

March 1, 2023

Dear Families of GA;

During the Middle Ages in Sicily, there was an exceptionally severe drought. No rain fell for an extended period of time, no crops would grow, and countless people died in the ensuing famine. The peasants prayed to God for rain, and they also prayed to St. Joseph to intercede with God on their behalf. They promised that if God caused it to rain, they would have a special feast honoring God and St. Joseph and share the bounty with the poor.

Miraculously, the rains came and the crops were planted. With the harvest, the people prepared a feast of foods from their crops. All were invited to share in the bounty. This has become known as the **Tavola di San Giuseppe (St. Joseph's Table)**. Through the centuries, and around the world, people have used this festive table to express their thanks for favors granted through the intercession of St. Joseph.

In honor of St. Joseph, whose feast day is **March 19th**, we asked what is needed to help our neighbors today. The items most needed are listed below by grade level. **(Many of these necessary items may not be purchased with Food Assistance Cards.)** We invite you to offer a family prayer to St. Joseph, and as a sign of gratitude for our blessings, provide an item(s) for those who count on our generosity. **School children may bring in their items from Monday, March 13th through Friday, March 17th. CCD students may bring their items in on Sunday, March 12.**

Thank you,

Guardian Angels St. Vincent de Paul Society

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(Preschool & Pre-K) Facial Tissues	(4th) Deodorant
(K) Toothbrushes	(5th) Paper Towels
(1st) Toothpaste	(6th) Cleaning Sprays
(2nd) Shampoo	(7th) Laundry Detergent
(3rd) Liquid Dish Soap	(8th) Deodorant