

December 10, 2023



Our LADY of
PERPETUAL
HELP

**CELEBRATION
OF HOLY MASS**

Saturday Vigil | 4 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am, 10:30 am

DAILY MASS

Monday – Saturday 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday – Saturday after
8:30 am Daily Mass

Saturdays 3–3:45 pm

Or anytime by appointment

ADORATION

First Fridays 24 hours, 9 am–9 am

Other Fridays 9 am–9 pm

3730 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614.875.3322 | ourladygc.org

2nd Sunday of Advent
Peace

Info Center

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Church Hours

The Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament is open for personal prayer 24/7. Use the southwest door to enter, and use the code *3322#.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 am to 2 pm. The office is closed for holidays and occasional staff meetings.

New Members

All are welcome to join our parish! You may register at ourladygc.org/register or by calling 614.875.3322 or emailing parish@ourladygc.org.

Mass Intentions

Would you like to have a Mass celebrated for yourself or a loved one? Contact the Church Office for more information.

In Need of Assistance?

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact our local Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter at 614.875.3322, ext 311.

Baptism

For information, call Karen Cook in the Church Office, 614.875.3322 or visit ourladygc.org/sacraments/baptism/

Marriage

Please contact the Church Office at least six months in advance. Wedding guidelines are available at the Church Office.

Bulletin Announcements Deadline: noon Thursday

Items should be short and concise. Submit your articles by noon on Thursday, 10 days before you wish to have your item appear, to bulletin@ourladygc.org. All items are subject to the pastor's approval.

Mass Readings & Intentions

Sunday, December 10 | Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Our Parish Family	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/
10:30 am	Mary Alice Baney by Mike & Pat Flavin	2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday, December 11

8:30 am	Karen Gibson by Catherine Monk	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
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Tuesday, December 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am	Cary Ryan by Mary Ellen Geyer	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
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Wednesday, December 13 | Saint Lucy

8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory by Glen Holmes	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
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Thursday, December 14 | Saint John of the Cross

8:30 am	Lisa Ream by Mary Ashlock	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
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Friday, December 15

8:30 am	Keith Beliles by Brad & Kristen Berger	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
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Saturday, December 16

8:30 am	Special Living Intention for loved ones to return to the faith by Pat Flavin	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13
4:00 pm	Rose Sauer by Ruth & Ed Filbin	

Sunday, December 17 | Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Our Parish Family	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
10:30 am	Marybeth Williamson by The Williamson Family	

Team #2

Giving Update

Please check out our website at ourladygc.org/about-us/generosity for a complete list of options for supporting our parish community.

	This Week 11.25.23 to 12.01.23	Year to Date 7.01.23 to 12.01.23
Envelopes	\$10,172	
Loose Cash	\$1,762	
Online	\$9,081	
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$21,014	\$554,058
Budget	\$26,500	\$583,000

Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Perpetual Help! We pray for God's continued blessings upon you.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 10

8:30 am	PSR Family Day	School Gymnasium
9:30 am	Breakfast with Santa	Life Center
6:30 pm	Eucharistic Revival Parish Mission	Life Center

Monday, December 11

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Wednesday, December 13

9:00 am	Our Lady Novena	Chapel
10:15 am	Little Saints Play Group	Shepherds' Room
3:30 pm	Spiritual Direction	Quieting Room
6:00 pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Shepherds' Room
6:00 pm	Silver Streaks Meeting	Life Center
6:30 pm	K of C Business Meeting	Knight's Room

Thursday, December 14

9:00 am	Patriotic Rosary	Chapel
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Friday, December 15

9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	Nave/Chapel
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Saturday, December 16

7:00 am	Men's Fellowship and Bible Study	Life Center
7:00 am	Women's Fellowship and Bible Study	Shepherds' Room
8:00 am	Red Cross Blood Drive	Life Center
3:30 pm	PWA Bake Sale	Gathering Space
7:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group	Basement East

Sunday, December 17

8:30 am	PWA Bake Sale	Gathering Space
9:30 am	PSR Classes	Various
7:00 pm	High School Youth Group	Basement East

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

December Devotion: The Immaculate Conception

1st Friday – Saturday, December 1–2, 9 am – 9am

Fridays: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 9am – 9pm



Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God.

