



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’  
with great power and glory.”

*Mark 13:26*

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 5:30pm

## DAILY MASSES

Monday through Friday  
9:00am in the chapel.

## RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard in the Church on Saturday from 3:00pm to 3:45pm or by appointment. Call the rectory. 773-525-3016.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Hospitals no longer inform parishes about a patient's religious preferences. Please call the rectory directly for the Anointing of the Sick or Communion for the homebound. 773-525-3016.

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the first and third Sunday of the month after the 10:00am Mass. Call the rectory to schedule your child's baptism. 773-525-3016.

## WEDDINGS

Wedding planning should begin more than 6 months prior to the proposed date. Call the rectory to begin the process. 773-525-3016.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for the living and the dead can be offered at your request. Please come to the rectory to offer a Mass stipend.



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## Love

Our mission is fulfilled when we enter the world and in the presence of our families, friends, co-workers, and communities we are more capable of loving one another, as we have been loved.



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# Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Mark Purdome



*“Gratitude opens  
us up to the grace  
of God.”*

Dear Parish Family,

Have you ever considered keeping a gratitude journal? They became a bit of a pop-culture phenomenon a few years back when researchers began extolling their benefits, but the concept is far deeper, and far more Christian, than many self-help gurus would have you believe.

The concept is simple: on a regular, intentional basis, journal 5 things for which you are grateful. In other words, count your blessings.

There are many reasons that gratitude is good for our health. Researchers say that a gratitude journal positively affects our attitudes for months. They have documented benefits in our physical health, our relationships, and how well we sleep. But I'd argue that one of the best benefits is how gratitude opens us up to the grace of God.

Gratitude and generosity are inexorably linked. As we practice gratitude, we are drawn toward compassion for those who are suffering, for those in need. We recognize just how interconnected we are with the people around us. As gratitude fuels our compassion, our response is generosity, and that leads to more gratitude. This starts an endless cycle of grace-filled moments that demonstrate that all gifts are from God, and for God, as we use them in our service to one another.

In this season of thankfulness, let's cultivate our practice of gratitude, and enter into the endless cycle of God's grace.

In Christ,

Deacon Mark Purdome

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## Family Mass

Who: All Parishioners

When: November 18, 2018, 10:00am Mass

What: Readings read by the children, Encore Ensemble sings, and a special homily for children. Join us after Mass for Coffee and Donuts in the Gym as we make preparations for the annual Giving Tree.

Where: Saint Andrew Parish & Gymnasium



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## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Who: All Parishioners

When: Thursday, November 22, 2018—9:00am

What: Mass to celebrate our Thanksgiving National Holiday. Be part of a great tradition to pray and give gratitude to God on Thanksgiving Day.

Where: Saint Andrew Chapel

### Young Adults 20s & 30s

Young adults in their 20s & 30s are invited to our weekly hangouts after the 5:30pm Mass on Sundays. An announcement will be made at Mass; gather in the Social Hall for refreshments!

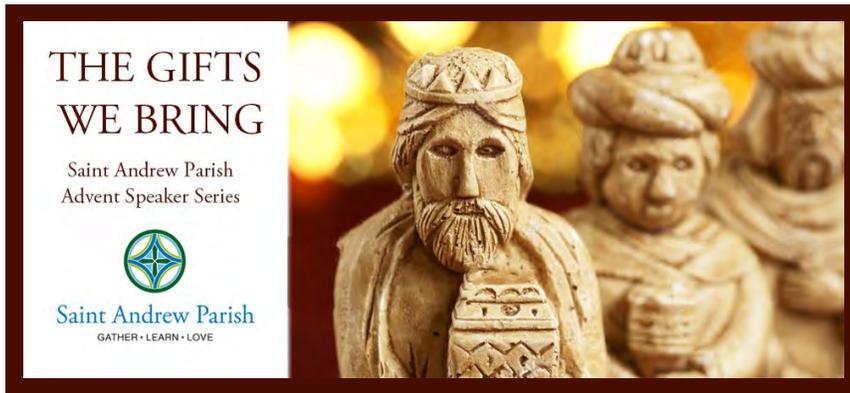
Upcoming Event: Join other Young Adults at the **Greater Chicago Food Depository** on Saturday, December 8 from 8:15am-11:15am. Carpooling is available! Check out the “Recent Messages” at [www.standrew.org/love/volunteer-at-gcfd/](http://www.standrew.org/love/volunteer-at-gcfd/) for more information and to register. Space is limited!

