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Advent 2019 Cluster Newsletter

From the desk of Fr. Gideon...

Greetings brothers and sisters,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving! It is hard to believe that we are in the liturgical season of Advent. Advent marks the beginning of a new year within the Church. It is a season of actively waiting. To us, as a family of faith, Advent is truly an invitation to renewal. It is a period in which we are called to review our spiritual wellness, our relationship with others (especially those within our families) and above all, our relationship with God.

As we wait, we open up our hearts and create a space ready for our Lord to come and stay with us. It is important to remember that the season of Advent and Christmas are not mere historical commemorations. Rather, they remind us that our lives as Catholics should be an Advent, always vigilant and ready for the final coming of our Lord, as well as to recognize his presence in our daily life events. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II, "Advent is a period...of intense training that directs us decisively to the One who has already come, who will come and who continuously comes."

As we actively wait, know of my prayers for you and your family. Have a wonderful Advent and a very blessed Merry Christmas.

Blessings, Fr. Gideon Buya



Advent Communal Reconciliation Service*

Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm at St. Rose Chapel, Fredonia (Please note the venue change.)

**A communal prayer service followed by individual confessions. Remember that individual confession is necessary to receive absolution.*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available the following times each month:

- **First Saturday from 3:45-4:15 pm at Holy Cross Chapel**
- **Second Wednesday from 5-6 pm at OLL, Random Lake**
- **Third Wednesday from 5-6 pm at St. Rose Chapel, Fredonia**

Advent Weekend Mass schedule

Saturdays
4:30 pm
Holy Cross Chapel

Sundays
8:15 am
Random Lake

Sundays
10 am
Holy Cross Chapel

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

4 pm at Holy Cross (Fr. Gideon);
Overflow available in Church Hall on lower level

5 pm at Random Lake (Fr. Tom Neitzke);
Overflow available in Community Room

Midnight at Dacada (Fr. Guy Gurath)

Christmas Day:

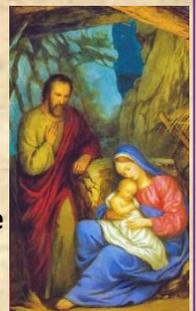
9 am at Random Lake (Fr. Gideon).

New Year's Eve: 6:30 pm at OLL

New Year's Day: 9 am at Holy Cross

Concerts will be held a half hour before all Christmas Eve Masses.

Please be advised that Masses fill up quickly. Ushers will fill in all seats as folks arrive. Please arrive early if you want to sit with other family members.



The celebration of the **Immaculate Conception** falls during Advent every year. When the feast falls on a Sunday (as it does this year), it is transferred to December 9. While the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation, the obligation is abrogated (released) when the celebration of the feast is transferred to December 9. **So this year, there is no obligation to attend Mass on December 9.** However, if you want to attend Mass, remember that we have a 5:30 pm Mass on Mondays in Fredonia.

DIVINE SAVIOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

Happy belated Thanksgiving to everyone! It seems like we live in such a rushed society, that we forget to take stock of just the present moments. You look around and stores are full of Christmas decorations, TV is full of Christmas movies and the radio is already playing Christmas songs. I enjoy Thanksgiving because it reminds me to slow down and take the time to remember all the blessings in my life. I am, of course, very thankful for my faith, family and friends, but here is a list of some unusual things I am also thankful for...

Piles of dirty laundry, dishes in the sink, and dusty floors, because they remind me that I have enough clothes to keep me warm, food to keep me nourished, and a home to keep me safe.

An alarm that rings at 6 am, because I'm alive to see the beauty of another day and have a reason to rise from bed each morning.

Standing in the cold to fill my car with gas, because I have reliable transportation to take me where I need to go and the resources to pay for it.

Stacks of paperwork, never-ending emails and late-program nights, because I have a job I look forward to each day, the faith-filled staff and volunteers I get to work alongside and the wonderful parish families I get to serve.

We should treat every day like Thanksgiving and try to find the blessings of every situation in our lives.