We are living in times of darkness and the culture of death is more present than ever. Let's entrust ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary and learn from her to surrender, to trust, to love Christ her Son and always be faithful because nothing is impossible with God! Our hope is in God our Savior... come Adore Him every Friday in the Chapel!

Sign up for adoration at ourladygc.org/adoration.

M – F DAILY EVENTS

7 am — Liturgy of the Hours, Morning Prayers | Chapel

7:50 am — Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary | Nave

8:30 am — Daily Mass | Nave

9 am — Coffee & Conversation | Life Center

2:25 pm — Radio Rosary | 101.9FM



Congratulations to couples celebrating anniversaries in December.

**Mike and Susan Murray
34 years | December 9**

**Vaughn and Judy Radi
46 years | December 10**

**Joel and Jill Denton
11 years | December 15**

**Eric and Mary Wuichner
31 years | December 19**

**Wayne and Cookie Coakley
60 years | December 20**

**Mike and Carol Callahan
63 years | December 31**

If you would like to have an anniversary recognized in the bulletin, please email the couple's names, date, and number of years married to bulletin@ourladygc.org.



12/13 | K/1 Christmas Program

12/14 | 2/3 Christmas Program

12/19 | Early Dismissal

PASTOR'S CORNER

BY FATHER JOE YOKUM

"If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself. Order your soul; reduce your wants; live in charity; associate in Christian community; obey the laws; trust in Providence." + Saint Augustine

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 | SAINT DAMASUS I

Luke 5:17-26

Prayer: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may constantly exalt the merits of your Martyrs, whom Pope Saint Damasus so venerated and loved. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Is there anything in your life that keeps you from receiving the blessings of God's kingdom? The prophets foretold that when the Messiah came to usher in God's kingdom the blind would see, the deaf hear, and the lame walk. (Isaiah 35:5-6) Jesus not only brought physical healing, but healing of mind, heart, and soul as well. Jesus came to bring us the abundant life of God's kingdom. (John 10:10) But that new life and transformation can be stifled by unbelief, indifference, and sinful pride. Sin cripples us far more than any physical ailment can. Sin is the work of the kingdom of darkness and it holds us in eternal bondage. There is only one solution and that is the healing, cleansing power of Jesus' forgiveness. In this Season of Advent, as we prepare our hearts and minds, let us humble ourselves, let us be honest with ourselves, and let us conform ourselves to Christ, who was sent by God to redeem us.

About Saint Damasus: Saint Damasus was Supreme Pontiff from 366 to 384. He was a very learned man, well versed in the Scriptures. He commissioned Saint Jerome to complete the translation of the Bible into the Latin language. Shortly after his reign the 72 books of the Bible, hitherto scattered in different parts of the Orient, were collected into one volume. He defended the rights of the Holy See, and beautified the Roman resting places of the Christian dead and of the saints. He also confirmed the practice of singing the Psalms day and night in the churches and adding a "Glory Be" at the end of each Psalm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 | OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Luke 1:26-38

Prayer: O God, Father of mercies, who placed your people under the singular protection of your Son's most holy Mother, grant that all who invoke the Blessed Virgin

of Guadalupe, may seek with ever more lively faith the progress of peoples in the ways of justice and of peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you know the favor of the Lord? God lavishes his grace upon all who believe in him. He shows his favor to the lowly, to those who are humble and receptive to his word. We see the unfolding of God's plan of redemption in the events leading up to the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah. The new era of salvation begins with the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. This child to be born is conceived by the gracious action of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, who finds favor with God. As Eve was the mother of all humanity doomed to sin, now Mary becomes the mother of the new Adam who will father a new humanity by his grace. (Romans 5:12-21) This child to be conceived in her womb is the fulfillment of all God's promises. He will be "great" and "Son of the Most High" and "King" (Luke 1:32-33), and his name shall be called "Jesus", which means "the Lord saves." "He will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) The promise of an everlasting kingdom to the house of David (Isaiah 9:6-7) is fulfilled in the King to be born in Mary's womb. Let us prepare ourselves in these weeks of Advent to come and adore him.

