



Sacred Heart

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Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

Sunday — The Lord's Day:

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass

Child Care Available)

11:35 AM Latin Mass

(1962 Missal)

Daily Mass Times

Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass

followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

Penance and Reconciliation

Tuesday — Saturday Morning:

7:40 — 7:55 AM

Saturday Afternoon:

4:00 — 4:45 PM

Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays in the

Sacred Heart Chapel:

8:35 AM — 8:00 PM

Parish Office Hours

Monday — Friday:

8:00 AM — 4:30 PM

Wednesday Evening:

5:00 — 8:00 PM

(October — April)

Sunday Mornings:

8:30 — 11:30 AM

Parish Web Site

www.shrmn.org

Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Daycare, Pre-K through 8th grade
4050 Hubbard Avenue North
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

School Web Site

sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org

School Phone: 763-537-1329

January 14, 2018



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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Deacon: Dr. James Ramsey

Pastor's Page | Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

Sacred Heart Parish Mission Statement

"Sacred Heart Catholic Parish exists to foster a community of disciples in response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Worship, Fellowship, Catholic Education and Service"

A Time to Exorcise Demons

Written on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018



For those of you, like me, who love Football, January is an exciting month. Certainly, the entire Twin Cities is gearing up to host the greatest live sporting event held annually – Super Bowl LII. Those of us who are fans of the Minnesota Vikings are excited to be sure, since after a 13-3 regular season this season is the best chance the Vikings have had to reach the Super Bowl since the 2008-2009 season. Standing in our way are many “demons” of playoffs past. My dream scenario for the Minnesota Vikings this January is the opportunity to exorcise many of those demons of past playoff defeats. This weekend, if all goes right, we can vanquish one of those demons and still have the opportunity to exorcise two more in weeks to come. The possibility to exorcise these demons while playing every game leading up to Super Bowl LII at home began last week-end when the Atlanta Falcons, the number six seed in the NFC playoff race went to the Los Angeles Coliseum and defeated the number three seed Los Angeles Rams. On Saturday January 13th, the Falcons will have played the number one seed, Philadelphia Eagles, in Philadelphia. My prayer is that the Falcons defeat the Eagles to advance to the NFC Championship Game. On this Sunday January 14th, the Minnesota Vikings play host to the New Orleans Saints. It was in 2009 when the Drew Brees led Saints defeated Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Championship Game. It was a game the Vikings should have won. All of us who remember that game recall Adrian Peterson fumbling near the goal line before the end of the first half, and recall how 12 men on the field, and dirty players – in future years the Saints would be penalized for “Bountygate” a scandal concocted by Defensive Coordinator Greg Williams to target opposing players for injury and removal from games. For Saints defenders who accomplished these injuries against opponents a bounty would be paid. Thus, when we defeat the New Orleans Saints this weekend we have the opportunity to exorcise this demon of the 2009 playoff defeat and right a wrong that has haunted the Vikings since 2009! After defeating the New Orleans Saints, the Atlanta Falcons then come to Minneapolis for the NFC Championship game on January 21st, 2018. The Minnesota Vikings then crush the Falcons avenging and exorcising the demon of 1998 NFC Championship loss to the Falcons. This year there will be no overtime. This year, there will be no missed field goal. This year there will be no taking the knee when a game is to be won in regulation. This year the Vikings finally exorcise the demons of playoff losses past and advance to the Super Bowl to become the first local team to play the Super Bowl in their home stadium! The exorcism will be complete when the Vikings defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl LII on February 4th, 2018 thus exorcising the demons of the loss to the Steelers in Super Bowl IX thus capping off a season to remember for the ages! The only thing better than a Vikings victory over the Steelers in Super Bowl LII would have been a victory over the Kansas City Chiefs! Skol!

Appointed Sunday Readings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time-1/14/18

First Reading: The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. (1 Sm 3:8)

Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body. (1 Cor 6:19-20)

Gospel: John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. (Jn 1:35-37)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Epistle: Brethren: Having different gifts, according to the grace that is given us: (Romans 12 : 6 – 16)

Gradual: The Lord sent His word, and healed them: ... (Psalm 106 : 20, 21)

Gospel: At that time there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee: and the Mother of Jesus was there. (John 2 : 1 – 11)

Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Jan. 15—Saturday, Jan. 20

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember In your prayers

Those Who Are Ill: Tom Ambrose, Margaret Willger, Medard Kaisershot

Those Serving In Our Armed Forces: Chad Tatur, Barbara J. Hoeben, John F. Landolt III, Philip Aubart, Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Daniel Arnold, Justin Rathbun, Shannon Gregory, John Aubart, Joey Eckman, Joseph Mash, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, and Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor

Administration

Stewardship



Thank you again to all who have turned in their commitment cards for our Increased Offertory Program – Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving from His Heart. We are in the process of preparing a Summary Report detailing the results. You can continue to turn in commitment cards going forward if you have not done so. We will continue to record these in our database.