Speaking of blessings, we are continuing to be blessed by all that is happening in our Faith Formation program. Our Sunday Morning **Prayer Warriors** (grades 1st-6th) are continuing to say the Rosary for the intentions of our parish families. Since September 15, we've had 37 prayer requests for which we've prayed. Starting in November, we have had each grade take turns leading the Rosary and reading the intentions. We place the requests on a board so the students can see how many people they've helped through prayer.

Also on Sunday mornings, our 2nd Grade students have been busy preparing for their 1st Reconciliation on Dec. 7 at 10 am at St. Rose Chapel. Please keep them in your prayers.

On Wednesday nights, our 7th-10th grade students are learning about the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and working on the importance of reverence and experiencing Christ. We have been so fortunate to have Fr. Gideon hold Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel every third Wednesday from 5-6:30 pm. All are welcome to join us. Father Gideon will also be holding a special teaching Mass for us during Advent, on the evening of Dec. 18.

This year our Faith Formation students will be teaming up with the DSCS students to collect baby items for a "Mary's Baby Shower," an Advent service project which will benefit the food pantries of Port Washington and Random Lake. Please look for information in the bulletin.

On Nov. 17 our 25 Confirmation Candidates had a special formation night with their sponsors. On Dec. 4 and 8 they went to St. Ben's for their annual immersion experience. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they go through this time of discernment and preparation.

This year our Youth Group Mission Trippers will be heading down to Morganton, NC, from July 12-18. The cost for each participant is between \$700-\$800. Each participant tries to raise this money on their own and participates in fundraising efforts. Please remember them throughout the year and pray for the success of their trip.

Wishing everyone a blessed Advent season!

Peace and Prayers, Terri Riesselmann, DRE



THE DIVINE SAVIOR MEN'S GROUP is celebrating their 8th year. The THAT MAN IS YOU! interactive men's program is focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. The title of the sessions this year is "The Fight of Faith". The program's sessions equip and enable men to

engage in the cosmic, spiritual battle raging in our day. Biblical identities will emerge to inspire heroic lives of service to a calling greater than ourselves. Contemplate the mysterious will of God and discover a kingdom "not of this world." Embrace our true identity as sons of the Father while experiencing the intimacy and secrets of a deep and personal friendship with Christ. Uncover the ultimate truth that sheds light on all things: God's own identity. Fight the good fight of faith to win an imperishable crown of glory. Make plans now to join this outstanding group for the Spring Sessions starting Wednesday, January 29, 2020, in the DS School Basement from 6 -7 am. Watch the bulletin for more details. **ALL MEN WELCOME! INVITE SOMEONE ALONG.**

DS Christian Ladies Christmas Cookie Walk Saturday, Dec. 7, and Sunday, Dec. 8, in the basement of Holy Cross Chapel, before and after both Masses. Christian Ladies, or anyone willing to donate cookies for the Cookie Walk, please drop them off between 2 and 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 or 8 before Mass. Please call Gerri Bichler at 262-285-3073 if you have questions.



Divine Savior Catholic School



Advent is a season of hope and expectations. At Divine Savior Catholic School, we will be preparing our hearts for Jesus in a number of ways. To celebrate this wonderful liturgical season, we will be highlighting Saints of the Season during our morning prayers. The 7th and 8th graders will also be visiting classrooms to share a special Christmas Science Advent Calendar. The 5th/6th grade class is also working on creating a *Stations of the Nativity* presentation for the students. This stations activity will help to remind us of the events leading up to the wonderful miracle of our Lord's birth.

All of our students are working hard on their Christmas programs. Our 3rd-8th grade students will be performing *Angels We Have Heard*. In this musical play, a group of angels sent to Bethlehem are disappointed that they are being sent to such a boring city. However, that disappointment turns to joy when they meet Baby Jesus! Our youngest students will be performing *Twas the Week Before Christmas*, which focuses on the preparations for the coming of Baby Jesus. Our concerts will take place on Thursday, December 12, beginning at 6:30 pm in St. Rose Chapel.

