



St. Priscilla Parish Family

St. Priscilla Parish Mission Statement

We are a diverse community of caring Christians who celebrate Eucharist and proclaim the Gospel by service to all in the community.

December 11, 2005

FR. JIM'S JOURNAL



In the midst of all of the Christmas hype, I would urge you to take some time in the quiet silence to prepare spiritually for Christmas. The decorating and the Christmas shopping need to get done, but they will. They do every year. Turn off the TV or the computer and take some quiet time to decide what you need to do spiritually to make Christmas more than just another holiday. Christmas can also be a faith experience if you prepare spiritually. In your quiet reflection, consider the following possibilities:

- Make an anonymous contribution or donation to someone in need. This must be a gift where you will get nothing monetary back with no strings attached. The Giving Tree is one example of this. God may have brought someone in need into your life this year. Has someone in need talked to you whom you can help financially?
- Reconcile with someone in our life. Our relationships are the most important gifts in our lives, and we can always do a better job nurturing them. Do you need to apologize to someone? Do you need to forgive and let go of an old hurt and re-establish a relationship? Do you re-connect with someone you have not spoken to in a while? Who is God calling you to be in relationship with for Christmas?
- Invite someone to your home for the holidays. Maybe it is a relative or a friend that can be a little difficult. Maybe it is someone who is isolated or lonely. Who is God calling you to care for this Christmas?

The Christmas spirit is about loving generosity. Do not be left behind. Let yourself be carried away by the Christmas spirit.

A number of you have asked me about Reconciliation Services here at St. Priscilla. There will be no Reconciliation Service at St. Priscilla during advent. We will have individual confessions on Saturday at 3:00 and after all weekday Masses as usual. The Livonia parish pastors have been meeting to find new ways that we can work together. One of the first things that we are going to try is having Reconciliation

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Meetings/Events Of the Week

- Mon-12/12-STAFF** 10am
WINGS / HS Youth gr-6:30pm
Social Comm-7pm
K of C officers-7pm
- Tues-12/13-Bible Study**-9:30am
Faith & Friendship-6:30pm
Bingo-6:30pm
- Wed-12/14 Rel.Ed.**-4:30/7pm
Messiah Video viewing-7pm
- Thurs-12/15-Rel. Ed.**-4:30/6:30pm
Choir / Bible Study-7pm
- Fri-12/16-CADA**-7pm
- Sat.-12/17-COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION -ST. GENEVIEVE-1PM**
Children's pageant rehearsal-10am
Catholic Book Store
- Sun-12/18-Coffee & Donuts**
RCIA-10am - Pre/K-11am
Catholic Book Store / Giving Tree

Christmas Pageant

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1—8 will meet on Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday December 15. Classes will resume again on January 18 and 19. All families are expected to attend the GIFT Program on Baptism on January 13 or 15.

Preschool/Kindergarten will meet on Sunday, December 18. They will have class again on Sunday January 8th.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE



Gather around the unlighted Christmas tree. Begin by singing "O Christmas Tree" or other favorite Christmas song.

Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-23

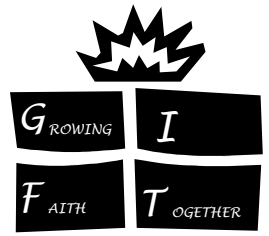
Prayer: Creator God, your Son is the tender shoot that grew to become a majestic cedar. As birds find safety in giant branches, so we find shelter and comfort in your Son. We thank you for sending us Jesus, our Tree of Life. **Amen**

Blessing: Lord God, bless this tree in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May it remind us throughout this holy season that Jesus is our Tree of Life. **(Turn on the tree lights.)**

As we turn on the lights of our tree, we are reminded that Jesus, our Tree of Life, is also the light of our world. **Amen**

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Are you registered for the upcoming *GIFT* event? Everyone is encouraged and invited to attend. It will be a time for you to meet new friends, learn something new about your faith, share in a prayer experience and enjoy a meal together.



Our topic for the January event will be *Understanding Baptism*. There will be sessions for everyone from 3 to 103. Bring your family and friends as we share our faith together on Friday, January 13 or Sunday, January 15.