For Weekly Contribution Information:

Please Contact the Parish Office.

763-537-4561



The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal for the 18 Collective Ministries of our Archdiocese has officially begun! The Collective Ministries are the shared ministries of this Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own. Those who have contributed to the Appeal in the past should shortly receive a mailing from the CSAF requesting your continued support. We ask that you once again open your generous hearts to hear the cry of the poor, the sick, the school children, and the many other people in need who are served by these ministries.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. You can visit our website at www.csafspm.org for more information regarding the 18 Collective Ministries. Please send in your pledge using the postage prepaid envelope provided with the mailing or bring your completed pledge to Mass and drop it in the offering. Thank you for your generosity!

Ushers and Greeters

We are still in need of more ushers/greeters for all of the Masses. Please contact the Parish Office if interested in adding your name to the list and we will send you additional information. If you prefer greeting to ushering, that is fine too! We are looking for anyone high school age and over.



Sacred Heart Catholic School



Sunday, January 28th Open House at Sacred Heart Catholic School

All current and prospective families are invited to visit our school from 11:00-1:00 pm for tours. Teachers, staff, and parents will be available to discuss curriculum and programs. We will have LIVE animals in the gym, coffee & donuts in the Marian Rooms and Scholastic Book Fair in the gathering space. All welcome.

Shadow Visits

Join us for a personalized tour of our school, where we foster academic excellence and spiritual growth, teaching to the body, mind and spirit. Our dedicated teachers engage students in hands-on learning, STEM instruction, and a strong curriculum that prepares our students for high school. Call the school office to set up your visit.

Calendar

Jan. 15 No School
Jan. 16 Varsity Basketball Game @ 6:30 pm @ Sacred Heart
Jan. 17 SAC meeting 6 pm
Jan. 19 Progress reports—gr. 5-8
Jan. 22 No School-teacher inservice
Jan. 26 Lunch with a Loved One

NFL Super Bowl SuperKids Service Project

Our school is helping to make a difference in the lives of local children this Super Bowl season. We've teamed up with the National Football League (NFL), the Minnesota Vikings, the Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee, Verizon and Braemar Field for a community project called *Super Kids-Super Sharing*.

We will be collecting gently used or new:

- BOOKS
- SPORTS EQUIPMENT
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- GAMES
- USED CELL PHONES

Donated items will be shared with local schools and organizations that work with children in need. We're also collecting used cell phones for the Verizon Foundation to help all students engage in STEM education. **YOU CAN HELP!**

Save your gently used or new items and collection boxes are located outside the school office door. Catch the Super Bowl spirit and join us as we help children in our local community.

Like our Facebook Page - [Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent](#)

<http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale>

Follow us on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/SHCSRobbinsdal1>

To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Initiation — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

Sunday School

Open to children ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Meets during the 10 AM Mass October through April. Please call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Religious Education

For students grades 1 through 12. Meets Wednesday evening 6:45pm—8pm, October through April. Please call Bunny Brouillard or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

JANUARY

Sun. 14	8:00 AM	Ben Gorski+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:35 AM	Paul Szydluk+
Mon. 15	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 16	8:00 AM	SHCCW Members
		Living & Deceased
Wed. 17	8:00 AM	Hilaria Jost+
Thu. 18	8:00 AM	Donald P. Schafer+
Fri. 19	8:00 AM	Leone Mackedanz+
Sat. 20	8:00 AM	William Laferriere+
	5:00 PM	Alex Sazama+
Sun. 21	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Mary Whiting+
	11:35 AM	Paul Szydluk+

Liturgical Ministers

January 16-20, 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers

Jan. 16- Grace Sticha, Nora Conzemius
 Jan. 17- Joey Silva, Leo Fisher
 Jan. 18- Khai Nguyen, Peter Fisher
 Jan. 19- Mac & Laney Murphy
 Jan. 20- — Jacob Dalland, Nick Gfroerer

Saturday, Jan. 20, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Altar Servers: George & Ellie Wolf, Xavier Salazar