Website of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, Wisconsin including prayer intentions and Mass intentions: <http://www.guadalupeshrine.org/>

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 | SAINT LUCY

Matthew 11:28-30

Prayer: May the glorious intercession of the Virgin and Martyr Saint Lucy give us a new heart, we pray, O Lord, so that we may celebrate her heavenly birthday in this present age and so behold things eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In the Season of Advent we celebrate the coming of the Messianic King who ushers in the reign of God. The prophets foretold that the Messiah would establish God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Those who put their trust in God and in the coming of his kingdom receive the blessings of that kingdom - peace with God and strength for living his way of love and holiness. (ref. Isaiah 40) Jesus fulfills all the Messianic hopes and promises of God's kingdom. That is why he taught his disciples to pray, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (ref. Matthew 6:10) In his kingdom sins are not only forgiven but removed, and eternal life is poured out for all its citizens. This is

not a political kingdom, but a spiritual one. The yoke of Christ's kingdom, his kingly rule and way of life, liberates us from the burden of guilt and from the oppression of sin and hurtful desires. Only Jesus can lift the burden of sin and the weight of hopelessness from us. Jesus used the analogy of a yoke to explain how we can exchange the burden of sin and despair for a burden of glory and yoke of freedom from the grip of sin. The yoke which Jesus invites us to embrace is his way of grace and freedom from the power of sin. Do you trust in God's love and submit to his will for your life? If not, why not?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 | SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

Matthew 11:11-15

Prayer: O God, who gave the Priest Saint John of the Cross an outstanding dedication to perfect self-denial and love of the Cross, grant that, by imitating him closely at all times, we may come to contemplate eternally your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

A Prayer of Saint John of the Cross: O blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in You. Let Your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O King of gentleness, King of peace.

Contemplation: God may call some of us to be martyrs for our faith in Christ. But for most of us our call is to be dry martyrs who bear testimony to the joy and truths of the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ in the midst of daily challenges, contradictions, temptations and adversities which come our way as we faithfully follow the Lord Jesus. What attracts others to those who follow the truth of God and his son, Jesus Christ? When they see Christians loving their enemies, being joyful in suffering, patient in adversity, pardoning injuries, and showing comfort and compassion to the hopeless and the helpless. Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear our adversaries. He will give us sufficient grace, strength, and wisdom to

face any trial and to answer any challenge to our faith. Are you eager to witness the joy and freedom of the gospel?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Matthew 11:16-19

Prayer: Grant that your people, we pray, almighty God, may be ever watchful for the coming of your Only Begotten Son, that, as the author of our salvation himself has taught us, we may hasten, alert and with lighted lamps, to meet him when he comes. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Why did the message of John the Baptist and the message of Jesus meet with deaf ears and with stiff resistance? It was out of jealousy and spiritual blindness that the scribes and Pharisees attributed John the Baptist's austerities to the devil and they attributed Jesus' table fellowship as evidence for messianic pretense. They succeeded in frustrating God's plan for their lives because they had closed their hearts to the message of John the Baptist and now to Jesus' message. What can make us spiritually dull and slow to hear God's voice? Like the generation of Jesus' time, our age is marked by indifference and contempt, especially in regards to the things of heaven. Indifference dulls our ears to God's voice and to the good news of the gospel. Only the humble of heart can find joy and favor in God's grace. Have you come to experience the joy of the Advent season? Do you know the joy of the Gospel? Is your life in tune with Jesus' message of hope, salvation and redemption through him? 'Tis the season to get in tune with what Christ brings to each of us!

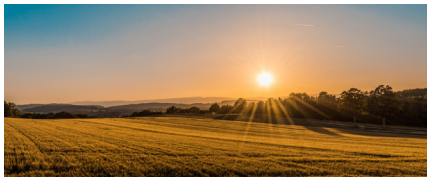
Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Daily meditations and contemplations adapted from the Irish Jesuits' Sacred Space web page and Biblical Medications for Ordinary Time by Rev. Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P.; prayers are from The Roman Missal, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture website. frlumppe:2023



ADVENT MISSION BEGINS SUNDAY!