Thank you to all who attended our DSCS Dinner Auction and those who donated items. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$33,500 to support the mission of our wonderful school. Be sure to mark your calendars for our Catholic Schools Open House on Wednesday, January 29.

Also, fish fry season is just around the corner. Save the dates: Feb. 21, Mar. 6, Mar. 20, Apr. 3, Apr. 17. Hope to see you there! *Yours in Faith, Principal Lynn Sauer*



The Divine Savior Catholic School Christmas Program is Thursday, Dec. 12.

The 3K-2nd grade students begin at 6:30 pm followed by the 3rd-8th grade students around 7 pm. If the evening show does not work for you, you can come for the dress rehearsal in the morning that day (usually at 9 am). The program takes place in St. Rose Chapel.



In Lent, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be taking part in the **Discipleship Maker Index**. This survey will help our parishes find out the areas in which we do well, and those in which we need to improve. Once the survey is completed, we will receive feedback and be able to make goals to help us improve on the ways we reach out and minister to God's people in need. Please watch future bulletins for more info.

Watch future cluster bulletins for an upcoming **GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES** that will take place this winter.

Do you use SCRIP? If not, Christmas is a good time to try it out for the first time! What is SCRIP? You purchase gift cards at face value and your non-profit organization gets a donation for every card you buy. For instance, if you buy a \$10 gift card for Barnes & Noble, you get the full \$10 value, but Barnes & Noble donates 9% of the value of the card (\$.90) to the organization. There are a wide variety of merchants that participate in the SCRIP program.

Our Lady of the Lakes SCRIP News - SCRIP gift cards make great Christmas gifts! The last day to place a Scrip order to receive it in time for Christmas will be Monday, Dec. 16. No orders will be placed the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

Just about any retailer, including Amazon and Marcus Theater, has cards available for us to order. SCRIP gift cards such as Kohl's, Meijer, Piggly Wiggly, Fleet Farm, Culvers... including several local businesses, are usually on hand for immediate sale after the 8:15 am Sunday Mass. SCRIP is also available to order at the Cedar Valley Cheese Store and the Parish Office during business hours.

If you do any online Christmas shopping, you also have the ability to order online and print ScripNow! Your eGiftCards will be available for you to print with your own computer. If interested, you will need to log in at www.shopwithscrip.com and enter the code for OLL, which can be obtained from Susan at the parish office – rischs@archmil.org or 920-994-4380. Susan will be more than happy to help you get an online account set up and answer any questions you may have regarding Scrip. Thank you for ordering SCRIP!

Divine Savior SCRIP - Simplify your Christmas shopping by purchasing gift cards before or after our 10 am Mass. If you are not sure which retailers are available, pick up a copy of our SCRIP order form from the SCRIP table. Orders are also taken Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings before school at the back door. If you need to order through the Parish Office, please be considerate and have your order form turned in to the office by 8 am Monday morning, at which time the SCRIP volunteers will process your orders. Order early and often!!

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9-11 am for an

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

in the Our Lady of the Lakes Community Room.

Take some time out of the secular busyness of the Advent and Christmas season, to reflect on the coming of Christ anew in our hearts and in this world which is so in need of hope and healing. Michael Donahou will lead us in some quiet reflection around some of our Advent Readings. Watch for a flyer at this weekend's Mass!

Please register with Deb Hamm if you know you will be coming so we know how many copies we need. You are still welcome to attend if you don't register.



Our Lady of the Lakes Christian Women Events



Cookie & Bake Sale Dec. 15 after the 8:15 am Mass

*Please consider donating baked goods or volunteering to sell the cookies. 

Card making for kids with cancer Dec. 19 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. *For those unable to attend, there are Ziploc bags with card making supplies on the back porch of the Parish Office.