EMHC: Mary and Gerry Mimick, Dillon Frye, Hope Doerner

Lector: Stuart Culver

Sunday, Jan. 21, 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers: Maya Mash, Gable Thissen, Caden Wall

EMHC: Art and Marilyn Zenzen, Char Alberti

Lector: Cheri Dargis

Sunday, Jan. 21, 10:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers: Patrick, Colin, Daniel Finley
 EMHC: Pat Hargreaves, Bob Lind, Julie Harty, Bobbie Ramsey
 Lector: Bill Blonigan

Money Counters, Jan. 21, 9:00AM

Rick Riley, Amy Fisher, Kathy Riley



Faith Formation

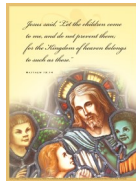
STARTING IN LATE JANUARY*****

DAVID IS THE PARADIGMATIC KING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

His kingship recalls that of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and yet it points toward the King par excellence, Jesus Christ. Adam was the first king and steward of the rightly ordered Garden of Eden. He was called to govern the garden according to God's mind and purpose, but by allowing negative influences to wreak havoc on Eden, he did not fulfill his kingly responsibility. Long after Adam, David emerged as the definitive king who would restore order in the Garden and bring the world under the lordship of God. But like Adam, David fell, and his reign ushered in a succession of compromised kings and rejected prophets.

The New Testament, however, foretold a son of David who would realize the fullness of Israelite kingship...but whose actual reign defied expectation.

King David causes us to look back toward Adam's kingship and forward toward Christ the King, seeing Christ as the fulfillment of the Davidic line and the realization of the Kingdom of God on earth. In *David the King*, Bishop Barron helps us to understand this pivotal figure in light of the first king and the King of kings.



FIRST PENANCE

The second grade children of SHS and the Religious Education Program will receive the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, January 20, at 9AM in the Church. Additional information will be mailed to parents. If you have any questions, please call Bunny in the Parish Office.

The Rite of Initiation Adapted for Children is a process for older children, ages 7 –14, wishing to become Catholic, who are not yet baptized; and for older Catholic children, ages 9 –14, who are baptized or unbaptized and have not been catechized (instructed) or received First Communion. Questions or to register, please call Bunny, 763-537-4561

Confirmation
for
Adult
Catholics



Adult Confirmation

"Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or 'confirm' the baptized in unison with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church" (The Glossary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church).

Adult Catholics (18 & Older) who have been baptized and received First Communion and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to begin instruction for the reception of this sacrament. Please call Bunny in the Parish Office at 763-537-4561 for more information.

Music Ministry

Saturday, January 20th 5:00 PM— Sacred Heart welcomes the **Providence Academy Chamber Choir** as they sing for our 5:00 PM Mass. This group of high school students will enhance our Mass through their gift of music and singing. Please join us as we welcome this group of fine students to Sacred Heart.

Holiness grows so fast where there is kindness.

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

Parish Organizations

Respect Life Ministry

Job Opening — Sidewalk Counseling Coordinator

Pro-Life Action Ministries, based in St. Paul, Minn., is accepting applications for the position of Sidewalk Counseling Coordinator. Primary duties include scheduling, equipping, recruiting and helping to train sidewalk counselors and prayer supporters at multiple abortion centers. Must be willing to sidewalk counsel as needed and as time allows.

Experience in sidewalk counseling outside abortion centers is required. Also required are good communication skills, close attention to detail, the ability to work with more than 150 volunteers on a regular basis and the ability to work interdenominational. Required computer skills include competence in e-mails and social media and in Microsoft programs such as Word and Excel. Must be committed to the pro-life cause and belong to a Christian church.

This is a full-time position with a ministry salary (call for details) and benefits. This is a demanding job, but also very rewarding because you will be directly involved in saving lives from abortion! Send cover letter, resume and references to debra.braun@plam.org or call 651-797-6364.

TWIN CITIES MARCH FOR LIFE

Join Sacred Heart and St. Raphael's Church as we March for Life on Monday, January 22, 2018!

9am Check-in at St. Raphael's Church.

9:20 Bus departs for Prayer Service for Life followed by transportation to the capitol for the March.

2:30-3:00pm Bus returns to St. Raphael's.

For more details and to reserve your seat, please call Teri at 763-504-2897!

If you can't devote your day to the March for Life, please pray at an abortion clinic, give donations to pro-life causes like the Robbinsdale Women's Center, seek the Lord in adoration, or pray a rosary for the conversion of hearts.

