

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

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DECEMBER 29, 2024 † HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

From The Pastor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. In every sense of the word, as we travel through the octave of Christmas, we are in a holy week. An octave is an eight-day period used by the Church to continue the celebration of important feasts. This is the case for both Christmas and Easter. The celebration of the feast, in this case the Birth of Christ, is extended to further reflect on and soak in the mystery of this Divine action. The coming of Christ has radically changed the world not only through the redemption of Jesus, but also in the transcendence of the Divine within and among us.

This week also celebrates the feast of the Holy Family, the blessing of a New Year, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and Epiphany next Sunday. These days are packed with opportunities to ponder and soak in the reality of the Divine action of God who sanctifies the world through the Incarnation.

Why do we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family? What does it mean and intend to convey to us? This feast highlights the effect of the Incarnation. The 'family' of God in the Holy Trinity is now united with and joined to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In Jesus, God joins the human family through the motherhood of Mary. The family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are holy because they have accepted and surrendered to the invitation to be instruments of God's will. With faith and commitment, they suffered the trials of birthing a child, raising him, keeping him from harm, and allowing him to become the Savior he was given to be. Mary persevered through the suffering of his Cross.

Despite and within their holiness, the gospel today is a good example of the irritations, misunderstandings, and inconvenience of keeping up with a maturing young adult. Even in their deep love for Jesus they had to learn the manner of his being as he realized and discovered his true identity in the Father. Did Jesus intend to frustrate and scare his parents? I think not. His heart had turned toward his Father, and nothing would distract him from this Divine relationship.

As for the Holy Family, so for our families. Families are a place of primary formation for life, love, faith, and maturing virtue. God is present in all families as they journey through the joy and trials that life will inevitably bring. The reading from the Book of Sirach honors both parents and children. With love, couples blest their children with the disciplines of

love, respect, obedience, reverence, honor, and responsibility. In turn, children will honor, obey, and serve them when they are old. Notice the blessings that come from the holiness of honoring one's parents in their time of need; sins are forgiven, prayers will be heard, and you will live a long life.

Why does Sirach offer these blessings? One obvious directive is the Fourth Commandment to honor thy father and thy mother. The Book of Sirach was written about two hundred years before the birth of Jesus. Clearly, there was no social security at the time. The children were the security and stability for older parents. The parents were dependent on the reverence, respect, and practical support of their children. This becomes the fruit of obeying the Fourth Commandment. So powerful is this work of reverence and justice that sins will be forgiven, prayers will be heard, and long life will be offered.

The second reading from the Letter of St. John gives us another vantage point of today's feast. With the birth of Christ, God joins the human family. God unites the Divine nature to our human nature. This is nothing we can do for ourselves. It is a work of God accepted in faith and experienced through the grace of God given in the Lord Jesus. What is that grace? As the Father loves his Son, so does the Father love those united to Him through the redemption of Jesus. What the Father sees and loves in his Son, he sees and loves in each of us.

Jesus is our brother. In Jesus we are received into the family of God, united to the Father through the dying and rising of the Son. 'See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.' This gift of unity is realized in the reconciliation accomplished on the Cross fulfilling the purpose of the Incarnation. It is the confirmation of the love God has for us in the desire to free us from the separation caused by sin. Our identity is now beloved sons and daughters of God given in Christ.

These mysteries of our faith are worthy of our pondering and reflection. The words and ideas are familiar to us, but the mysteries they convey deserve our prayerful attention to value their deepest truths. Pay attention to the meaning of Christmas this week, the gift of the Holy Family, and how you work to make your family a place of love, respect, reverence, and honor. God bless you all.

Father John Esper

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday thru Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm

in Chapel

Live Streaming of Mass
Monday thru Thursday 8:00am
and Sunday 9:00am

Adoration on Tuesdays
8:45am to 10:00am

Livestream of Rosary on
Thursdays following Mass

Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

CONTACT INFORMATION

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm,
Friday 9am to Noon, Closed Saturday & Sunday

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248-398-1743 – call for appointment

Matthew Zinser, Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator

For information on Baptisms, OCIA and
Funerals contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720



MONDAY, December 30, 2024

8:00am Mass: Gloria Smith† (1st R.A.) req. by Family

TUESDAY, December 31, 2024 MARY MOTHER OF GOD

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

WEDNESDAY, January 1, 2025 MARY MOTHER OF GOD
9:00am Mass: Christopher Hudy (Special Intention) req. by Mom

THURSDAY, January 2, 2025

8:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

SATURDAY, January 4, 2025

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Regis Welsh† req. by Family
Deanna (Special Intention) req. by Family
Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

SUNDAY, January 5, 2025

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family
Deanna (Special Intention) req. by Family
Charlie Hamilton† req. by Paula Moran

