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DECEMBER 3, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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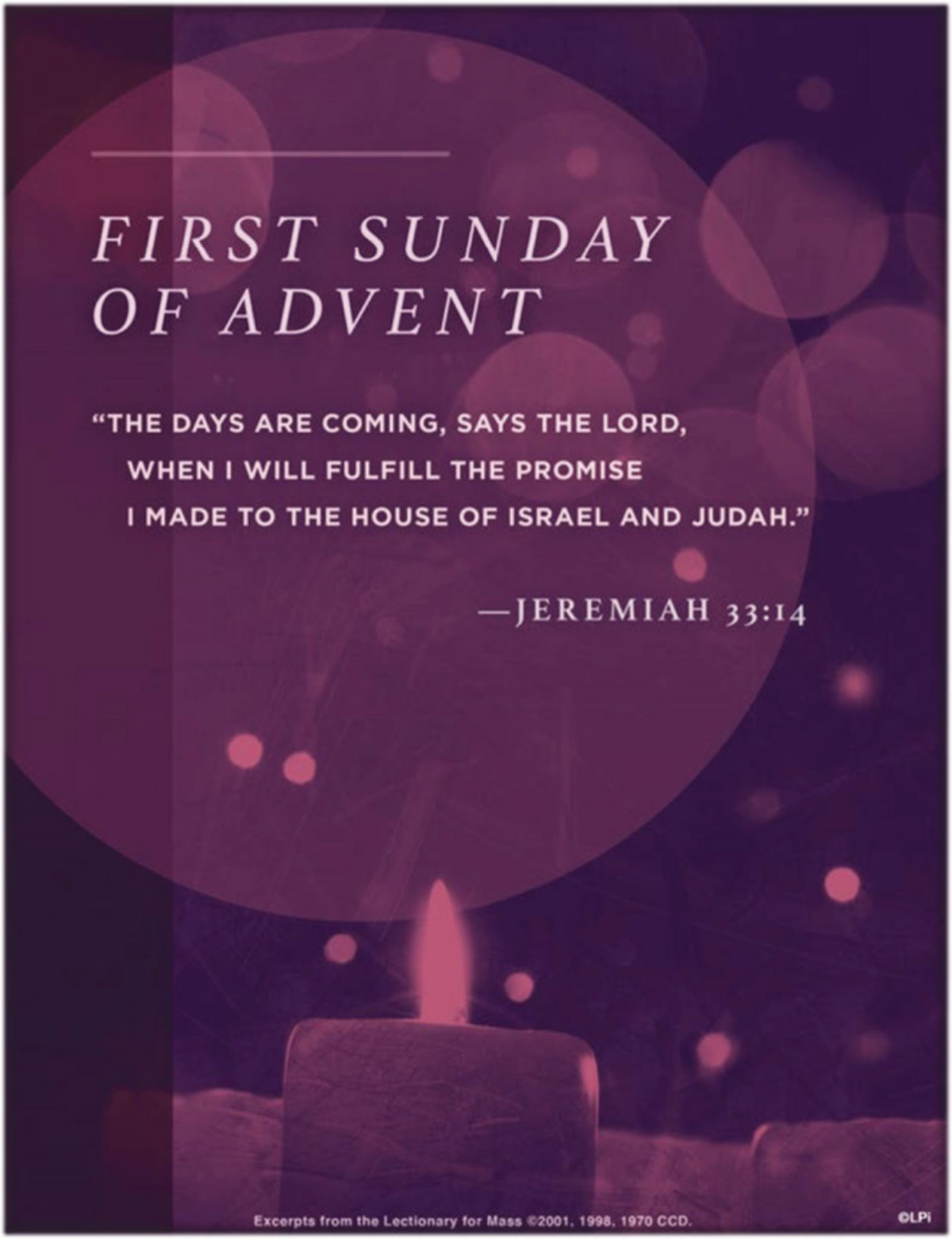
Weekend Mass times:
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am



PADRE PAUL'S PONDERINGS

Advent Prepares us for Christmas

The season of Advent that begins this weekend can be one whose meaning is a little hard to understand. It is not penitential in nature like Lent, and many of us get in the Christmas mood long before Christmas. That being said, the season does have a lot of meaning and there are many ways we celebrate it both at church and ways in which we can celebrate it in the home.