We will host speaker Nick de la Torre on December 10, 11, and 12 from 6:30 to 8 pm each evening for a FREE Advent parish mission! Souls of all ages are invited to attend this inspirational 3-day event with topics including:

- Reasons to believe
- An overview of the Eucharist in Scripture
- The role the Eucharist is meant to play in our relationships with God
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music provided by Nick and his wife, Alina.



NEW HORIZONS MEETING

The next meeting of the New Horizons Widow and Widowers group is Thursday, December 21 at 6 pm in the parish Life Center. We will not have a Meal after Mass this month, but will be celebrating the holiday season with each other at this meeting. Bring a dish or favorite holiday treat to share with fellow attendees.

New Horizons is open to any widow or widower and is a group to support each other through fellowship and service. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. Come to a meeting to learn about and suggest activities for the coming months. Bring a dish to share, if you can. We eat at 6 pm. The meetings start at 6:30.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We are calling all women to join in fellowship and prayer every Saturday in the Shepherds' Room. We meet at 7 am and will end at or before 8:15 am, so that you can enjoy the rest of your day. We look forward to seeing you there. For additional information, please contact Julie Walker at 614.332.5786 or julzwalker1108@gmail.com.



We have an ongoing prayer chain for all those who are in need of prayers. To add an intention to our list, or if you would like to join in praying for our intentions, contact Jodi Stage at tashastage@aol.com.

HO! HO! HO! COME ONE AND ALL!

The Knights of Columbus Council 4603 is once again hosting their annual "Breakfast with Santa" after the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday, December 10. Santa will be available for photos in the Shepherd's Room from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. A light breakfast will be served in the Life Center after each morning Mass. Come kick off the holiday season with old St. Nick and good fellowship with your fellow parishioners. Merry Christmas to all!




 **American Red Cross**

GIVE SOMETHING THAT
Means Something

GIVE BLOOD

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, **December 16, 2023, from 8 am to 2 pm.** To Schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, Sponsor code: OurLadyGC or call 1.800.RED CROSS. All those who give December 1-17 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email. See details at rcblood.org/Amazon.

SWEETS, TREATS, AND RAFFLES GALORE



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

It's time again to show off your culinary talents at the Holiday Bake Sale hosted by the Parish Women's Association.

When you ask? The weekend of December 16 and 17.

Please just drop off your delicious delights in the Gathering Space before any Mass. This event is only one of two fundraisers that PWA does to be able to service so many important causes within our parish, our community and beyond. We thank you in advance for your contributions and your precious time in preparation. Also look forward to fabulous Gift Baskets and Raffles!



GIVING TREE—MORE ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE!

We have a second round of gifts needed up on the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space! Please choose an ornament or two with a gift request that you are comfortable with. Wrap and return your gift(s) under the tree, with the ornament attached, no later than December 17 to give us plenty of time to sort and distribute in time for Christmas. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ADORATION COVERAGE

Please consider committing to an hour of adoration every Friday. Most of our hours from 9 am to 9 pm on Fridays have only one adorer; if we had 2 each hour when one can't attend, the hour would still be covered. We especially need coverage for 11 am–12 pm every Friday. We hear from so many saints about Eucharistic Adoration and who better to ponder than the saints! Sign up at ourladygc.org/adoration.



SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

NOW – DECEMBER 25

Don't forget about the Silver Streaks "Socks for the Homeless" collection drive. We are looking for NEW socks of all kinds and styles for men, women, teens, children, and infants. Socks are one of the top three items most often requested by those who provide shelter to people in need. Our box will be located in the Gathering Space. Our goal this year is to collect 2,000 pairs.

Thank you in advance, and God bless you for your generosity in helping our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



SILVER STREAKS

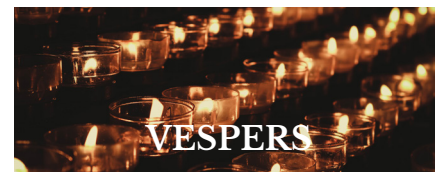
**Wednesday, December 13
6 pm | Life Center**

Silver Streaks is hosting our annual Christmas potluck, followed by a "Christmas Surprise" game!! We will provide the "Surprises" for the game, and invite you to bring your favorite Christmas dish to share—main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert! And, even if you can't bring a dish, please bring you—it is your smile and your fellowship that we treasure most!