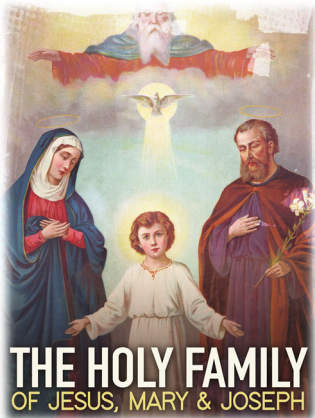
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



The Holy Family

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

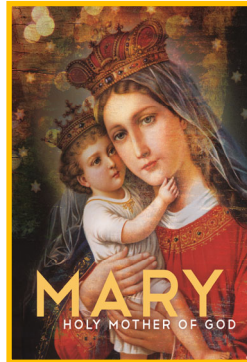
The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “**after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...**” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “**Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.**” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir
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GRIEF SUPPORT

Our parish may again offer a grief support series for those seeking a way to work through the grief experienced at the loss of a loved one. We will provide a series if there are enough people who are interested in participating. The series would take place one day a week for six weeks sometime in late winter. If you want to participate, please call Mary Ann Przybysz at the parish office (248)542-8720 by Monday, January 6, 2025.



*Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day Masses*

*Tuesday, December 31st
4:00pm*

*Wednesday, January 1st
9:00am*

The Parish Office is closed and will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd at 9am



“Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace” is the theme set by Pope Francis for January 1, 2025.



...all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding peaceful solutions to world wars and tensions.

...medical and

humanitarian aid for those suffering from hardship due to catastrophic weather, fires, wars, floods, earthquakes and disasters.

...respect for life from conception to natural death

...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.

...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

...all who are sick, homebound, undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

Lord Jesus,

You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey. Amen



Parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their infant or toddler must attend a class on the sacrament.

The class is only offered quarterly.

The next class for parents and godparents will be **Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 1:30pm**

To register, call the Parish Office after Jan. 1st.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

JESUS' GRANDPARENTS

Question: July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer: Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation — God becoming human!

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St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

extends its deepest sympathy and support to the family and friends of



Diane Seavitt-Conway
James Dyer

Please remember them and the souls of all the faithful departed in your prayers.

May all the deceased be welcomed into paradise!

On Saturday, December 14, 2024

Reverend John Esper

Administered the Sacrament of Baptism to

Madeleine Gianna Nichols

We welcome her into Christ's family.

May she grow strong in her faith.

God bless our newly baptized and her family.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

First Reading: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. Is there a gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus. In addition to faith and love, what else do you think unites us as children of God?

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52

Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Joseph had as parents raising the young boy, Jesus. Do you recall a time when your parents were worried or anxious about you?

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Ministry Schedule

January 4/5, 2025

Mass	4:00pm	9:00am
Sacristan	P Miles	T Karolski
Reader #1	M Kairis	P Allen
Reader #2	P Miles	T Karolski
EME	J McCown	P Allen
	R Pasiak	A Goll
	M Kairis	R Grant
Greeters	M Smith	D Vu
	L Collins	P Rarus
	T Pasiak	B Gutowski
	R Pasiak	B Turchin

Traveling Chalice Host beginning week of January 4/5, 2025
Kathy Bush



THANK YOU

Through your great generosity our parish was able to provide 56 hand warmers, 26 bags of warm sox, 38 warm hats, 39 pairs of gloves, and 15 sweatshirts and \$75 in gift cards to St. Aloysius Outreach ministry for the homeless that they serve in downtown Detroit. We also collected \$ 1,250.00 plus in gift cards for Mary’s Children Family Center in Clawson, and over \$ 990.00 in gift cards for St. Veronica’s outreach to seniors and children in Eastpointe. Many will be warmer, fed and cared for as a result of your loving hearts.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper? ©LPi

Answer: The three kings who visited baby Jesus.

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Where is Jesus?

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I’m sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, “Where is he?”

It’s an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He’s purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn’t even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn’t Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it’s okay to lose our way.

He isn’t eluding us. In fact, He’s trying to make it easy. He’s staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

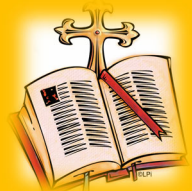
The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened? ©LPi

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: The Holy Family
- Tuesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year’s Eve
- Wednesday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year’s Day, World Day of Peace
- Thursday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord ©LPi

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, January 4th at 9am
Faith Formation Office in School



The men’s fellowship group gathers for a scripture reflection/sharing every other Saturday. All men are welcome. No fees or registration are required.