Lpi Parish App If you are a regular user of either the Divine Savior or Our Lady of the Lakes Parish App, you may have noticed they are not functioning properly. Due to changes in business practices within the Apple Corporation, the current apps have been discontinued. This means that you may not be able to access the bulletins from the app and will no longer be able to receive push notifications from the app. We value the convenience of the app, and are working with Lpi to create a new cluster app that we hope to launch in the upcoming year. You may access bulletins online on the current Divine Savior website <https://divinesavior.weconnect.com/> Sorry for the inconvenience. Please see the bulletin for future information on any Lpi cluster updates.

Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association News

The Our Lady of the Lakes Cemetery Association (St. Mary, Cascade; St. Mary, Random Lake; St. Nicholas, Dacada; St. Patrick, Adell) will be adopting new bylaws on January 1, 2020. Included in those bylaws are **price changes** for cemetery plots. The cost per grave site to a registered parishioner will be \$500, which includes perpetual care. The cost per grave site to a non-registered parishioner will be \$1,000, which includes perpetual care. This does not include the cost of opening and closing the grave site at the time of burial. The fee for opening and closing of the grave site for a cremains burial is \$150. There is an additional fee of \$200 for a non-member being buried on an existing gravesite. If you have any questions, please contact Susan in the OLL Parish Office at 920-994-4380.

Consider the Call to Become an OLL Vincentian in your local St. Vincent de Paul Society

A Vincentian is a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVdP), an international Catholic lay organization that helps those in need or those living in poverty. The SSVdP was founded in the slums of Paris on April 23, 1833, by a young student, Frederic Ozanam, to carry out the mission of its patron, Saint Vincent de Paul. The mission statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is: A network of friends, inspired by Gospel Values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with, and service to, people in need.

A local SSVdP group is called a Conference and serves those in need in the county in which it is located. Divine Savior Parish has a Conference which is serving their area of Ozaukee County. OLL Parish is discerning the establishment of a Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference that would serve individuals in the Random Lake and surrounding areas of Sheboygan County.

Joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads you on a journey toward holiness, because being a Vincentian is a vocation — a calling to serve God in His poor. It is an opportunity to put faith into action in a practical and spiritual way. The primary call of the Vincentian life is to see Christ in those you serve. By loving those you serve in this way, you also become the face of God to your neighbors in need. Vincentians visit the homes of people near them who have requested assistance, and in these person-to-person encounters, they offer a listening ear, emotional and spiritual support, and material help. Material assistance is made possible through St. Vincent de Paul store funds as well as resources raised from the host parish and the members of the parish Conference. Conferences also meet monthly to spend time in prayer and reflection.

This is a historic time at OLL. Please take some time to reflect in your heart whether God may be calling you to serve your brothers and sisters in need as a Vincentian. Please join us in the Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Center Community Room for a noon luncheon on Friday, January 10, 2020, as we continue our discernment of establishing a Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLL.

If you would like more information about the upcoming luncheon or would like to be put on our current communication email chain, please contact Karen McCabe at mccabe10k@gmail.com or 920-994-9633.

Thank you for your consideration and may God bless you.

Our Lady of the Lakes Religious Education News

Linda Guokas, DRE

Rich Harter, Director of Missionary Planning and Leadership for the Archdiocese, spoke on Nov. 17, about how to become an intentional disciple of Jesus. Some insights: every day, we need to choose Jesus, follow Jesus and give Jesus. Here are some tips: 1) Pray Daily, 2) Read the Bible (don't know where to start? Try the gospels.), 3) Go to Mass, 4) Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 5) be of Service to others. "Through the power of Jesus, love explodes!" Let's begin the new Liturgical Year and the Season of Advent with a renewed mission to become intentional disciples.

The **NET Retreat for Grades 9 & 10** is on Feb. 2 at DSCS from 11 am-5:00 pm. Lunch is provided. The **NET Retreat for Grades 7 & 8** is on Feb. 5, at OLL from 5-9 pm. Dinner will be provided. The week of the retreat, from Sunday to Thursday, we're looking for host families to house the NET team. Contact Linda Guokas if you're able to help with this.