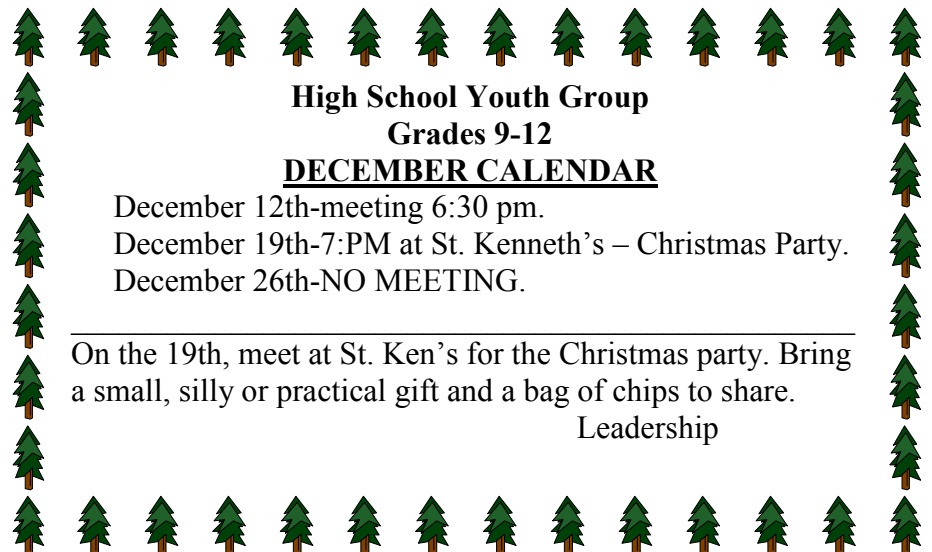
Blue Registration Forms can be found in the back of church. It is important that everyone registers so we know how many people to expect for dinner and how many Household Take-Home packets to prepare.

Registration deadline is December 18. This event is for everyone, young or old, married or single, child or teen or adult. Will we see you there?

Coal for the Poor-AGAIN

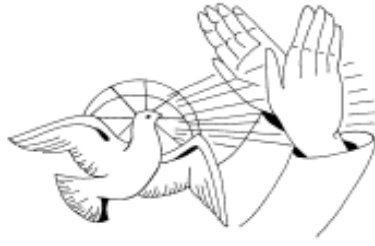
The poor of this country are in danger of finding coal in their Christmas stockings this year. When our Congress people get back from their Thanksgiving break, many of them will be eager to pass two bills: **The \$50 billion budget reduction bill**, reduces eligibility for food stamps for 200,000 people by 2008, forces cutbacks in health services and allow States to reduce Medicaid benefits for the poor and charge higher co-payments and premiums; and **the \$70 Billion tax reduction bill** gives over half to those with **annual incomes over \$1 Million per year**. It is ironic that these two bills come before Congress at the same time, right before Christmas; Take from the poor to give to the rich.

What can we do for the **Most Needy** during this Advent season? We can call our U.S. Representative in congress and let him/her know that **these bills violate our Moral Values**, our sense of justice. You can call your **Representative toll-free at 800-426-8073. DO IT TODAY!!**


High School Youth Group
Grades 9-12
DECEMBER CALENDAR
 December 12th-meeting 6:30 pm.
 December 19th-7:PM at St. Kenneth's – Christmas Party.
 December 26th-NO MEETING.

 On the 19th, meet at St. Ken's for the Christmas party. Bring a small, silly or practical gift and a bag of chips to share.
 Leadership

*"...To everything there is a season
and a time to every purpose
under heaven..."*



...a time to be born...

...a time to love...

...a time to heal...:William Burns, Nelson Burbo, Joseph & Sandy Vandervennet Leonard Churches, Lorraine Schommer, Christopher Bloetscher, Madison O'Dea, Bob Everest, Ann Kvasnovsky, Fran Weeks, Don Faulkner, John Petro, Pat Barill, Eleanor Naylor, Phyllis Wirth, Wes & Rita Allen, Louise Mazure Todd Lounsberry, Mark Stigleman, Mary Vuksanovic, Geri Omilian, Ed Contway, Belinda Broden, Barbara Thompson, David Emerson, Sandee Haffey, Faith Newel, Mary Kern, Maureen Dooley, Ammon Willmont, Harold Mackler, Eleanor Rakozy, Joseph Schwanzenburger, Mary Kennedy, Michelle Manikowski, Antonia Diponio, Ed Potocki, Sister Cheryl Ann Grenier, Virginia Coughlin, Gary Ostrander, Don & Jean Schicker, Christopher Francis, Rose Vincent, Audrey Negro, Tobey Noel, Denise Blackwell, Baby Nicholas, Ron McKinney, John Pawlowski, Harvey Letourneau, Freddy Kunz, Elaine Pomaville, Dino Manolatos, Joann Pilchak, Vern Johnson, Nancy Obsenik, Catherine Santo, & Donald Johnson, Harold Mackler and Eleanor Rakozy

...a time to die...