As we enter this new Liturgical Year and the Season of Advent, let us be ever mindful that this is truly, the Season of Giving. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the many opportunities, offered through Our Lady of Perpetual Help to care for those less fortunate than ourselves and spread God's love throughout our community:

- The Knights of Columbus Giving Tree
- The Parish Women's Association Hat and Glove Tree
- Our own Socks for the Homeless Drive

If you have never been to a Silver Streaks meeting, or you haven't been in a while, now is a good time to start or come back! Everyone, 55 or older (we don't check ID) is welcome. Please come and participate in fun and fellowship with folks who remember a lot of the same things you remember.



Join us for communally sung Vespers (Night Prayer) on Mondays at 6 pm in the Nave. Pray with the wider Church in this portion of the Divine Office.

This worship opportunity is sponsored by Creative Ministries.

Quote Corner

“Wake up, O human being! For it was for you that God was made man.

—ST AUGUSTINE

(Is 9:6-7; 1 Jn 4:14; Ga 4:4-5; Tt 2:11-14)



This is the quarterly statement covering August 2023 through October 2023. Please remit by December 20!

To get the information to submit: Sign into your Kroger Account. On the menu, click on: “Rewards.” Then click on: “Community Rewards.” It will show your enrollment with Our Lady and an amount at the bottom; this reward is a percentage of your spending of the past quarter. Please email that to scrip@ourladygc.org. **Please note on your remittance your student’s name, grade and class.**

If you do not have a specific family tuition account, you may still donate your rewards. Just register your card with Community Rewards, and our donation will be split equally between Guardian Angel, PTO, SPICE, PSR, and Athletics. For any questions, contact Scrip@ourladygc.org.



HAT, GLOVE, AND SCARF TREE

Warm your heart and warm your soul this Christmas season by donating new or gently worn hats, gloves and scarves to the homeless and those most vulnerable during this cold and Blessed season. We ask you to pray for those whom you so generously cover in warmth. We thank you in advance and may God bless you always. The Parish Women’s Association.



WHITE CHRISTMAS 2023

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, through the Grove City Ministers Fellowship, is once again requesting your support of the White Christmas Food program. This food program helps the needy of Southwest Franklin County by supplying them non-perishable food items for Christmas. **This year, Our Lady will serve as the main sort and distribution site.** We will meet at Our Lady in the Parish Life Center on Wednesday and Thursday, December 20 and 21 at 9:15 am to pick up food items from the schools. The food will be sorted on Thursday, December 21 at 6 pm. The boxes will be filled Friday, December 22 starting at 6 pm. The boxes will be distributed on Saturday, December 23 from 12 Noon to 4 pm. Wednesday, December 27 from 8:30 am, we will be taking all food items not needed for our program to the Grove City Food Pantry. Many families volunteer together to create a Christmas tradition of helping the less fortunate. We will have masks, sanitizer, and gloves available for each volunteer. Each recipient family will receive a box of assorted food items that include fruit, hams, bacon, chicken, eggs, butter, bread, potatoes and many non-perishable food items. Last year, 94 boxes were distributed. Your Knights of Columbus, Council 4603, is doing the coordination of this Ministerial Fellowship outreach program. Many organizations and groups help out including Grove City Food Pantry members, students and the Boy and Girl Scouts. Every school and church in the Grove City area again has been asked to gather non-perishable food items in December for us to collect. The community’s response over the years has been outstanding. Sufficient food was collected last year to fill our boxes as well as donating over 36,000 food items to the Grove City Food Pantry. If you have any questions regarding this program or to volunteer, please contact coordinator Pat Fahy at patrickfahy01@gmail.com or 614.875.3322 ext. 309. You can also like us at [facebook.com/WhiteChristmasFoodDrive](https://www.facebook.com/WhiteChristmasFoodDrive) to see previous years programs and updated information.



