

Lamplighters of OF ST. RAYMOND

DECEMBER 2023

We have a list of traditions here at St. Raymond. High on the list, is Luminaria at Christmas. Christmas Eve at St. Raymond was glowing with light. It was especially wonderful because of the milder weather and no snow. The candles were lined up perfectly around the entire block. Taking a walk between masses was an experience I hope all of you had the chance to enjoy.

We are very grateful for all the effort that goes into our Luminaria experience. We know you are all very busy families and yet you take the time on this most sacred night to set out and light candles to lead people to our Christmas Eve Masses.

Thank you for continuing to be a St. Raymond Christmas Eve Lamplighter.

With appreciation for all you do!

CHRISTINE CHENGARY FAMILY

ANDREW SHAROS FAMILY

JOHN LARSON FAMILY

DAVID MACK FAMILY

GREG MCNALLY FAMILY

KATHLEEN MURPHY FAMILY

WALTER WRONA FAMILY

GEOFFREY ROSEANN FAMILY

TIM BOPP-BENDEN FAMILY

TOM CARRICO FAMILY

RYAN MEDINA FAMILY

ANGELO PACINI FAMILY

ROBERT TAYLOR FAMILY

TIM STAHL FAMILY

History of the Luminaria ON PINE ST. SINCE 1981



It all began when Renae McGovern befriended Dot Sheehan. Dot moved to the 400 block of South Pine Street from the state of Virginia. Dot had seen Luminaria there with milk jugs being used as candle holders. Dot was organizing her block (400 & invited the 500 block) to join her in lighting Luminaria on Christmas Eve of 1981. Renae asked if she

could join them in 1982 after witnessing the candle-lit milk jugs down our street.

In 1982, Renae organized the 500 block, as well as St. Mark Lutheran Church along Evergreen Ave. She also asked Rev. Loftus, pastor of St. Raymond Parish if she could outline that block with the same Luminaria candle glow-ing effect. He said "yes" and often took it upon himself to light candles as he



walked around the block after inclement weather snuffed the candles out. Renae continued to organize with Dot Sheehan for 12 years.

Around 1993, Renae asked me to take on the Luminaria project. The 100 & 300 blocks came on board through the years and have grown to almost complete participation. There is a captain living on each of the five blocks. Candles are ordered from Monk Wine & Candle. They are the same ones used at St. Raymond Parish.

Luminaria expansion **AT ST. RAYMOND**

Thank you, St. Raymond, for sharing in this neighborhood Christmas celebration each and every year.

If someone is eager to help or to take on the organizing - please contact the parish office.

Thanks to all of you, and have a great Christmas Season!

Rosie Hinkemeyer

A video was taken on Christmas Eve 2020, which you can view on the St. Raymond home page or YouTube under "music events/prayer service". [Click here online](#)