Please hold our Service men and women in your prayers...Byron Hemphill, William Quinn, Rachael Brown, Vance J. Nannini, Fr. Raymond H. Bucon, Adam Hachey, Robert Albro, Michael Lanctot, Richard Bastien, Robert E. Oldani, Seth Janisse, Patrick Steenburg, Christopher Masel, Ryan Masel, Robert Uren, Jr., Fletcher Armstrong, III, Michael Goodrow, Dan LeClere, Tanya Dudek, Nicole Pawlowicz, Nicholas Mitchell, Ryan Bierschbach, Dennis Soper.

(Please send us your names for this list).

Lots O' Knots For Fr. Ray

A few ladies from our parish have individually been sending hand-knotted rosaries to Fr. Ray to give to our troops in the war zone. We are combining our solo efforts enabling us to send more rosaries more often.

The cost of the specific knotting twine and shipping the rosaries to Iraq runs about 50 cents per rosary. For the next few weeks we are asking for your help in the form of monetary donations. Your donation will be used **ONLY** to buy twine for **MILITARY** rosaries and to cover the cost of sending them to Fr. Ray on a regular basis as the rosaries are completed. Any amount you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.

An example of the rosary is displayed on the donation container located in the outer lobby of our church. Please sign one of the notebooks so we can mention your name as helping in this ongoing need for our military or remain anonymous if you like.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Nifty Knotters of St. Priscilla's



Monday, December 12
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Sugg: 690A: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:91a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday, December 13

Lucy, virgin, martyr

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14

John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Church

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15

Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 16

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17

Sunday, December 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call the office to register for the upcoming class or Baptism date:

Sunday, January 22 -12:30:PM

BAPTISM-January 29th-12:30pm

Religious Retirement - December Collection

Please give generously to this week's Retirement fund for Religious appeal. More than 95% of donations are returned to religious institutes with the cost of living for almost 12,000 frail, elderly religious.

Handmaids

December 16

Cherie O'Brien

December 23/30-Off

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Dec. 17 4:30PM	C. Lindle-bauer	T. Moyles, A. Mumaw, C. O'Dea, T. O'Dea, M. Porman, J. Telck, M. Gehringer	M. Cusin
Dec. 18 9:00AM	M. Sanovich	T. Flaherty, L. Flaherty, F. Dickey, A. Haa-pala, P. Hanis, A. Hoger, T. Hoger	M. Barill
Dec. 18 11:00AM	H. Talaske	J. Rehlund, W. Strohmer, E. Strohmer, G. Tatro, J. Tatro, L. Tatro, N. Tatro	A. Kaptanowski, E. Kaptanowski

USHERS; MONTH OF DECEMBER - TEAM C

Please remember to arrange a substitute if you are unable to serve on date assigned.

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Services for all of the Livonia parishes together. I have agreed to participate in this effort and we will evaluate it after to see if it worked. There will be two Reconciliation Services in Livonia during advent. These services will include individual confession. There will be 15 priests available at each of the services. The services this advent will be held at St. Genevieve and St. Aidan. If these opportunities for confession do not meet your needs, please contact me at the parish office, and other arrangements can be made.

The Catholic Book Store will be here after all Masses next weekend. They will be in the activity center after all three Masses on Saturday and Sunday. I think it is really important that we do some spiritual reading throughout the year. Please take this opportunity to have a look at the books that will be available, and pick up something that interests you. Spiritual reading also makes a great Christmas gift.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Jim



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 11th, 9:00AM

Third Sunday of Advent

Rita Spence by Family
Florence Goodlesky by J. & M. Kozicki
Mary Petriches by Pat Petriches
Deceased Ushers
Jane Paval by husband, John

11:00 AM

Betty Monendo, Mary Anne (Sage) Moco & Paul Sage by Sage family
John McAteer by Family
Harry & Kathleen Madden by Jess Family
People of St. Priscilla

Monday, December 12th 8:00am

John Keiter by M/M Ed Contway
Joseph Nosel by Wife & Family

Tuesday, December 13th, 8:00am

Jane Wood by MJ

Wednesday, December 14th, 8:00

Charlie Dickey by Parents
Bob & Craig Colomina by Velma Colomina

Thursday, December 15th 8:00am

Daniel Murphy by Mom

Friday, December 16th, 8:00am

People of St. Priscilla

Saturday, December 17th, 4:30pm

Edmund Mazark by Gerald & Claire Mazark,
Carol & Paul Hickey

Joseph Eckhoff by Carole Russell

Janet Lisiecki by Mr. Lisiecki

Eugene Schommer by Philip Schommer

Veronica Baughman by Tom & Vicki Nizich

John Olszewski by Barbara Cunmulaj

Sunday, December 18th, 9:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Erick, Pamela & Karin Schrock by Cecelia Schrock

Bob Colomina by Family & Friends

Catyherine Kamp & Ray Wirts Jr.

by Ray Writz

Pietro Pinuccio Carta by Carta Family

Marvin Tomczak by wife, Agnes

People of St. Priscilla

11:00am

Dorothy Hendrick by Bartus Family

Wanda Hamernik by friends

Stanley Broniak

Phillip Bautista by the Carta Family

Marianna D'Aguanno, & Antonio Arciero
by the Arciero Family



Anointing of the Sick
Sunday, January 1, 2005
following the 11:00 AM Mass
All are invited.

