



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES UPDATE

As of Friday, November 12, 116 families have contributed to the CMA, 2021-2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal giving us 55.87% of our goal! Never before have we reach the half-way point at this early date! Thanks go to those who have given so generously and ask all who have not yet contributed to prayerfully consider doing so; with your help our goal can be reached. Fr. Joe would like the appeal to be wrapped up by Christmas! No donation is too large or too small. Pledges may be made in installments until May 31, 2022.

Donations have been received from:

M/M John Adams	Mr. Jerome Avery	M/M Steven Ayers	Mrs. Joanne Azzario	Mrs. Kathleen Baker
M/M Thomas Barauskis	Mrs. Joanne Barry	Mrs. Elaine Becker	M/M August Billitier	Mrs. Flora Bishop
M/M James Boyce	M/M Thomas Burger	M/M David Carson	Fr. Joseph Catanise	M/M John Christman
M/M Donald Christodaro	Mrs. Angelica Colilli	M/M Neil Combs	Mr. Donald Cook	M/M John Corcoran
M/M Charles Cordaro	M/M Arthur Cosgrove	Mr. Ronald Czyzewski	Ms. Elaine DelVecchio	M/M James Derefinko
M/M Joseph DiBattisto	M/M John Duggan	Mrs. Beverly Elliott	M/M Paul Fronkowiak	M/M Steve Gabriel
M/M Richard Giangrasso	Mrs. Diane Glather	Ms. Jennie Gorse	M/M Michael Goth	Mrs. Leanna Hale
M/M Curtis Hall	M/M Kevin Halligan	M/M Thomas Harvey	M/M Mark Hedberg	Mr. Leo Henner
Mr. Walter Horylev	M/M Ray Hendershot, Jr.	M/M Frank Hubbell	M/M John Huehnerbein	M/M Jeffrey Hughes
Miss Linda Joseph	M/M Robert Kanaley	Ms. Elizabeth Keaty	Mr. William Keaty	M/M Robert Kordish
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M/M Douglas Lennon	M/M Michael Lissow	Mrs. Suzanne Lorz	Mr. Richard MacDougall	M/M Albert MacIntosh
Mrs. Mary Ann Mance	Mrs. Bessie Marino	M/M Kenneth Mattle	M/M William McGlynn	Mrs. Leslie McIntyre
Ms. Joan Michaelson	M/M Michael Montanarello	Ms. Anne Murphy	Mr. Daniel Murphy	M/M John Niziurski
M/M John Norris	Mr. Ryan Oneill	Mrs. Sharon Prince	Mrs. Jeanette Richardson	M/M John Richardsn
M/M Jose Rivera	M/M Daniel Rockafellow	M/M Thomas Rotolo	M/M Timothy Salata	M/M Kurt Scheuch
Mrs. Barbara Schimmel	Mr. Joseph Schoenweitz	M/M Wm. Schoenewitz	Mrs. Rosemarie Seewagen	Mr. Jeffery Sisson
M/M Thomas Sisson	M/M Robert Skarzynski	M/M William Smith	M/M Tom Soeder	M/M John Stanton
M/M Charles Steiger	Dcn. Jim & Mrs. Steiger	Mrs. Joyce Stell	M/M Michael Strusienski	Mrs. Carol Simonds-Wilson
Ms. Kathleen Thibault	M/M Thomas Tilebein	M/M Douglas Wall	M/M Mark VanWuyckhuysen	M/M John VerWulst
M/M Robert Weins	M/M Michael Weldon	Ms. Wendy Wilson	M/M David Wright	M/M Thomas Wright
M/M Andrew Wydra	M/M Kenneth Yare	M/M Mark Zieziula	Mrs. Elizabeth Yokobosky	

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be located in the Parish Life Center with ornaments attached for our Christmas families, beginning the weekend of November 27 and 28. There are 18 families that our St. Leo community are asked to provide help. It is through your continued generosity that these families will have a special Christmas. Last year we implemented gift cards as gifts for the families. This has worked wonderfully, so that system will continue with gift cards for our families in need. Your generosity throughout the years has been so appreciated by All!

Our St. Leo faith community is a blessing to so many! It is through our Love of Christ and our neighbors that we are able to help those in need. Please return the gift cards to the Parish office by Monday December 13th.

There will also be a locked brown box in the Parish Life Center for you to drop off the gift cards. There are two (2) brown boxes in the PLC. One is for the Christmas Pie Sale, the other (as of Nov.27) is for the Giving Tree Gift cards. Please check to be sure you are using the correct one. Thank you for your continued support, prayers and donation.



NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE IS OFFERING "DESERT DAYS IN ADVENT"

This Advent Notre Dame Retreat House will be offering single days in silence, reflection and prayer entitled "Desert Days in Advent." ALL men and women are invited to join two dates, December 1st and December 8th. Spend time alone with God in order to prepare our hearts and minds for the Birth of Christ in us. Space is limited to twenty each day, so registration is required. The day begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. There is a \$25.00 fee. Lunch, time for confession and Mass are included in the day. Please register by calling 585-394-5700 or send an

email to ndretreat@rochester.rr.com.