### Teens & High School

Teens in grades 8-12 are encouraged to gather with our Youth Group from 4:00-5:15pm on the first and third Sundays of the month. We gather in the Social Hall. Join us for fun, friendship and faith.

Upcoming Event: The end of the year is upon us, so save the date for **“That’s a Wrap!” party**, on Saturday, December 8. We’ll head downtown for the Christkindlmarket, attend mass at Holy Name, and then come back here for pizza, Christmas tunes, and present wrapping. Event details at [www.standrew.org/gather/join-our-youth-group/](http://www.standrew.org/gather/join-our-youth-group/)





## You're Invited...

Prepare for Christmas by preparing spiritually!

Our annual *Advent Speaker Series* entitled “*The Gifts We Bring*” will be on Wednesday nights in Advent from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. This includes a spiritual talk for adults and children’s program for children.

The talks will focus on the three gifts given by the Magi to Jesus - Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

And just as we did last year, we’re giving away the gifts to every participant (adult and child) who attends the talk. Participants each night will walk away with a small gift memento of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

Come learn about the meaning behind these gifts and take home your own!

December 5 at 7:00pm - **The Art of a King** (Gold)

December 12 at 7:00pm - **The Prayer of a Child** (Frankincense)

December 19 at 7:00pm - **The Deeper Meaning of Christmas** (Myrrh)

*All presentations begin in the Church. Children and adults begin together but have*

### BIRTHDAYS

Carter Ashlock  
Louise Batrich  
Kate Brandt  
Carrie Buol  
Brady Burns  
Anthony Cantu  
Timothy Devine  
Kenneth Dooley  
Margot Edwards  
Jaclyn Egger  
Diana Garcia  
Daniel Hanson  
Jennifer Hennessy  
Katie Hopkins  
Thomas Horenkamp

Karen Hutchinson  
Alexis Johnson  
Joseph Kolb  
Benjamin Krass  
Vu Le  
Horacio Ledesma  
James LoVerde  
Matthew Lynch  
Rose Mason  
Ethan Mazzeo  
Mary McGraw  
Molly Mehlis  
Lucy Mehlis  
Ever Mitchell  
Patrick O’Connell

Calagio Pace  
Joshua Perkins  
Pierce Prangley  
Christine Preissler  
Natalie Procopio  
Madeline Radecki  
Rachel Ryan  
James Smith  
Gabriella Spingola  
Megan Teresi  
Ann Tushaus  
Jennifer VanAken  
Leo Visconti

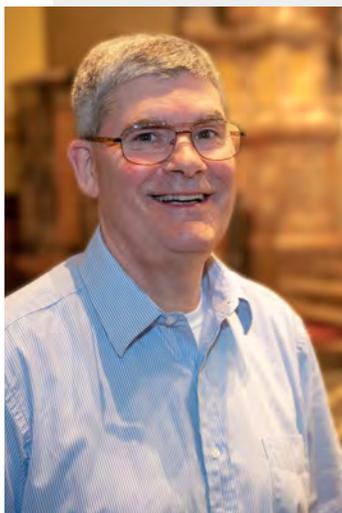
## PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 18	8:00am 10:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Mass Mass Youth Group Mass Young Adult Hangout
Nov 19	9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Puppy Players Violin Lessons Bears Scouts
Nov 20	9:00am 10:00am  3:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Vicariate Meeting: Youth/Campus Ministers Encore Guitar Group Boy Scouts
Nov 21	9:00am	Mass
Nov 22	<i>Rectory Closed</i> 9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>  Mass Irish Dance Fall Drama
Nov 23	<i>Rectory Closed</i> 9:00am	<i>Closed</i> Mass
Nov 24	4:00pm	Mass
Nov 25	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm 7:00pm	Mass Mass Mass Young Adult Hangout
Nov 26	9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm 4:30pm  6:30pm	Mass Puppy Players Violin Lessons Puppy Players Fall Performance Bears Scouts
Nov 27	9:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Encore Guitar Group Boys Scouts REBOOT
Nov 28	9:00am 1:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Mass Girl Scouts Wolves Scouts RCIA Meeting
Nov 29	9:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Irish Dance Fall Drama Wolves Scouts
Nov 30	9:00am	Mass



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*“From where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”*