“Single Again” Christmas Social

St. Owen’s “Single Again” is a group of men and women who find themselves single again. This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at St. Owen’s Parish Center, on Franklin Road between 14 Mile & Maple Road in Bloomfield Hills. Come and join us on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st** for our Christmas celebration at 7:PM. Enjoy a variety of fine refreshments, dance to lively music and meet new friends. Singles of all faiths are welcome. Cost is \$10 at the door. For more information call Norb at 248-333-2030 or Lois at 248-258-0496.

Catholic Book Store

Representatives from the Catholic Book Store will be here next weekend with a display of books and religious articles for you to purchase. What a great holiday gift idea? Plan on taking a few minutes to stop and see what they have to offer.



BINGO Team 2

Floor Operator: Lue Jarrett, Bill Statetzny, Kevin Brown, Dolores Murphy, Dick Schmidt, Veronica Finch.

Door Captain: Bernice Pawlowicz, Peggy Contway, Mary Ann Stratetny

Cashier: Kopy Kopasz

Bookkeepers: Jackie Bender and Bernie Paquette.

Kitchen: Connie Majeske, Anne Hoger, Carole Krol

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Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent donation to Methodist Children's Home Society. As you know, keeping up with the appetites of growing boys is always a challenge. Your donation of fresh fruit and vegetables is a wonderful gift. Your cash contribution of \$392.50 will go a long way during this holiday season.

In our efforts to help our children learn and grow as fully as they are able, we depend on people like you, who give of their resources to help our organization in it's mission.

We believe that every child has the right to develop into a healthy adult. We are glad that you have some interest in supporting this life-affirming principle, which guides what we do at Methodist Children's Home Society.

Sincerely,

Steve Dingman /Associate Executive Director

P.S. Have a blessed Christmas!

**St. Vincent de Paul
PANTRY ITEMS
OF THE MONTH**
**Pancake Mix & syrup,
Sugar, Salt, Spaghetti and
Sauce, Sweet Cereal, Cof-
fee-not instant, Bleach,
Laundry Detergent, Bath
soap and Toilet Paper.**
(These items will be used for
the Christmas giving.)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #13731
December 19th-7pm**



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**Livonia Parishes Combine
for Advent Penance Services**

The seven Catholic Parishes of Livonia are combining for two shared Penance (Reconciliation) Services with individual confessions, during Advent in preparation for the Christmas Season. The two services will be:

