

Thanksgiving Day

2022

Two key events mark our celebration of Thanksgiving in the parish community. We hope you will respond to all these opportunities for prayer and fellowship. There are two special customs on Thanksgiving morning:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022

9:00 AM: Thanksgiving Day Mass & Sharing Thanksgiving Bread

Bake a loaf of bread or dessert bread or rolls and bring it to church with you, wrapped with a note card from you and your family. Place it at the altar and after Communion, it will be blessed and then we will distribute all the bread to everyone present – you will receive someone else's loaf to take to your Thanksgiving table.

What an amazing way to “give thanks” and celebrate our connections to each other through the Eucharistic Table where we gather every week. (Can't bake? Try it! Or find a bakery and buy a nice loaf of special bread for someone to share at their Thanksgiving table). But come and share Thanksgiving Bread!

*Come join us and share
Thanksgiving bread!*

Sharing Thanksgiving Day 2022

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Not enough money for Thanksgiving turkey this year? Don't
have the utilities or the housing anymore to make it work?*

**Come share Thanksgiving Day with us!
No reservations necessary!**

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Friday, November 18 to be placed on the delivery list.**



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In 2011 we began the custom of offering a **Thanksgiving Meal** with all the trimmings on **Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 AM until 12:45 PM**. We served folks in need in our MAK Family Life Center and delivered meals to Meals on Wheels recipients, local senior centers and non-profit organizations. During the pandemic, we switched to providing meal kits. Once more this year, we seek to serve prepared meals again. It can only happen with your assistance. We need the following volunteers:

The Pie Connection:

We are inviting any of our parish families who wish to bake a (traditional) pie and deliver it to the MAK Center on **Wednesday, November 23 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM** or on Thursday morning, **November 24 from 8:30 AM-11:00 AM**. We will be grateful to receive them and use them around the community.

Setup and Decorating:

On Wednesday evening, **November 23 at 6:30 PM**, a group will gather to set up tables and chairs and set and decorate the tables for the next day. We need 8 volunteers.

Delivered Meal Preparation:

We need 7 people to prepare packaging for the to-go meals and organize the deliveries from 7:30 AM-11:00 AM.

Serving:

We need 16 people in the serving line and to help us prepare the meals that are going out for delivery. **Two shifts** are available on **Thanksgiving Day: 10am-11:15am and 11:30am-12:45pm**. This group will serve those who walk in for a meal as well as prepare meals to be delivered around eastern Gaston County.

Greeters/Hosts:

On **Thursday, November 24 from 10:45 AM-12:45 PM**, we need 4 people to welcome guests, prepare name tags, help seat and orient our guests to the food, rest rooms, etc.... to help make anyone who joins us feel comfortable.

Drivers:

We need individuals who can use their own vehicles to drive around during this time frame and deliver meals to organizations and to individuals.

Clean up:

At **12:45 PM on Thanksgiving Day**, we need 10 volunteers to clean the MAK Family Life Center, clear off the tables, assist with washing the dishes and fold up the tables and stack the chairs. The clean-up usually takes no longer than 1 hour so this task should be completed by 2:30.

Please consider helping us. If you wish to volunteer for any of these positions, please contact the church office (M – F from 8:30AM to 4:30PM) 704-825-9600 to be placed on the volunteer list. Slots are limited so please call as soon as you can!