Retreat - Locked in to Leadership: Jan. 10, 5:30-10:30 pm at St. John XXIII Parish, Port Washington. How do you become a Leader? Join middle school students from around the area for a fun night to practice leadership skills. Through games, activities & teen peer examples (9th-12th grade peer leaders) find out what it takes to be a leader. Pizza dinner provided! Bring a friend! Contact Linda Guokas for more information or to register. Service hours for teen peer leaders! (This is an alternative for the NET Retreat).

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a Hall Monitor. Also, a huge shout out to our 2nd grade families for filling all the spots for a parent aide for every Wednesday session.

Cluster First Reconciliation will be on Dec. 7, at 10 am at St. Rose Chapel in Fredonia. Please pray for our youth receiving this Sacrament for the first time.

First Eucharist Workshop (Bread Day) for OLL RE families will be Feb. 15, from 1-3 pm in the Parish Center.

Contemporary Choir – Voices of Faith needs you! We're growing, but we have a spot for you to sing at the 8:15 am Mass once a month. This choir practices monthly from 6-6:30 pm in the Community Room (the Wednesday before singing at Mass). We will be singing at the following Masses: Dec. 15, Jan. 19, and Feb. 16. All those in 3rd grade and older (including adults!) are welcome to sing.



Pam Huiras is our director and accompanist. We're looking for instrumentalists also! For more information, contact Linda Guokas.

A Quarterly Family Night for grades 3-5 and their families will be on Jan. 15 during the regular RE session. We'll have a special evening of prayer and family friendly activities!

A Morning of Reflection for Confirmation students and their sponsors is set for Feb. 16 from 8:15 am (attend Mass together) to 12:15 pm. We'll have a hot breakfast together and spend some quality time with sponsors as we delve into the Sacrament of Confirmation and what it means to live our faith as a Catholic adult.

Mission Trip We are once again collaborating with Divine Savior to send 36 youth and 9 adults to attend the Catholic Heart Work camp in Morganton, North Carolina, July 11-18. Fundraising has started. Our annual Stock Sale is in January, and the Our Lady of the Lakes Pancake Breakfast is on Feb. 9.



Attention All Mission Trippers: We have two open youth spots – so if you know of someone who is interested in going, contact Linda Guokas. We will gather for formation and service on Feb. 1 at St. John XXIII Parish in Port Washington (St. Peter's site) from 11 am-5:30 pm (we're attending the 4:30 pm Mass together there). Look for more fundraising opportunities in the next newsletter.

Capuchin Holiday Food Box Drive: We filled 25 boxes for the House of Peace. Every Thanksgiving, over 1000 Food Boxes are given to the needy. Through your generosity, we were also able to send several bags of warm blankets, coats, sweatshirts, shoes, hats, scarves and mittens for the guests of the St. Ben's Meal Program.

Book of Revelation-End Times? Brought to you by the Faith Formation and Evangelization Committee. Dr. Michael Donahou of Cardinal Stritch University will be at OLL on Jan. 19 after the 8:15 am Mass, to lead us in a discussion of the Book of Revelation. All are welcome. Hospitality will be offered.

Ash Wednesday Prayer Service – there will be a Prayer Service including the distribution of ashes led by the RE students at OLL on Feb. 26 at 6:15 pm.

Deacon Gerry will present on the Acts of the Apostles on Mar. 8 in the Parish Center Community Room after the 8:15 am Mass. All are welcome. Hospitality will be offered.

VBS Planning: Hurray – summer VBS planning starts on Jan. 14 at 6:30 pm (Jan. 21 snow-date) in the Parish Center.

Again, thank you and God bless you.

Sheboygan's Catholic Underground Young Adults

Dec. 14 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

10:00 am – noon at Pick 'n Save, 1317 N 25th St, Sheboygan

Dec. 16 Christmas Cookie Exchange, Potluck and Ugly Sweater Contest

6:30 pm at the Reil Center 824 Superior Ave, Sheboygan

Dec. 30 Bowling 6:30 pm at Lakeshore Lanes, 2519 Business Dr., Sheboygan

Please see the bulletin and/or facebook.com/SheboyganCU for future events. Contact Amanda Gronemeyer in the Parish Office with any questions.