**December 17, 2005
St. Genevieve -1:00 PM**

**December 19, 2005
St. Aidan -7:00 PM**

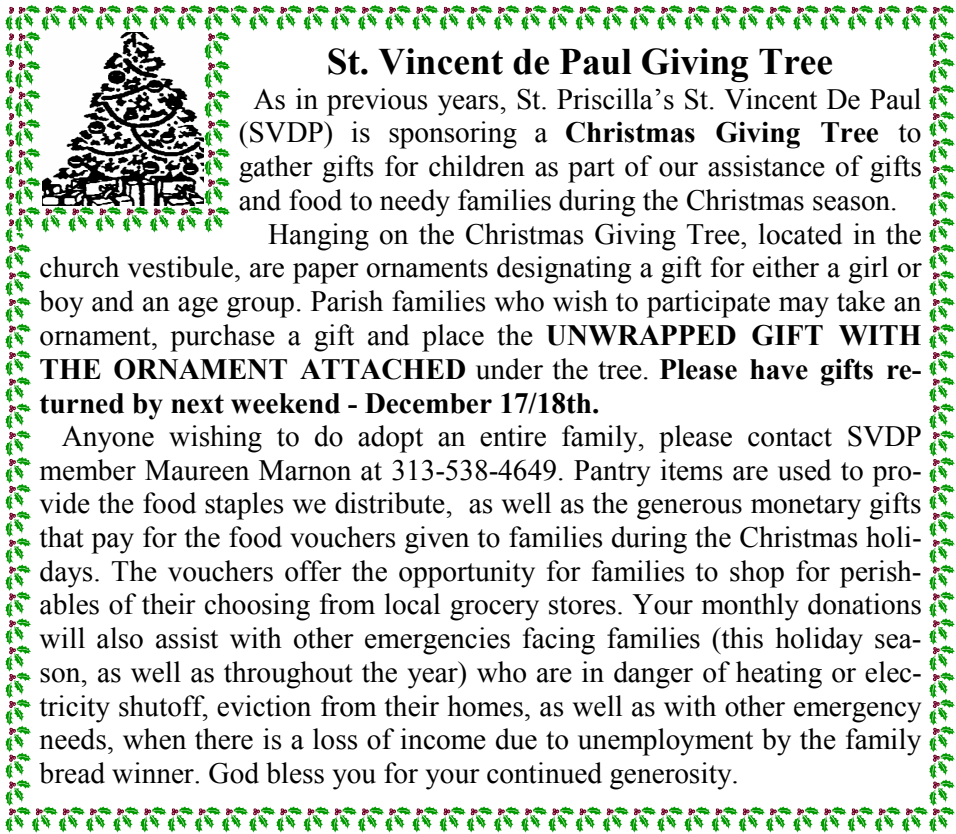
The two combined services will share resources in an effort to respond to the calls for greater inter-parish cooperation in the *Together in Faith* study. The individual parishes will not provide additional Penance Services during this Season. There will be 15 priests available for individual reconciliation at each service.

St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

As in previous years, St. Priscilla's St. Vincent De Paul (SVDP) is sponsoring a **Christmas Giving Tree** to gather gifts for children as part of our assistance of gifts and food to needy families during the Christmas season.

Hanging on the Christmas Giving Tree, located in the church vestibule, are paper ornaments designating a gift for either a girl or boy and an age group. Parish families who wish to participate may take an ornament, purchase a gift and place the **UNWRAPPED GIFT WITH THE ORNAMENT ATTACHED** under the tree. **Please have gifts returned by next weekend - December 17/18th.**

Anyone wishing to do adopt an entire family, please contact SVDP member Maureen Marnon at 313-538-4649. Pantry items are used to provide the food staples we distribute, as well as the generous monetary gifts that pay for the food vouchers given to families during the Christmas holidays. The vouchers offer the opportunity for families to shop for perishables of their choosing from local grocery stores. Your monthly donations will also assist with other emergencies facing families (this holiday season, as well as throughout the year) who are in danger of heating or electricity shutoff, eviction from their homes, as well as with other emergency needs, when there is a loss of income due to unemployment by the family bread winner. God bless you for your continued generosity.



Advent Offering

Join us for the second part of, *The Messiah*, Wednesday, December 14th at 7:PM. *The Messiah* offers us the story of God’s purpose in sending his ‘Anointed One’ to the rescue of a lost and enslaved people. It is the story of the triumph of love over all the powers of evil.

**Dear Jesus,
I have a problem.....it’s me.
Dear Child,
I have the answer.....it’s me.**

Dinner for the Widowed Men & Women

Widowed Friends, a peer support group, of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites men and women of all ages to join us on Sunday, December 18th at 4:PM for a relaxing dinner and conversation at *Compari’s*, 350 South Main in Plymouth. Then stroll through the park and enjoy the Christmas decorations and meet new friends Call Chet at 734-459-4316 before December 16th.

Join us for our G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) event-

Teachings of Baptism

A Catechism event for EVERYONE at St. Priscilla

Friday, Jan. 13th 6:00 - 9:00 or Sunday, Jan. 15th 12:30 - 3:30

A Great Meal	Prayer
Community building	In-depth learning
Sharing	Projects

For all age levels pre-kindergarten through adult.

Come find out how the traditions of baptism have changed over the years, the teachings of the church, and what it all means in our lives as Christians.

Each family bring 6 oz. of water in a small container from home

_____Tear off and place in basket in back of Church_____

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of people attending: Adults _____ Children _____

Ages of children _____

Check the date you would like to attend:

() Friday, January 13th 6-9pm OR () Sunday, January 15th 12:30-3:30 pm Please RSVP by December 18th.

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	4:30 PM
SUNDAY	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
WEEKDAY (Monday.-Friday)	8:00 AM
HOLIDAY	9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—
8:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday 8:30 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 8:30AM- 12:30PM

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for the Baptism preparation class.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 PM and after daily Mass

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying Parish Office .

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Please use Advent banner 05CF-C03

RATING:

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

POOR

COMMENTS ON LAST WEEK'S ISSUE:

PLEASE CONTACT ME REGARDING:

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



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