First, some background on Advent. The word comes from the Latin word that means "*coming*." We reflect on how the Lord is coming during Advent in two ways. In the early part of the season, we focus on the second coming of our Lord, thinking about how we can prepare for our encounter with the Lord at the end of our lives. We remember that when Christ left this earth, He did not abandon us, but remains with us in the Church, with His Spirit, and the sacraments and Church and one another. When Christ comes again, His presence will no longer be hidden behind signs and symbols of the liturgy, or the Bible, but it will be revealed in all its fullness and will be a presence that will never end.

We also reflect on the first coming of Christ, celebrating how God has become one of us. Jesus in His ministry showed us what life can and should be, and He also gave us the Church as He knew we could not live in isolation.

The most familiar part of the season may be the Advent wreath. These consist of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted that represent the four weeks of Advent. Typically 3 are purple and 1 is rose. The purple candles symbolize prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works done during Advent. The third Rose candle is lit on Gaudete Sunday, which means "*rejoice,*" because we have passed the mid-point of Advent when we are close to Christmas. The lighting of the candles also symbolizes the hope surrounding the first coming of our Lord. We have our Lutheran friends to thank for the wreath, as the Advent wreath came from Eastern Germany in the 16th century and then quickly was adopted by Protestants and Catholics alike. As the candles are lit the wreath becomes brighter during the dark nights of early winter, symbolizing Christ dispelling the darkness that can be in our lives.

Vestments worn at Mass during Advent are purple, though they may vary slightly from Lent. As Advent is more focused on preparation for both Christmas and our own encounter with God, and Lent is more on penance and what we need to turn away from sin, the purple of Advent can be mixed with the color of blue, though technically blue vestments are not used.

To prepare for Christmas and also for the moment when we will meet Christ, a good thing to do during the season of Advent is to reflect about what Christ means to us. Especially in a season when we can be so busy preparing for gift giving, we can make time to prepare our souls to receive the gift of eternal life in heaven by finding time for prayer. Consider praying as a family more often, or incorporating an Advent wreath into your home by lighting the candle(s) every night as your family sits down to dinner and saying a prayer together.

Advent is also a time where we can grow in charity. God came to us out of love in the Son, and linked Himself even more closely to us in how He became flesh as one of us. What better time to grow in charity by doing kind things for one another. Perhaps when out shopping parents can encourage children to pick out a gift for an less fortunate child, or you can make it a point to do kind works for someone in the family such as an elderly relative. You can also try to make it a point to grow closer to loved ones; such as making time to talk to family at Christmas parties, or even something as simple as reminding someone you care about them by writing a personal note in a Christmas card as you send them out.

Advent is a beautiful season that helps us prepare our souls for Christmas. Just as we prepare our homes for Christmas by putting up the decorations to bring some joy into a rather dreary time of year, we prepare our hearts to be fitting dwellings for God by renewing our love for Him as we prepare to celebrate His love for us in our celebration of His birth.

Have a very blessed Advent Season,
Fr. Paul

STEWARDSHIP

Sacrificial Giving: November 18/19, 2023

Envelope Offering……..$8,088.25
Plate……..$1,149.00
Automatic Online Giving…….$3,407.35
Total……..$12,644.60

Capital Campaign…….$1,219.00

Sacrificial Giving: November 25/26, 2023

Envelope Offering……..$7,128.25
Plate……..$1,342.00
Automatic Online Giving…….$3,847.30
Total……..$12,317.55

Capital Campaign…….$1,834.33

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Parish Council Chair	**Ronald Sailer**	952-412-6007

Additional Info:

Parish Office: Hrs. (M-F) 8:00 am - 4:30 pm| 651-423-4402

To send an email to a St Joseph staff member, use the following format: ***first name.last name@stjosephcommunity.org***

Parish Website www.stjosephcommunity.org
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IRA ROLLOVER: TAX WISE GIVING

Individuals who are age 70 1/2 or older can make gifts of up to $100,000 directly from their IRA to one or more qualified charities without paying federal income tax on the withdrawal. This option provides tax savings to donors even if they do not itemize deductions. **Below are the specifics:**

- Donors must be age 70 1/2 or older at the time the gift is made.
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- Each donor may give up to $100,000 total per year.
- Gift can be used to satisfy the donor's required minimum distribution.
- Donors can exclude the distribution from income on their federal tax returns. If they do, they will not receive a charitable income tax deduction.
- To qualify for tax-free treatment, donors cannot receive goods, services or a personal benefit (such as tickets for events) in return for the IRA charitable distribution.

