

Thanksgiving Blessing 2020



Thanksgiving Blessing 2020 at St. Patrick's Parish will be held on **Monday, November 23rd**. Thanks again to everyone for your support for this amazing event. Below is information concerning the event, how to volunteer, and how to donate. The event will look much different

from previous years due to COVID. We will not be doing any food collections this year to minimize contact with the food. As a result, we are ordering all of our food from the Food Bank.

Also, the event will be a drive thru service so most volunteer positions will be outside.

VOLUNTEERS: Volunteer sign up will be through Catholic Social Services again this year. Go to their website (www.cssalaska.org). On their home page scroll over to "Get Involved" and click on "Upcoming Events". On this page click on "Sign Up to Volunteer Here". Complete the form and someone from CSS will contact you about your specific assignment. Due to the need to maintain strict accountability of the number of people on the site, we will not have much flexibility to accommodate walk on volunteers.

We are in need of volunteers from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. This year the shifts are 3 hours. Because many of the positions are outside we will have people rotating in to stay warm.

Please wear a mask, and do not volunteer if you are experiencing any symptoms, have travelled in the last 14 days, or have had close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID recently. You will be asked to complete a COVID Policy Agreement the day of the event, or you may bring a printed and signed copy the day of. This form is on the website during sign up.

DONATIONS:

SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION: We will be doing the annual spare change collection with a basket in the gathering area the weekends of 7-8 and 14-15 November.

DONATIONS THROUGH ST PATRICK'S: Donations can be made to St Patrick's for Thanksgiving Blessing. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick's Parish and make sure the donation is clearly marked "Thanksgiving Blessing". You may also donate online through the parish website (www.st.patsak.org). Click on the DONATE button on the top of the home page and select the "Thanksgiving Blessing" fund. Any questions can be directed to the parish office.

DONATIONS THROUGH THE FOOD BANK: Go to their website (www.foodbankofalaska.org) and scroll down the front page to the banner for Thanksgiving Blessing and click on the title or "Read More". This will take you to a News and Events page, scroll down near the bottom "To make a donation to an Anchorage Blessing site, click here". Click on the link. Choose St Patrick's as the "Blessing Site" and your donation will be credited to our account.

QUESTIONS: If anyone has any questions, concerns, or suggestions please send me an email at pbear374@gmail.com.

Again thank you for your support.

Dave