie Lynn Stock, John Szklarski, Maria Tejeda-Ortega, Gerard Titchenal, Bruce Trevillian II, Al Urban, Keith Urban, Aurora Vargas-Rubi, Amelia Wyman, Everett Wyman, Florian (Butch) Zimecki

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer cross, please contact Pat Mander, Pastoral Minister at 815-436-2651 ext 893.



Please keep:
Our Faithful Departed
and their families in your prayers.

In Memoriam

Thanksgiving Day Mass



Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2020 will be held at 9:00 AM in the Church. Seating will be limited to 100 people. Please call the parish office at 815-436-2651 to reserve a seat.

This year we are asking that you please bring a non-perishable food donation with you for St. Mary's to share with those less fortunate.

Lighting Prayer Intention Candles



For your donation of \$3.00, we will physically light one of the candles near the Adoration chapel for your intention and add your intention to a list in the online bulletin.

To request a prayer intention and make your donation, please go to smip.org/candles

In Honor Of: ***Intentions:***

Carl Goettert

Going through
alcoholic rehab



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



MALAYNA JOY VELEKER

Daughter of Trent Veleker & Tamara Villegas

EVELYN MONROE WILLIAMS

Daughter of Quinn & Robin (Roa) Williams

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Jose & Gabriela Hermosillo
Joliet, IL

Roberto & Gabriela Hernandez
Crest Hill, IL

Richard & Tracy Mazalewski
Plainfield, IL

Victoria Tullock
Plainfield, IL

4 new households have registered at St. Mary Immaculate since November 1, 2020.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

November 8, 2020

WATCH

LUKAS STORYTELLER

Journey with Lukas and Noah as they recount the great stories of Jesus and the saints throughout history!



SIGN UP FOR FREE AT [SMIP.FORMED.ORG](https://smip.formed.org)



Knights of Columbus Good Shepherd Council #5573



Intercessions for Life

For all public officials, especially those newly elected: May they strive to govern with the wisdom of God, and protect life from conception to natural death;

We pray to the Lord

Peticiones por La Vida

Por todos los funcionarios públicos, en especial los recién electos: para que se esfuercen por gobernar con la sabiduría de Dios, protegiendo la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural;

Roguemos al Señor

Word of Life

"We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions"

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story" (respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)



Palabra de Vida

"Sabemos que la muerte no es el fin, sino mas bien la puerta para pasar a la vida eterna. La fe y esperanza en la Resurrección nos permiten enfrentar la muerte preparados y sin temor. ... Nos preparamos para la vida eterna amando y obedeciendo a Dios ahora y en las decisiones cotidianas".

- Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB "Consideraciones católicas para nuestra partida a la otra vida" respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations

Financial Update as of September 30, 2020



We are certainly grateful for all those parishioners who continue to support our parish. Without your generous support of St Mary Immaculate, it would be impossible to pay our staff and utilities. **Sunday collections totaled \$483,178.50, which is \$116,821.50 below budget or nearly 19.5%.** If you have not contributed recently or are able to increase your offertory contribution at this time, please do so. We do not want to discontinue any of our important ministries during this pandemic.

Please know that we are cutting costs everywhere possible to be the best stewards of your donations that we possibly can. We will not, however, cut corners on our sanitizing procedures as the safety of our clergy and parishioners is of utmost importance as we continue to see increases in covid-19 cases in the Plainfield community.

If you cannot support us financially at this time, please pray for our parish and parishioners and know the clergy and staff here at the parish are always praying for all of you. Again, we thank you for your most generous support of St Mary Immaculate in every way that you can.

Required Minimum Distributions and Qualified Charitable Distributions



Have you hit that age where you need to start dealing with required minimum distributions (RMDs)? If you are approaching 70-1/2 or over and you are thinking about making Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), St Mary Immaculate Parish would be blessed to be considered when you are making such a decision. Here is just one link that gives you a full explanation of QCDs and the resultant charitable and tax benefits to those parishioners over 70 1/2 dealing with Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs).

<https://www.thebalance.com/qualified-charitable-distributions-3192883>

There are many options out there. We just wanted you to know you have options.

Thank you so much for your generous support of St Mary Immaculate Parish.

What's It Like?



Another testimonial from regular parking lot attendees and volunteers on their experience of Saturday Mass:

"Those that come to Parking Lot Mass are truly appreciative of the opportunity to attend Mass and receive Holy Eucharist. They tend to be families with small children who probably aren't able to sit through Mass, the elderly who may not be comfortable with all the "new requirements" to attend Mass in person, and those with health conditions. We see many of the same people every week, so it's like a new community - they talk through their open windows and wave the Sign of Peace to each other". Bridgette Melzacki, Parking Lot volunteer

New Mass Time



St. Mary Immaculate is happy to announce that we are adding another Mass to our weekend schedule. **Beginning December 6th**, in addition to our current schedule, we will also have **Mass in the Gym in English at 11:00 AM.**

Capacity will be set at 200 people and tickets will be available online at www.smip.org/new-mass-schedule/

CONFIRMATION

Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action

- Nov. 8: High School E-Learn Class sent.
- Nov. 9: Class for Year 2 RE students with their mentors. 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Nov. 12: Class for Year 1 RE students with their mentors. 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Nov. 14: Year 2 Retreat - an *at-home experience*.