Contact St. Joseph Staff Randy Haney at 651-313-8468 to let us know how the gift should be used or if you have questions about giving from an IRA.

St. Joseph's does not provide legal or tax advice. Donors should consult their own professional tax advisor before making a gift.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	4	8:30	† Matt McNamara & Corey Sigler
Tues	5	8:30	Word & Communion Service
Wed	6	8:30	Word & Communion Service
Thurs	7	8:30	† Ron Ashbeck
Fri	8	8:30	† Barb Lewis & Harold Minnaert
Sat	9	5pm	† Fr John Brandes
Sun	10	7am	St. Joseph Parish Community
Sun	10	8:30	† Margaret Corrigan
Sun	10	10:30	† Carlos Lima De Sa

READINGS

For the Week of December 3

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

VOCATION VIEW

It's Advent; almost Christmas!
A Season of Dreams Come True.
Be on Guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

IN LOVING MEMORY

~In Loving Memory of those who have recently passed ~

Joseph Casurella

Barbara Scholl

Lucille Tousignant

We pray for all our departed Brothers & Sisters and those who mourn their loss.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME

Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the water of Baptism, we welcome:

Harrison Aryadewa Hedeen

Myles Steven Molloy

Bryle Javate Mondragon

Wedding Announcements

Please pray for the following couple who will enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony soon:

Megan Thompson & Thomas Bell
December 23, 2023

INFORMATION

Advent Reconciliation Service
Monday, December 4th
@ 6:30 pm

Extended Reconciliation offered
Saturdays, December 9th & 16th at 3:00 pm

FAMILY FORMATION & PARISH INFORMATION

"Share Jesus"

Come to Room 101 next Sunday, December 10th at 9:45am-10:15am (Between Masses)

* Ann Volkert, a long time parishioner, will share why she goes to Sunday Mass and how she connecter her faith to the world we live in today.
* Drop in to join us and have a cup of coffee and doughnut hosted by Respect Life.
* If you are interested in sharing your story on an upcoming Sunday go to: **https://sharejesus.rosemountknights.com/**

There you can register for your specific Sunday and view the Guide to Sharing your Personal Testimony.

THANK YOU...

Thank you for the generous donations of blankets and shoe boxes. Our church sent 70 shoeboxes and 55 blankets to St. Michaels church in Kentucky. Thank you to the many volunteers who collected boxes, cut fabric, tied blankets, handcrafted blankets and to the many who filled shoe boxes in very creative ways. It will bring smiles and joy to the people in Kentucky.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED...

Loaves & Fishes Coordinator needed in 2024!

The Loaves & Fishes ministry served over 4.4 million meals to hungry people last year and is on track to serve well over four million to those in need in 2023. Many thanks to outreach ministries and volunteers from parishes like the Church of St Joseph that make this happen. There are over 30 sites in the Twin Cities metro area. And we have been preparing and providing delicious, nutritious meals at Holy Rosary Church—one of the largest sites--on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for over 30 years.

Our current coordinator at Holy Rosary in south Minneapolis, Bridget Ahmann from St Joseph, will be stepping down early next year. We greatly appreciate her leadership over the past few years, and she will gladly help onboard her replacement. Total time would be approximately 10 hours/month: Onsite at Holy Rosary every 2nd Tuesday from 2:00-6:30pm. Plus, you will need to plan for time to pick up product and coordinate with your team beforehand. You will be working with a fantastic team of St Joseph parishioners.

If you would be interested in coordinating this wonderful ministry, please contact Deacon Gordon: ***gordon.bird@stjosephcommunity.org*** or (651) 313-8493 for more information.