HOLIDAY LIGHT COLLECTION

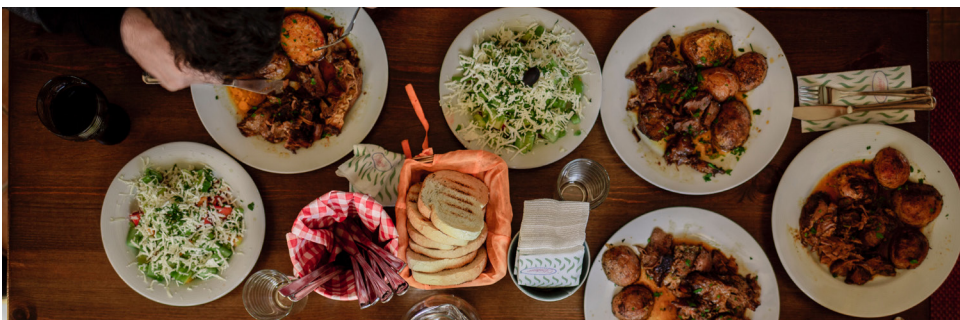
Keep Grove City Beautiful is partnering with the City of Grove City and Accurate IT Services to offer holiday light recycling at several drop-off locations now through Sunday, January 7.

Deposit lights ready to be discarded in marked collection boxes at one of the following locations during business hours:

- City Hall, 4035 Broadway
- Kingston Center, 3226 Kingston Ave.
- Service Department, 3262 Ventura Ave.
- Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road
- Fire Station 202, 3650 Hoover Road
- Fire Station 203, 2650 London-Groveport Road
- Fire Station 204, 4900 Buckeye Pkwy.
- Grove City Library, 3959 Broadway

Why it matters: Like most electronic products, Christmas lights are not biodegradable and can sit in landfills for hundreds of years. Recycling unwanted lights is a simple way to look after the earth and help keep Grove City beautiful.

For additional information, contact Environmental Supervisor Linda Rosine at 614.277.3058.



MEALS NEEDED FOR OCIA

We are seeking ministries and parishioners to provide dinner for our OCIA folks. We need to serve dinner for 45 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. We are so grateful to all who participated in this ministry of hospitality last year and ask that you would consider providing a meal again. Or perhaps you thought about it last year, but never got around to making it happen. Now is your chance! Contact Karen Cook, 614.875.3322 or kcook@ourladygc.org. The meal can be as complex or as simple as you like. Thank you in advance! Meals for 12/12, 1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27 are still needed!



IMAGO DEI HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Events:

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Life Center
December 17, 7–9 pm

VERSO L'ALTO MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Events:

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Life Center
December 16, 7–9 pm

For questions, contact Veronica at 614.875.3322, ext. 315, or vdannemiller@ourladygc.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus Council #4603 invite everyone to join with us in praying the Rosary, every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

We call Mary the Mother of Jesus “Our Lady of Perpetual Help”, and this is not an empty nickname or an exaggeration. Whether you pray the Rosary daily, whether you haven’t prayed in a while, or whether you’ve never prayed the Rosary at all—this is a great opportunity. You are very welcome to join the Knights of Columbus as we pray!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT

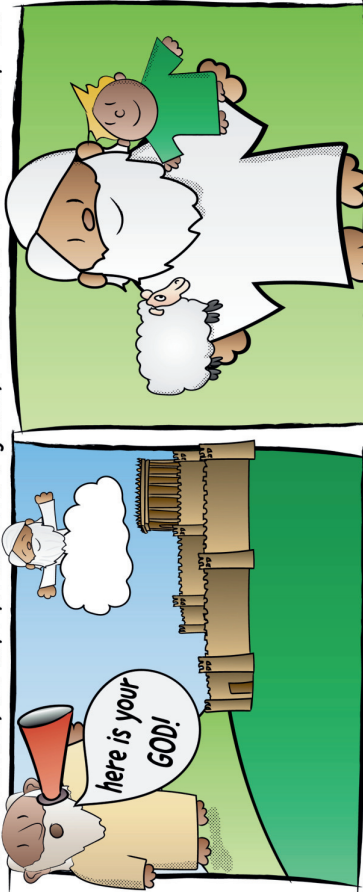
1ST READING

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.



A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.



Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

GOSPEL

MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.



People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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