From our Archbishop regarding the 2025 Jubilee Year

(letter dated November 30, 2024)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19; see also Isa 61:1-2). With these words from the prophet Isaiah, Jesus inaugurates his public ministry as a sacred time, “a year acceptable to the Lord.” As Catholics, we sanctify time at the sacred liturgy when the people of God gather to worship. In the liturgy, sacred time can even transcend the limits of space: If you cannot peer into the empty tomb in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, you can still observe the light of Christ shining in the dark as the paschal candle is lit at the Easter Vigil, and you can hear the good news “He is not here, but he has been raised” (Luke 24:6) when the Gospel is proclaimed.

In a few weeks, the universal Church will experience the beginning of a sacred time when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome [on Christmas] and ushers in the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. Since 1300, jubilee celebrations have marked not only the passing of years and centuries but have also served as holy times in human history when we *pause, pray, seek the Lord’s pardon, and praise him for his merciful grace*. The jubilee year has its roots in the Old Testament *when God instructed the children of Israel through Moses to count every fiftieth year as sacred (Lev 25:10)*. The biblical jubilee year was a sacred time in which the Israelites, freed from slavery, would proclaim liberty to captives and forgiveness to debtors; people returned to family and homeland as a way of recalling that the simplest bonds in life are often the most essential; and people renewed their trust in God by letting the land lay fallow and relying solely on what God provided (see Lev 25:11-13; 20-22).

The theme for the Jubilee Year 2025 is “Pilgrims of Hope.” We pray in Eucharistic Prayer III that God will “confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth.” Faith gives us already in this age a foretaste of the clear vision of God that awaits us in eternity. Charity lets us live the life of heaven even here on earth. Hope, by which we desire heaven and trust in God’s promise of eternal life, makes us a pilgrim church journeying in confidence toward our true home. Hope allows us to “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” (Heb 12:2). The Scriptures envision hope as “an anchor for our soul” (Heb 6:19) by which we “hold fast” to the promise of eternal life “that lies before us” (Heb 6:18). In choosing the theme of hope for the jubilee year, Pope Francis reminds the Church in the words of St. Paul that “hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts” (Rom 5:5).

The idea of a Church on pilgrimage is essential to the spirit of the jubilee year. By making our way through the busy world, pilgrim journeys help us to appreciate the beauty of creation, recall the need for silence and recollection, form friendships with fellow travelers, and seek Christ, who is the way (John 14:6) and the gateway (John 10:9) to eternal life, in every encounter and situation. Unlike other jubilee celebrations in the past, the only Holy Doors to pass through are the ones that the Holy Father will open in Rome. However, in the Archdiocese of Detroit, throughout the coming Jubilee Year 2025, certain churches will serve as official

sites of pilgrimage for the faithful in Southeast Michigan to visit. At these archdiocesan pilgrimage sites, the faithful will be able to pray the official prayer for Jubilee Year 2025 and unite themselves spiritually to all who will journey as pilgrims to Rome physically. Of course, if anyone from Detroit has travel plans to be in Rome during the jubilee year, you should make a visit to one of Rome’s four major basilicas part of your itinerary.

Even without a Holy Door to pass through here in Detroit, I would offer a word of encouragement to the faithful in the archdiocese to seek out a certain door in your parish church that can be a threshold for new hope. That particular door is, of course, the door to the confessional. As pilgrims of hope in this coming jubilee year, I pray that all Catholics will find hope by going or returning to the sacrament of penance. Confession is one of the greatest acts of hope a Catholic can make! It is entrusting yourself fully to God’s divine mercy. God is always ready to forgive: Ask, seek, knock, and the door of his mercy will be opened to you (see Matt 7:7-8; Luke 11:9-10)! As I wrote in *Unleash the Gospel*, “Reconciliation is an open doorway for return. No sin is unforgiveable, and through the sacrament the Father’s embrace and a fresh start await” you. One place where Christian hope can guide us in this jubilee year is toward renewed trust and confidence in God’s mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation.

An important aspect of the jubilee celebrations that is related to sacramental confession is the granting of indulgences. Because sin is a preference for self-love, it leaves behind an unhealthy attachment to (or a disordered love for) earthly things, even after it is forgiven. The Catechism teaches that these earthly attachments can be purified either here on earth or after death in Purgatory. God’s abundant mercy is such that he wants to reorder our disordered desires even now. Thus, an indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment (the effects of sin that linger in us) caused by sin. An indulgence frees us from earthly attachments by means of heavenly remedies, such as prayers, pilgrimages, devotions, and works of mercy. During the Jubilee Year 2025, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence, that is, complete remission of the temporal punishment due to sin, by making a pilgrimage to one of the jubilee sites designated throughout the archdiocese. In addition to making the visit, the normal conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence apply: having detachment from all sin, even venial sins; confessing sins in sacramental confession; receiving the Holy Eucharist; and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father (usually with an Our Father and Hail, Mary). Confession, reception of the Eucharist, and prayers for the Pope can (but do not need to) take place at the pilgrimage site; they can happen elsewhere within a reasonable time (about 20 days) before or after your visit. By other works of mercy and penance performed throughout the jubilee year Catholics can obtain the plenary indulgence.