Baby Bottle Collection

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise \$3,283.12 for the Women's Support Center in Milwaukee! The total raised at Our Lady of the Lakes was \$650.22. The total raised at Divine Savior was \$2,632.90.

Do you know someone who is hurting this Christmas?

Here are ways to offer help:

From whatsyourgrief.com website

(These tips are also helpful for folks who suffer from depression.)

Support their holiday choices. Some people may not feel like attending parties. Invite them, but assure them that you understand if they don't feel up to it, or if they want to leave early. They also may wish to change long-time traditions because it doesn't feel right without their loved one.

Send a thoughtful holiday card. Send cards, but consider avoiding cards that use words like "merry", "joy" and "happy". Instead, choose cards that speak of "love", "hope", "light" or "peace". If you are lucky, you can sometimes find Christmas cards that specifically mention grieving during the holidays.

Consider a memorial gift or donation. People appreciate the fact that you have remembered their deceased loved one in a special way.

Offer practical help and support. If the person who is grieving is actually the host of a gathering, offer extra help in preparing, shopping, baking and cleanup. If they need to shop for gifts, but aren't in the mood, offer to help.

Be intentional about asking them how they are doing. It often takes only a week or two before others stop asking the grieving person how they are doing, but the pain of grief continues for a long while.

Listen without minimizing, judging or giving advice. Grief is hard, and the pain is often magnified when the entire world seems so joyful. Be a safe space for those who are grieving to speak of their pain and loss. You don't have to have any perfect words...there are none. You can't take away their loss, but your simple presence and listening ear can assure them that they are not alone in their journey.

Remember that grief doesn't only impact the first year. When someone loses a loved one, all their future holidays are impacted. It does get easier with time, but it can be pretty painful for a while. Be gentle with the grieving people in your life.



We invite you to join us for **Blue Christmas: A Time for Reflection and Remembrance**. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7 pm (snow date Dec. 13*) at St. John's UCC, 98 Random Lake Rd., Random Lake. *Have you recently lost a loved one? Is someone you love far from home these days, and you are missing them? Are you unemployed? Has an important relationship in your life fallen apart? Have you received a serious medical diagnosis? Have you had some bad news that makes it hard to be merry this time of year? Do you suffer from depression? Is it difficult to deal with all the joy and happiness that everyone around you seems to be experiencing?* If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, this prayer service may be for you. Come and share some prayer and fellowship with others who are experiencing tough times. All are welcome. *In the event of inclement weather, call Deb Hamm at 262-488-4542 to see if the service will be rescheduled. Sponsored by the Random Lake Area Ecumenical Association.

help for hurting relationships...

Do you need help to improve your marriage? Do you have trouble communicating? Deacon Gerry Malueg offers pastoral counseling at no cost, as a ministry of our cluster parishes. Call the parish office in Fredonia at 262-692-9994 to set up an appointment.

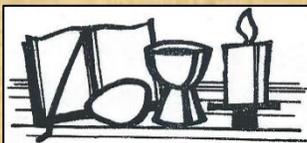
Advocates of Ozaukee County - Millions of people are dealing with violence at home. Although it is usually hidden, this kind of abuse is common and affects people from many different walks of life. For Support Services, call 262-284-6902 or toll free: 1-877-375-4034.

Divorce Resources are available for parishioners who might need them. Call Deb Hamm to see what is available to help you heal.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday from 6:30-7:30 pm at St. John's UCC, Random Lake. Call 414-771-9119.

Did you know? You can receive the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** numerous times in your lifetime. You can receive this Sacrament if you are having surgery, if you have any variety of illnesses, and even if you are deployed into active military service. If you, or a loved one, are diagnosed with a terminal illness, we encourage you to set up an appointment with Fr. Gideon to receive the Sacrament before you reach the final stages of life. With the growing shortage of priests, it is harder and harder to locate a priest at the last moment.