Please pray for those being Confirmed by the Bishop on Nov. 11th, 13th and 14th!

You can reach us at 815-436-2861 and via email at gwurster@smip.org



St. Vincent de Paul Helping Those in Need

The St. Mary Immaculate Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference is dedicated to helping people in need. The donations of SMIP parishioners allow us to:

1. Provide limited financial assistance.
2. Provide food for the hungry.
3. Provide gently used clothing and household items from the SVDP Thrift Store in Joliet.

If you are in need of assistance, please call St. Mary's at 815-436-2651 and leave a message for the St. Vincent de Paul ministry. A member of the ministry will return your call.



PRAY TO END ABORTION

Please join us on **November 14 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm** at the Aurora Clinic at 3051 East New York Street to Pray for the End of Abortion. We have been praying as a parish on the 2nd Saturday of each month since Dec 8, 2007 (nearly 13 yrs). Your participation at the clinic is to be a beacon of Hope for Mothers contemplating abortion. A loving, peaceful face to change their hearts to accept God's gift of life. Pray with us. The Holy Spirit will enkindle in your heart much grace.

If you are coming for the first time, stop by and introduce yourself. We will have prayer cards or rosaries.

God bless and protect all mothers and their babies.

Contact Don Hrdlicka at pharmdon@hotmail.com



New Parish Allies for Peace and Justice forming at St. Mary Immaculate Parish

The St. Mary Immaculate Witness Commission has just completed hosting a series of Hot Topic Sessions that focused on the social teachings of the Catholic Church in the world today. Each session drew between 35 and 55 participants to discuss topics related to protecting the dignity of all life from conception to natural death, racism, immigration and refugees, criminal justice, the environment, and LGBT issues in the Church.

We hope to form a new group of allies of peace and justice in the parish who are interested in working for various areas and causes of justice and being allies for others working on other areas. Our efforts are not limited to those that were topics in the Hot Topics Series. The name of this group will be chosen as part of its formation. An organizational meeting of this group will take place via a zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please e-mail Father John Regan at jregan@smip.org to receive the zoom link to join the meeting. This first meeting will be informational and will provide an opportunity to talk about ideas parishioners have for working for the justice that is called for by Christ in the Gospels. No commitments for future participation will be made at this meeting.

Please share this information with others in the parish who might be interested.

GIVING TREE 2020 (COVID EDITION)

Adopt a family or individual(s) to bless this Christmas!

This year we will be using a signup procedure to adopt an individual or direct help family. Please visit the virtual Giving

Tree today at
www.smip.org/givingtree

All donations will be in the form of gift cards, checks or cash.

There are other ways to bless those in need:

- ⇒ Bring your monetary donation in your Giving Tree envelope to Mass and place it in the collection box.
- ⇒ Drop off your donation in the drop box outside the commons (cash, check, gift card) in green envelopes.
- ⇒ Donate on line or by mail.

Return dates are:
Nov. 28/29 & Dec. 5/6

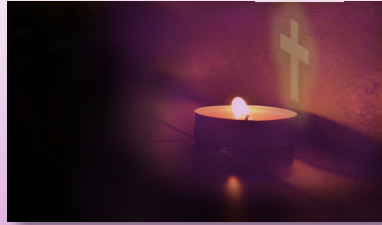
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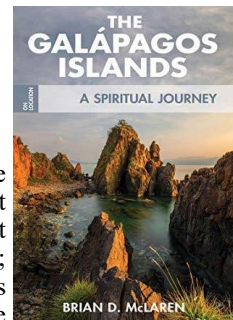


This study will take place via Zoom. We will send you the link for the Zoom meeting the day before the meeting.

Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:00 AM or Wednesdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM with Zoom:
NOVEMBER 11, 18, DECEMBER 2, 9

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Nov. 17 @ 7pm via ZOOM.

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Join us for a **virtual** Advent Women's Tea on **Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 PM**. Get into the Advent/Christmas spirit and share a cup of tea with others. We will have a wonderfully enlightening talk given by Meg Bucaro as she shares insights and thoughts on: **Heaven Help Me! Finding Christ (or Peace) in the Chaos of Christmas**.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 9	November 10	November 11	November 12	November 13	November 14	November 15
9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)	7:30 AM Mass Reservation Required (CH)
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6:00 - 7:00 PM AA Meeting (NWA)	9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration <i>(In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)</i>	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration <i>(Church Vestibule)</i>	9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration <i>(In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)</i>	9:30 AM - 8:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration <i>(Church Vestibule)</i>	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration <i>(Church Vestibule)</i>	11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required <i>(live stream available)</i> (CH)
	5:15 - 6:30 PM RE Class (SCH)	6:15 - 7:30 PM RE Class (SCH)	5:15 - 6:30 PM RE Class (SCH)		2:30 PM Confessions <i>(until all are heard)</i> (COM)	12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH)
					4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (Tune to 107.7 FM) <i>(live stream available)</i>	7:00 - 8:30 PM Lifeteen
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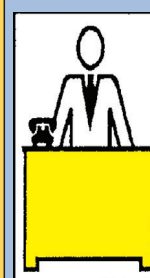
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