



Saint of the Week: St. Maria Goretti

Keeping your soul free from sin

Patron Saint of the Week: St. Maria Goretti, Class 6A

St. Maria Goretti (1890 - 1902) was a young Italian girl who became one of the youngest saints in the Catholic Church. At age 11, she was killed while resisting a young man who was forcing himself upon her. St. Maria would rather die than commit sins of impurity. Before her death, she forgave her murderer. He repented of his sins later and lived in a monastery, doing good works. St. Maria is the patron saint of youth and purity. Her feast day is on 6 July.

Dear Lord Jesus, St. Maria Goretti protected her purity beyond all sufferings. Give me a pure heart that sees only You. Amen.

(Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55)

December 4: St. Dominic Savio, Class 2E

December 11: St. Agnes, Class 3C

December 18: Bless Baby Jesus



Tonight will be Confessions for the 3rd graders. There will be a very short Prayer in Church so please come up to the Church immediately after attendance and one Catechist is to do the service in Church if I am unavailable.

All students preparing for Confirmation will be attending a special Evening for Sponsors and Candidates on Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall.

The Parish Giving Tree will be in the foyer of church during the weeks of Advent. All donations will be given to Birthright of Wentzville. 4th grades will need to start making "Giving Tree" Cards. First Sunday of Advent is December 1, but I would like them completed by November 20. Supplies are in the office and a Birthright "wish list" is in your box.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!! *There will be no PSR classes on Wednesday, November 27. Regular class will resume Wednesday, December 4 at 5pm and 6:45 pm.*



"Loving Father, You bless us with many gifts and graces; you fill our world with signs of your love. May our hearts be filled with songs of thanks and our lips proclaim your saving works, so that all may glorify you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen."





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First Sunday of Advent is December 1. There is a one page Advent Calendar with a an Advent Wreath Coloring Page for each student to take home! Also, if you would like to make a Jesse Tree with your class, there are many different editions available in the Office.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/the-jesse-tree>

Other links <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent>

We have Lots and lots of Advent resources!

There will be a Parish School of Religion First Reconciliation Practice and Prayer Service on Wednesday, December 4 during regular class time at 5:00 PM and 6:45 PM. Parents are encouraged to attend. The actual Celebration of First Reconciliation will be Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 7PM.

Also, I would like any 8th graders who are available to help on that Thursday December 5, 6:45-8:30 for First Reconciliation. I will need ushers to help hand out programs, seat parents and guide children to the confessional, and helpers to serve at the reception afterwards. Please let your teacher know, then ask your parents and commit. This would also count as service for Confirmation if the reflection page is completed

Coloring Sheets for Our Lady of Guadalupe. We have plenty of pages for coloring if you need any. They will need to be completed by December 11. We also have other coloring sheets....and books and stories about St. Juan Deigo Advent and Christmas boos and stories.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thursday, December 12 • 6:30 PM • Church

Join us for our celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast recalls the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac in 1531 to the convert, St. Juan Diego. She was declared the patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII, and the day was raised to the rank of Feast for all the countries of the Americas in 1999. The program and Mass will feature the laying of roses and native dancing from our Hispanic community. A social will follow in the hall after Mass. Please note: Mass will be in Spanish but English programs will be available.





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Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Donations for Christmas! Due December 4!



We have been asked by the Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service to help in supplying items for the Needy families of the area. I think these are projects that all classes can share in participating as a PSR Service Project this year. We would not be adopting a specific family but bringing items that will be distributed among the families. Attached are some of the items suggested. *You can send the list home to parents or decide you would like for your class to do a particular item.*

This will have to be done soon because the items have to be delivered to the care Center by December 12th.

- First Grade: Puzzles, tea sets, stuffed toys, Barbie dolls, Barbie doll accessories, t-shirts, hats, gloves, little cars, trucks, action figures, books, socks, underwear, pajamas and educational toys.
- Second Grade: Puzzles, play dough, hair accessories, t-shirts, small cars, trucks, planes, educational toys, jewelry, games and Legos
- Third Grade: Games, books, Legos, t-shirts, caps, hats, gloves, trucks, planes, dolls and accessories, hair accessories, purses, video games, educational toys
- Fourth Grade: Balls (all kinds), gloves, sports trading cards, board games, books, hair accessories, bath and beauty aids, sport sweats and caps, fast food gift certificates, music gift certificates
- Fifth through Eighth Grade: Games, purses, sport caps, sweat shirts, baseballs, footballs, ball gloves, hair accessories, books, bath and beauty aids, gift certificates for the following: fast food, music and video stores, hair salons, movie theatre, Walgreens, or Walmart.