SPECIAL TOUCH BAKERY—A BRIEF HISTORY

- 1946—Holy Childhood opens its doors to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- 1982—Holy Childhood launches skill-building, pie-baking activity.
- 1983—Holy Childhood staff, family and friends begin gobbling up pies faster than they could make them.
- 1984—Holy Childhood held a naming contest and one name wins oven mitts down, so the doors were open as Special Touch Bakery.
- 1989—Special Tough Bakery, a division of Holy Childhood, is registered as their DBA name.
- 1990—More pies were added to their menu, more know-how to their bakers' skill sets, and more devotees to their fan base.
- 2002—Bakers were proudly baking 17,000 pies a year out of their 700 sq. ft. kitchen.
- 2007—The first salesperson joins the team as the pies become fixtures on more and more local eatery menus.
- 2017—A new logo was developed and the move to the new state-of-the-art 20,000 sq. ft. bakery.

St. Leo's is having a Christmas Pie Sale Fundraiser! Pre-pay orders taken November 13-December 5. Drive-thru pick-up will be at St. Leo's on Saturday, December 18 between 10 AM and 12 Noon. There is a choice of 11 frozen pies, five are thaw and serve and six are fruit pies UNBAKED and frozen (you bake at home).

Order forms are on the table in the Parish Life Center, checks should be made out to St. Leo Church and earmarked Pie Sale. Payment must accompany all pie orders. Proceeds benefit St. Leo's and the School of the Holy Childhood. **Absolutely no orders can be accepted after Sunday, December 5.**



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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Wednesday: Adoration will end at 4:30 PM
Thursday Thanksgiving Mass: 8:30 AM
The Parish Office will be closed on
Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26



THANKSGIVING MASS

Start your Thanksgiving Day right - put the turkey in the oven and come to Mass at 8:30 AM to give thanks to the Lord for all your blessings throughout the year!

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2021 occurs on Thursday, November 25. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. But some historians argue that Florida, not Massachusetts, may have been the true site of the first Thanksgiving in North America. In 1565, nearly 60 years before Plymouth, a Spanish fleet came ashore and planted a cross in the sandy beach to christen the new settlement of St. Augustine. To celebrate the arrival, the 800 Spanish settlers shared a festive meal with the native Timucuan people.

What did they eat at the first Thanksgiving? The first Thanksgiving meal in Plymouth probably had little in common with today's traditional spread. Although turkeys were indigenous, there's no record of a big roasted bird at the feast. The Wampanoag brought deer and there would have been lots of local seafood (mussels, lobster, bass, seal, and swans) plus the fruits of the first pilgrim harvest, including pumpkin. No mashed potatoes, though. Potatoes had only been recently shipped back to Europe from South America.

For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

ADVENT

Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity, and is part of the wider Christmas and holiday season.

The name was adopted from Latin *adventus* "coming; arrival," translating Greek *parousia*. In the New Testament, this is the term used for the Second Coming of Christ. Thus, the season of Advent in the Christian calendar anticipates the "coming of Christ" from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the eschatological Second Coming.

Practices associated with Advent include keeping an Advent calendar, lighting an Advent wreath, praying an Advent daily devotion, erecting a Christmas tree as other ways of preparing for Christmas, such as setting up Christmas decorations, a custom that is sometimes done liturgically through a hanging of the greens ceremony.¹

Advent Wreath the circular wreath reminds us that God and His Love are everlasting...having no beginning and no end. The greens are a sign of hope and life. They come from outside where the earth is resting, and suggest the continuation of life. The four candles represent the thousands of years people waited for the coming of the "savior" and also mark each of the four Sundays in Advent. Often, three candles are purple, the color of royalty (the King to be born) and also of penance (the Advent season). The candle for the third week is pink, a color of happiness and hope, reminds us to look ahead to when the waiting time will be over. Berries on the wreath symbolize God's love for us as he is coming to earth as human being.

Four Sundays of Advent In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the readings of Mass on the Sundays of Advent have distinct themes:

On the First Sunday (**Advent Sunday**), they look forward to the **Second Coming** of Christ.

On the Second Sunday, the Gospel reading recalls the preaching of **John the Baptist**, who came to "prepare the way of the Lord;" the other readings have associated themes.

On the Third Sunday (**Gaudete Sunday**), the Gospel reading is again about John the Baptist, the other readings about the joy associated with the coming of the **Savior**.

On the Fourth Sunday, the Gospel reading is about the events involving Mary and Joseph that led directly to the birth of Jesus, while the other readings are related to these.

**Incense will be used Sunday, November 28 at all Masses for
 Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Notice in a farmer's field:
 "The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges." *via Prof. John Geisler*
 Sign outside Emmitsburg (MD) Veterinary Hospital
 "Don't make snow angels in the dog park."
Via Lorene Irving

Sign seen in a Florida restaurant:
 "To succeed in life you need three things:
 a wishbone
 a backbone
 and a funny bone" *via Geo. Goldtrap*

"I find television very educational. Every time someone switches it on, I go into another room and read a book." *Groucho Marx*
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