Do you worry about your adult children who no longer practice their Catholic faith? You can order a free book **Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church** Online (you only pay shipping). This book, by Brandon Vogt, is a rich resource not only for parents trying to reach their fallen away children, but for all of us. In a clear, inspiring, and detailed fashion, the book teaches us how to be faithful and effective everyday evangelists.

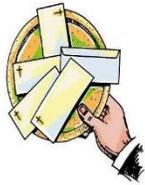


Ever wonder what the symbols mean at Mass? Fr. Gideon will be having a **TEACHING MASS** on Wednesday, Dec. 18, with the Divine Savior Religious Education Students at St. Rose Chapel in Fredonia. He will explain many of the things we do, and the symbols we use, during the Mass. All are welcome.

Come between 5 & 6 pm for Adoration and Reconciliation. Stay for the Rosary at 6:15 pm, followed by the Mass.



If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution for the 2019 tax year, please have it dated/postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2019. Thank you for your continued support.



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- ✓ Direct distribution from your investment account

Use the method that is most convenient for you. Thank you for your support!

OLL Holy Name Society...is conducting their annual **Christmas Tree Sale** with a Holiday Gift Shop, including wreaths at the old St. Nicholas Grade School, W4274 Hwy K, in Dacada until Dec. 23. Sale hours are Fridays 5-8 pm, Saturdays and Sundays 9 am-5 pm. Come early and pick out your tree; we'll hold it until you are ready for it. If you have any questions, please contact Jeriod at 920-946-8485.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CATHOLIC CONGREGATION			
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual			
June 30, 2019			
	Jul '18-Jun '19	Annual Budget	
Income			
3000 · Contributions	379,473.84	409,205.00	
3100 · Tuition/Program Fees	29,293.93	7,250.00	
3300 · Rentals	9,880.00	9,640.00	
3400 · Other Revenue	54,757.41	15,000.00	
3600 · Fund Raising/Activity Events	30,480.51	25,000.00	
Total Income	503,685.49	466,095.00	
Expense			
4000 · Salaries	174,095.42	174,148.65	
4039 · Salary Related Benefits	67,754.45	77,184.35	
4200 · Supplies/Purchased Services	60,371.97	38,867.50	
4400 · Building & Grounds	73,986.44	59,030.00	
4600 · Other Expenses	127,011.40	116,864.50	
Total Expense	503,219.68	466,095.00	
Net Operating Gain/Loss	465.81	0.00	
Other Income			
8100 · RL Chapel Reno Capital Campaign	62,464.58	0.00	
Total Other Income	62,464.58	0.00	
Other Expense			
8200 · RL Chapel Renovation Expense	5,347.27	0.00	
8500 · Other Capital Expenses - Dacada	0.00	0.00	
Total Other Expense	5,347.27		
Net Gain/Loss	57,583.12	0.00	

DIVINE SAVIOR PARISH			
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual			
June 30, 2019			
	Jul '18-Jun '19	Annual Budget	
Income			
3000 · Contributions	403,539.69	391,779.00	
3100 · Tuition/Program Fees	389,075.97	387,275.00	
3300 · Rentals	25,700.37	20,800.00	
3400 · Other Revenue	233,409.93	140,150.00	
3600 · Fund Raising/Activity Events	17,211.47	17,000.00	
Total Income	1,068,937.43	957,004.00	
Expense			
4000 · Salaries	581,442.33	580,878.00	
4039 · Salary Related Benefits	159,640.82	160,260.00	
4200 · Supplies/Purchased Services	77,990.80	67,913.00	
4400 · Building & Grounds	123,608.04	85,800.00	
4600 · Other Expenses	124,239.13	62,153.00	
Total Expense	1,066,921.12	957,004.00	
Net Operating Gain/Loss	2,016.31	0.00	
Other Income			
8100 · Capital/Other Income	0.00	0.00	
Total Other Income	0.00	0.00	
Other Expense			
8200 · Capital Expenses	0.00	0.00	
Total Other Expense	0.00		
Net Gain/Loss	2,016.31	0.00	

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE THE PARISH CENSUS!