We hope to hear from you soon! It's more than just a meal! Here is a link to view and learn about Loaves & Fishes (Minnesota) activities: ***https://youtu.be/8W6oG1KWEAQ***

PASTORAL CARE
Would you or someone you know like a home visit, communion or an anointing? If so, please contact the Parish Office at 651-423-4402.

BAPTISMS
Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd weekend of each month after the 10:30am mass. (please note that there can be fluctuations in this schedule depending on other liturgical needs). Parents are required to have completed the Baptism Preparation class which is offered the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. For more information please call the parish office at 651-423-4402.

RECONCILIATION
Individual reconciliation ~ Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment. Communal celebrations and Individual celebrations are held during Advent and Lent.

MARRIAGE
All couples anticipating Christian marriage should contact the Parish Office at (651) 423-4402 at least 6 months prior to a wedding date being set.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK This Sacrament may be received by any Catholic who is seriously ill, about to undergo major surgery, or in poor health. Please call the Parish Office, (651) 423-4402 if this sacrament is needed.

PRAYER CHAIN To place a prayer request call Pat at 651-452-7689 or email ***Prayer.Request@StJosephCommunity.org***

FAITH FORMATION and SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
Sunday School for ages 3, 4, and 5 is held during the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses.
Faith Formation for Grades 1-12 along with Sacramental Preparation.
Call (651) 423-4402 for more information.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL
St. Joseph School provides a God-centered, supportive academic environment for students, Grades PreK-8. Contact Kelly Roche, Principal at (651) 423-1658 for more information.

DAILY ROSARY
The rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass (Mon.-Fri.) starting 35 minutes before the scheduled Mass time—except on First Friday when the rosary is prayed at the start of Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited to join us as we pray for the needs of the Church and community.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Mondays. All bulletin announcements should be sent to ***bulletin@stjosephcommunity.org*** and **appropriate staff personnel** for approval before they will be included in the bulletin.

CALENDAR

Monday, December 4
8:15 am Moms in Prayer, Rm 115
8:30 am Mass, Church
9:00 am Respect Life Ministry, Rm 101
4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle 3
6:15 pm AHG Troop & Leaders, GA/Rm 115
6:30 pm Advent Reconciliation, Church
7:00 pm CI Session, SH A

Tuesday, December 5
8:30 am Word & Communion Service, Church
10:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle 1, Rm 101
2:45 pm Hand Chime Rehearsal, Church
6:30 pm SJS Gala Planning Meeting, Rm 100
6:30 pm Catholic Watchmen, SH A & B

Wednesday, December 6
8:30 am Word & Communion Service, Church
4:30 pm CGS Level 2, Rm 102
6:00 pm CGS Level 2 & 3, Rm 102
6:00 pm OCIA, Rm 100
6:00 pm Mommy & Me Preschool, SH B

Thursday, December 7
8:30 am Mass, Church
5:00 pm Cursillo, Rm 115
6:00 pm Immaculate Conception Vigil, Church
6:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council
6:30 pm Cub Scout Christmas Party, SH
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, RM 100

Friday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception
8:30 am Immaculate Conception Mass, Church
8:30 am Moms Faith Study-Angels, Rm 101

Saturday, December 9
3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church
5:00 pm Mass, Church
5:00 pm Bake Sale, SH A

Sunday, December 10
7:00 am Mass, Church
8:00 am Bake Sale, SH A
8:15 am CGS Level 1, Rm 102
8:30 am Mass, Church
9:45 am Sharing Jesus, Rm 101
10:15 am CGS Level 1, Rm 102
10:30 am Mass, Church

Dear Parishioners, *Thank you for bringing in your photos of deceased loved ones. The photos are now available for pick up in the parish office.*

Office Hours: M-F: 8-4:30 pm

Parish Office Will Be Closed

December 25th & 26th
and
January 1, 2024

PARISH LIFE EVENTS

Immaculate Conception
December 8th
Holy Day of Obligation

Masses include:
Vigil: Thursday, December 7, 6:00pm
Mass: Friday, December 8. 8:30 am

St. Joe's Adult Mission team is sponsoring the annual **Christmas Bake Sale** the weekend of **December 9th & 10th.**

The adult mission team is scheduled to go to the Dominican Republic in July 2024. Proceeds from the Bake Sale help fund St. Joe's projects during our trip.