The focus on penance and indulgences throughout the year should help the faithful to understand the communal nature of our jubilee celebrations: penance and indulgences heal the wounds of sin that affect all God’s people; reception of the Holy Eucharist brings us into communion with God and one another, forming us into the Body of Christ; even prayers said in Detroit for the Holy Father in Rome unite us spiritually to him and to the pilgrim Church throughout the world. As we keep this sacred time of jubilee in the Archdiocese of Detroit, we have yet another opportunity to act on the foundational conviction of Synod ’16: to obey the Holy Spirit and

be made by him a band of joyful missionary disciples. Obeying the Holy Spirit could mean that those who have been away from the sacrament of penance would allow the Spirit, who knocks on the door of the heart, to lead them to the door of the confessional; being joyful missionary disciples might mean that we share the good news of a “year acceptable to the Lord” with others, especially those who are hungry, sick, poor, imprisoned, homebound, and lonely, by inviting them to journey with us, either physically or spiritually, as pilgrims of hope. By God’s providence, the Jubilee Year 2025 coincides with the year of Eucharistic revival in the United States that is focused on mission. This coming year we might ask: How can we bring the good news of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist to those who hunger for him and to those who live without hope?

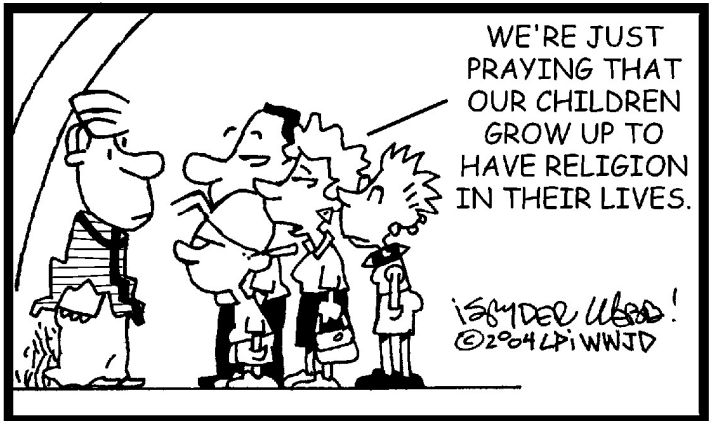
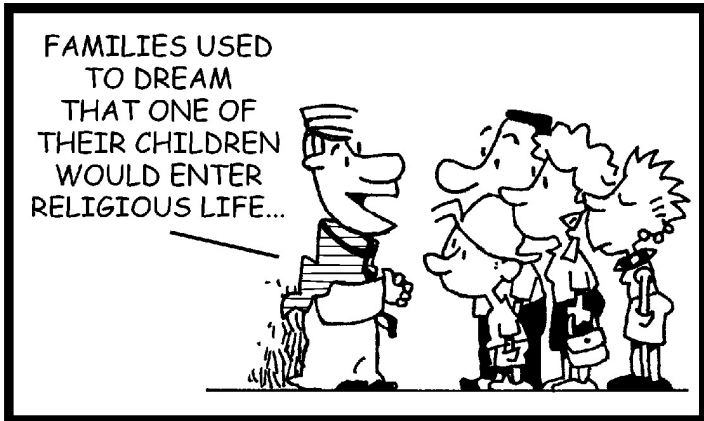
As we approach the beginning of this sacred time, I recall the example of Blessed Solanus Casey, the porter of St. Bonaventure monastery, who simply opened the door to so many who sought God’s mercy with humility and hope. Inspired by Blessed Solanus, I “thank God ahead of time” for the mercy that the Lord will extend, for the hope that this new year will foster, and for the joy this jubilee year will bring.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit



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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GIVING - WEEK ENDING DEC. 14/15, 2024

Fiscal Year 7-1-24 to 6-30-25	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	245	121		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 5,274.31	89.31	10,752.51
Energy, Coffee/Donuts, Flowers/Trees, Candles, Mass Intentions	472.00	772.00	300.00	322.45
Fundraising: includes Budget Deficit envelope, CSA returned	1,673.00	130.00	(1,543.00)	(1,349.76)
Bequests		53.00		915.50
Priest Retirement Fund		55.00		1,158.63
AOD Collections: Retirement Fund for Religious		1,062.00		1,062.00
Christmas		3,328.00		3,328.00
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