*Psalm 121:1-2*

## Scripture Reflection by Deacon Eric Sorensen

Perhaps startling, the Scripture readings for this weekend *must* cause us to pause, drawing our attention to the *Coming of the Lord*. This Gospel is Jesus' answer to his disciples' question, "Tell us, when will this happen, and what sign will there be when all these things are about to come to an end?" *Mt 13:4*

These *signs* and *tribulations* naturally raise concerns or even fears with His expected return. Especially among those who attest to our unending domestic violence, all our national and global confrontations, and the overwhelming occurrence of natural disasters, as the approaching *End of Time*. But Jesus cautions, "that day or hour, no one knows... but only the Father."

These reflections are not accidental, but the Church's deliberate focus on Jesus' promise, that he *will* return. This is our Faith. Therefore, at the end of each liturgical year we are asked to deeply reflect on our faith in Jesus, and our preparation for meeting "the Son of Man coming in the Clouds." But are we prepared? Is our faith aware of His presence in our lives?

It all begins with *putting our trust in Jesus*. When we are worried, anxious or have fears, we do not

allow ourselves to trust in Christ. We are simply being tempted, manipulated, or confused. Whereas placing our trust in Jesus, we allow him to care for us. Peace comes with this trust, and our faith and hope are revitalized! We begin to look beyond our daily lives, and to open our hearts to know that "Jesus Christ really loves (us); he gave his life to save (us); and now he is living at (our) side everyday to enlighten, strengthen and free (us.\*)" *The Joy of the Gospel*, p 115.

Where does our help comes from? Our help comes from the *overflowing love* the Lord has for each of us. So let us be prepared, as our Responsorial Psalm proclaims, "I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, (and) my body, too, abides in confidence!"

By putting our trust in Jesus, we have no need to fear a new heaven and a new earth, where every tear is wiped away. Instead, we can rejoice in overwhelming happiness, peace and communion with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ the Son of God, Redeemer of the World, and King of the Universe!



# NOVEMBER

## Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

### Jesus, Lord and Savior

Our knowledge of Jesus's earthly life is fairly limited in scope. We learn much about his birth and ministry through the Gospels, but the majority of his life remains in shadow. The Nicene Creed reflects this: "...by the Holy Spirit [he] was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried..." Birth, death. But if we accept that Jesus *truly lived among us*, we begin to understand the marvelous relationship we have with him. Jesus experienced frustration (John 2:15-16), temptation (Mark 1:13) weariness (John 4:6), disappointment (Luke 13:34) and ridicule (Mark 15:19). We also profess Jesus as our Lord and Savior. He conquered death, and led us back into a right relationship with God. So when you think of Jesus, bring him your joys and sorrows, remembering that he has the power both to comprehend the depth of your feeling, and also heal your wounds.

#### Ideas to Do At Home:

Watch: *The Case for Christ* (PG), a wonderful movie about an atheist who finds God in his search for truth.

Read: *Four Portraits, One Jesus*, by Mark Strauss

Do: Search for different pictures of Jesus with friends or family. Share how each image makes you feel.

Pray: Attend Eucharistic Adoration to spend time in the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

#### BAPTISMS

**Michael J. Moyer**  
Michael and Margaret Moyer

**Francis Patrick Pecora**  
Patrick and Kathryn Pecora

**Samuel James Tabaka**  
Robert and Annmarie Tabaka

Sunday <b>18</b>	First Reading	Dn 12:1-3
	Second Reading	Heb 7:23-28
	Gospel	Mk 13:24-32
	Mass Intention	All Deceased of the Parish
	4:00pm ( <i>Sat Vigil</i> )	
8:00am		All Deceased of the Parish
10:00am		+Philip Cooney +Mary Hoeven
5:30pm		All deceased of the parish

Monday <b>19</b>	First Reading	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5
	Gospel	Lk 18:35-43
	Mass Intention	All deceased of the parish

Tuesday <b>20</b>	First Reading	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22
	Gospel	Lk 19:1-10
	Mass Intention	All deceased of the parish

Wednesday <b>21</b>	First Reading	Rv 4:1-11
	Gospel	Lk 19:11-28
	Mass Intention	All deceased of the parish

Thursday <b>22</b>	First Reading	Sir 50:22-24
	Second Reading	1 Cor 1:3-9
	Gospel	Lk 17:11-19
	Mass Intention	All deceased of the parish