We will have Bake Sale Sign ups after mass this weekend: December 2/3

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Fourth Sunday of Advent -
Saturday- Dec 23rd - 5:00 pm
Sunday - Dec 24th - 8:30 am & 10:30 am
(No 7am Mass this day)

Christmas Masses -
Sunday- Dec 24th - 4:00 pm
Sunday- Dec 24th - 6:00 pm
Sunday- Dec 24th - 10:00 pm
Monday - Dec 25th - 8:30 am
Monday - Dec 25th - 10:30 am

Holy Family -
(Regular Weekend Schedule)

Holy Day Solemnity of Mary Mother of God -
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Monday - Jan 1st - 8:30 am

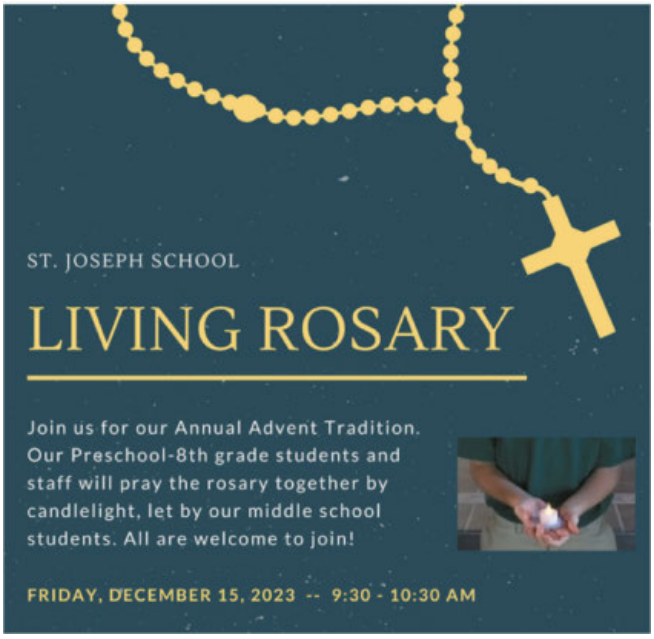
Christmas Memorial Flowers

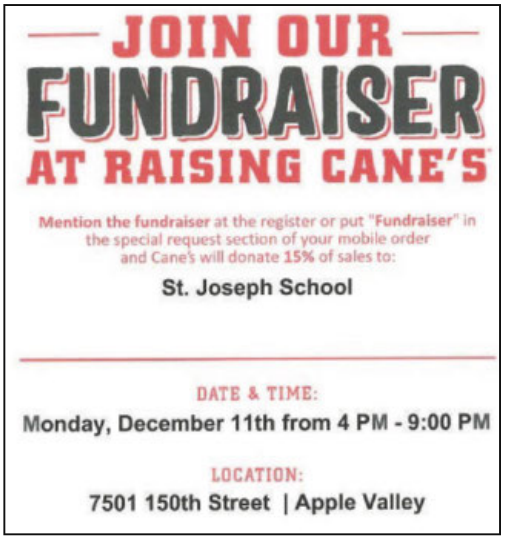
At Christmas time, many of us have loved ones that we wish to remember in some special way. Donations for the Christmas Flower Fund may be made any time before **December 15th**. All memorials will be printed in a special book which will be placed in the gathering space during the Christmas season. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Memorial Flowers" along with the names of those you wish to remember. These envelopes may be placed in the Sunday collection box or dropped off at the parish office.
Please print all names legibly. Thank you!

Your name _____

In Memory of _____

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL





PARISH EVENTS & INFORMATION

Giving Tree Reminder:
To ensure the gifts get to the families on time, gifts must be back at St. Joe's no later than noon on ***Sunday, December 3rd.***

Please check Sign-Up Genius to see if your help is still needed on Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3.

Link is:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44AEAD2BA0F49-45818023-stjoseph

If you have questions about the Sign-Up Genius or about the volunteer process, please contact Maria via text or phone at 954-608-5994.

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