Have you updated your Parish Census information this Fall? If you have not yet updated it, please complete the form that was included in the last newsletter and return it to your Parish Office. The form was also stuffed in the financial mailing that has recently been mailed to all parishioners. Extra copies of the form can be found in Holy Cross Chapel, the OLL Parish Center and both Parish Offices. All parishioners are expected to update their information.

You may also update your information online (see directions below).

Divine Savior Congregation and Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Congregation have a new system, called **My Own Church**. You now have the ability to update your own family information! All you need to do is visit your parish website, click on the **My Own Church** button, and create an account. Then, the parish office will approve your account, and you'll be able to update all of your family information, including names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

Here are a few things you're going to love about **My Own Church**:

- Accurate records! Whether we're preparing sacramental certificates or getting in touch by phone, mail, or email, having up-to-date information, with properly spelled names for all your family members, helps us to serve you better.
- Fewer forms! **My Own Church** integrates with the other systems we use, so you'll only have to update your information in one place.
- Tax statements and giving history! Download your tax statement electronically without waiting for the mail. View your family giving history anytime you like – no need to ask for a statement. It's all at your fingertips, but behind a confidential secure login.

If you have any questions, please contact your Parish Office.

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SACRAMENTS

Adult Confirmation – We have three adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Are you an adult who has not yet been confirmed? If so, contact Deb Hamm to join the next group.

RCIA - The process by which an adult joins the Church is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). We have two people interested in becoming Catholic. If you know anyone who would also like to become Catholic, contact Deb Hamm with questions. If you begin the process and later change your mind, please know that there will be no pressure placed on you to continue with the preparation classes.

Baptism Class – Our next Baptism Class will be offered in February with the date and time TBD. Please contact Deb Hamm if you have a child you want to be baptized. Consider taking the class while you are pregnant.



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PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR PARISH OFFICE WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, WISH TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME, NEED ANOINTING OF THE SICK, OR ARE ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL.

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Advent Prayer

... We must carry Jesus in our hearts to wherever He wants to go, and there are many places to which He may never go unless we take Him to them. None of us knows when the loveliest hour of our life is striking. It may be when we take Christ for the first time to that grey office in the city where we work, to the wretched lodging of that poor man who is an outcast, to the nursery of that pampered child, to that battleship, airfield, or camp...

- Caryl Houselander

Snow Emergency Information: If the local schools are closed or on a two-hour delay, please remember that there will be no Mass that day. If school is closed, all evening activities at the parish will also be cancelled. Also, the parish offices would be closed if the schools are closed. If there is a two-hour delay, the offices will be open when the school opens. Please watch the local news stations for school closures. ***Please don't put yourself in danger to get to Mass. If the roads are too dangerous, please stay home.***



The **Human Concerns Committees** from our cluster parishes have been busy.

At OLL, the following events have taken (or are taking) place:

- 39 units of blood were collected at our October blood drive
- A mitten, hat, and scarf drive in conjunction with the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
- A Giving Tree that collects items for Mary's Room in Sheboygan, Divine Savior Catholic School, and toys and other items for clients of the RL Food Pantry
- Christmas Bags for Gables residents were handed out Dec. 1. Please return bags by Dec. 15.
- On-going food collections for the RL Food Pantry
- Christmas cards will be sent to all homebound parishioners
- In conjunction with the Confirmation students, many bags of blankets, hats, mittens and jackets were collected along with 25 food boxes for those at St. Ben's
- Hygiene bags will be filled in Lent for clients of St. Ben's

At Divine Savior, the following events have taken (or are taking) place:

- A reverse food collection for the Port Washington Food Pantry Christmas boxes with helpful items will be delivered to homebound residents
- Gift-a-Child Program. This was so successful that they needed to ask for more children's names
- Collection of hats, mittens and scarves
- On-going collection of food for the Port Washington Food Pantry
- In conjunction with DSCS, a collection of baby items for "Mary's Baby Shower"