Friday <b>23</b>	First Reading	Rv 10:8-11
	Gospel	Lk 19:45-48
	Mass Intention	All deceased of the parish

Saturday <b>24</b>	First Reading	Rv 11:4-12
	Gospel	Lk 20:27-40
	Mass Intention	All Deceased of the Parish
	4:00pm ( <i>Saturday Vigil</i> )	

Sunday <b>25</b>	First Reading	Dn 7:13-14
	Second Reading	Rv 1:5-8
	Gospel	Jn 18:33b-37
	Mass Intention	+John and + Genevieve Schiro
	8:00am	
10:00am		+Shirley E. Gray
5:30pm		All deceased of the parish

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



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# Saint Andrew School

Come see what educational excellence looks like!

Reserve your spot for a campus tour of Saint Andrew School today!  
Sign up for a spot by calling 773-248-2500 or visiting  
[www.GoSaintAndrew.com](http://www.GoSaintAndrew.com).



All tours start at 9:00am. This year's tour dates are as follows:

December 11    January 8    February 12    March 12    April 9    May 14

Saint Andrew School focuses on the whole child; promoting individual academic achievement, developing spiritual awareness, building character and encouraging service for the common good.

We have limited openings for children ages 2 1/2 to 8th grade. Call today to set up your appointment!

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## Religious Education K-8

Religious Education (RE) classes are done with parents at home this weekend.

This weekend, Sunday November 18, 2018, there are no classes for students in RE. Students are invited to participate in the sorting of food for the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

At home, parents are asked to teach chapter 7 with their child and complete the online review. The links to these reviews can be found through your weekly Flocknote, or online at [www.standrew.or/RE](http://www.standrew.or/RE)

The next gathering for students only will be grades K-2 on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 8:45am.

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## For Adults (& Kids too)

Advent Speaker Series -

Every year we hold a series of talks to help parishioners prepare for Christmas. This year's talks will be on Wednesday nights, December 5, 12, and 19 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm and will focus on the gifts of the Three Kings to Jesus.

Entitled "*The Gifts We Bring*" this series of talks (for adults) and children's program will provide reflections on the gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh that were given to Jesus.

Everyone who attends will receive your very own gifts to take home with you. Yes! We're giving away Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh! But,,, you have to come to the talks to receive the gifts.



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## Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Next weekend, November 24 & 25, 2018 there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This national collection taken at the direction of the Catholic Bishops of the United States is for our collective work as a Nation to end poverty by fighting the structural inequalities that are the root causes of poverty. You can learn more about the campaign at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).



## Greater Chicago Food Depository



The next volunteer session at the Greater Chicago Food Depository will be on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 8:30am to 11:15am. Volunteers package food which will be sent to local Chicago food pantries. Your help is needed! Please contact Nancy Holland at [neh213@gmail.com](mailto:neh213@gmail.com) to sign up to volunteer.

Find more dates at [www.standrew.org](http://www.standrew.org)



## Christmas on the Corner



Tuesday, November 27, 2018 is GIVING TUESDAY. It is a national day of charitable giving. We've set a goal of raising \$3,400 on this single day for the purpose of purchasing a new outdoor nativity which will be featured on the corner of Addison and Paulina outside our church doors. To help out with this giving event, please view our website or Facebook page. Donations can also be dropped off at the rectory for this exciting project.



# Get Involved

## STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS

Saint Andrew is a community of disciples from all over the city, county, and world who make the Lakeview neighborhood their home. We gather to learn about God and encounter God's saving love so that we can transform the world through our everyday actions.

## LIVE GENEROUSLY

If you haven't already signed up for electronic giving, please take the time to contribute in this easy and beneficial way.

Visit [www.standrew.org/give](http://www.standrew.org/give) to sign up today.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Greeters** - Help us make sure everyone is warmly welcomed into the Church by joining our greeters and Welcome Committee. Contact [Megan@standrew.org](mailto:Megan@standrew.org) to express interest.

**Coaches** - We are still looking for coaches to support our school athletic program in several sports (volleyball, basketball, etc). Contact [matthewpoppe@gosaintandrew.com](mailto:matthewpoppe@gosaintandrew.com) to express interest.