MEN'S CLUB — Catholic Watchmen Update



Catholic Watchmen Rally

Guest Speaker: Bishop Andrew Cozzens "Christ the Man"

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30pm

St. Bartholomew, 630 E. Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata

The Catholic Watchmen Rally is an opportunity for men to draw closer to Jesus Christ and invest in fellowship with other men

There will be time for Adoration- Prayer and Confession- Dinner will be provided.

Registration is not required. Free will offering will be collected.

Questions?

Contact Enzo Randazzo at randazzov@archspm.org or 651-291-4483.

www.TheCatholicWatchmen.com

Hospitality Sunday



Join us for our bimonthly fellowship and hospitality Sunday January 21.

Coffee and donuts will be served in the Parish Commons following the 8AM and 10AM Masses.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 14- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ; 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Trad.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM NO Sunday School

10:00 AM Child Care

11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, January 15— St. Paul the First Hermit 342, Trad.

Martin Luther King

Parish Office & School Closed

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, January 16— St. Marcellus 309, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

7:00 PM Girl Scouts-Marian Rooms

Wednesday, January 17— St. Anthony the Abbot 356, New, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

2:15 PM Open Youth Room

6:00 PM SAC

6:45 PM Rel. Ed.

7:00 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal— Caf.

Thursday, January 18— St. Prisca 270, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

8:35 AM – 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Choir R.

7:00 PM Pastoral Council-Marian Rms.

Friday, January 19-Sts. Marius, Martha, Audifax & Abachum 270, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen

8:00 AM School & Parish Mass: Fr. Pedersen

9:00 AM Grandfriends— Marian Rooms

Saturday, January 20— St. Fabian 250, New, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

9:00 AM First Confession— Church

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, January 21-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Trad.

Coffee and Donuts in Parish Commons

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Child Care

11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

6:30 PM Confirmation

Monday, January 22— St. Vincent of Saragossa 304, Trad.

School Closed

8:00 AM Communion Service

Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call Terri at 612-247-8772. You can also send in your request via e-mail: cshadmin@shrmn.org

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes it is difficult to hear God's call. We are trained to listen attentively and to hear many things, but spiritual ones are often missed. God is calling us all of the time. He is calling us to drink deeply of the well of life and not get distracted by the superficial and short-lasting things we choose to cling to. Have we ever given a true spiritual life and relationship with God a chance? Jesus says to us today, "Come, and you will see." May we take Jesus up on his invitation and like Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, be able to exclaim: "We have found the Messiah."

News From Other Sources

Pastoral Associate for Liturgy, Music and Environment. Coordinate and execute liturgical celebrations; provide music and musicians for liturgies. Coordinate overall vision and design for the liturgical environment. This position is part time but could become full time if candidate coordinates Faith Formation and/or more duties are assigned. Contact the parish administrator dmareck@smm-gv.org for a position description.

Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Golden Valley

Women's Discernment Retreat with Bishop Cozzens
Saturday, February 17, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, St. Paul

Have you ever felt called to dedicate and consecrate your entire life to God as a nun or sister? Join us to gain a deeper understanding of consecrated life! Bishop Andrew Cozzens will celebrate Mass and speak on consecrated life. The retreat is for single Catholic women, ages 16 to 35. The retreat day will include consecrated women sharing their vocation stories, along with many opportunities for discerning women to chat and ask questions. Discover the steps of discernment, learn more about yourself, and listen to God speak to your heart. Retreat fee is \$20. Scholarships are available, if needed. Register online by February 9 at www.10000vocations.org.

Miriam Dinner

Tuesday, February 6, 6 – 8 p.m.

Church of the Holy Cross, 1621 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis.

The Miriam Dinner, hosted by Archbishop Bernard Hebda, is an event for women, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning consecrated life (Religious Life as a nun or a sister). It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their Pastor, Consecrated Religious, or Youth Minister. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies. If you are interested in this dinner you can contact Fr. Pedersen, Bunny Brouillard, or Matt Kruc. Register online before February 1 at www.10000vocations.org Questions? Please email patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 14, 2018 2nd Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ!

Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner?

Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven.

None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.

And Thank You to our Three Kings who helped bring the Offertory Gifts to the Christ Child at the 10am Mass



Hazel Ritchie, Charlie Finley, Ryan Trout

And Thank You to our Sunday School children who carried gifts to the Manger at the 10am Mass



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