**Callers** - We have had a tremendous response to our Annual Stewardship Commitment. Now we need help responding, Are you good on the phone and have to help us contact people? Express interest with [david@standrew.org](mailto:david@standrew.org). Find out more at [www.standrew.org/volunteer](http://www.standrew.org/volunteer).

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### Enrich - Expand - Grow

Through August '18

<b>Income</b>	1,299,187
Interest on Income	12,542
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,311,729</b>
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	98,400
Church Lighting (Actual)	223,200
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	104,400
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>616,480</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>695,249</b>

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### October Offertory

Registered Households	1893
<b>Envelopes Collection</b>	<b>9,790</b>
Households Using Envelopes	149
<b>Automated Giving</b>	<b>14,394</b>
Individuals Giving Electronically	146
<b>Loose Checks/Cash</b>	<b>4070</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>28,254</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	<b>38,500</b>
<b>2018 Annual Catholic Appeal</b>	
Parish Goal	27,648
Amount Pledged	61,134
Amount Paid	51,696
Participants	187



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Parish Mission:	Marcia Vinzons
One Book One Parish:	Clark McCain
Cub Scouts:	Rob Juergens
Scouting BSA:	Jim Ingraffia
Girl Scouts:	Karen Beatty
Theology on Tap:	Liam Hickey
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Youth Ministry:	Megan@standrew.org

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Eucharistic Ministers:	Dan Tucci
Liturgy of the Word for Children:	Anne Freeman
Musicians:	John Ganz
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Twitter—@SaintAndrewChicago

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! We're glad you are with us! Whether you are just visiting or are settling down in Chicago and looking for your spiritual home, we are glad you are with us! Let us know how we can serve you!



Register with our parish online at [www.standrew.org](http://www.standrew.org), call us at 773-525-3016. Or scan the QR code to the left.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Welcome Committee:	Missi Mannion
Annual Stewardship Appeal:	George Ghattas
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Capital Campaign Committee:	Julie@standrew.org
Facilities Committee:	Jose & Athena Medero
Parish Fundraising:	Julie@standrew.org
5k Race	Dede Soriano
Date at the Lake	Ben Whipple
Wearing the Green	— Help Needed —
Children's Garage Sale:	Carlyn McGreal
Fish Fry:	Nicci Fagan

To contact any of the individuals above or volunteer for the events, please email Julie at [Julie@standrew.org](mailto:Julie@standrew.org).

## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

Greater Chicago Food Depository	Nancy Holland
Meals with a Heart	Stephanie Mewborn
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<b>International Sister School/Parish —</b>	
One Heart Uganda:	Kimberly Arndt
Parish to Parish	Fr. Matthias Kakooza
<b>Local Sister School/Parish —</b>	
St. Thomas of Canterbury/	Betty Grassi

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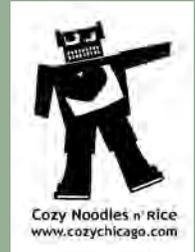
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

# 800 Bulletins

# THE GIVING TREE

EARLY Season's Greetings!

Saint Andrew Parish and School will again be partnering with St. Mary of the Lake and St. Thomas of Canterbury, located in the Uptown neighborhood, with a Christmas service project through a Giving Tree. Last year's project was incredibly successful and we helped over 550 students ranging from Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade stay warm over the cold, winter, Chicago months. We are getting a jump on the project and wanted to announce a few important, upcoming dates.

Starting **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**, following Family Mass, join us in the gym so our children can help cut out ornaments for our Giving Trees. The Giving Trees will be located in the back of the Church and in the school and be up and ready for ornaments on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**. We will also have volunteers handing out ornaments several days a week at drop off and pick up starting **Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** with our **"MOBILE GIVING TREE"**. That is when Saint Andrew families will be able to select these ornaments off the trees and begin their holiday shopping.

As a reminder, here's how it will work:

Each child/student from St. Mary of the Lake and St. Thomas of Canterbury is going to receive a gift from a Saint Andrew family (families can take more than one child if they choose) equaling **no more** than \$25.00. This gift will include two (2) **NEW** items from a pair of gloves/mittens, socks, a winter hat or scarf. 90% of these students are immigrant families and are often taken aback by how cold Chicago winters are. How thankful these children will be to have two brand new gifts this Christmas!

We will announce future deadlines on when these winter warmth items will need to be collected so please stay tuned, but for now, we hope you and your families will join us on **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** after Family Mass and kick off the holidays in a giving way!

Thank you for all your support!

