We Believe. We Belong. We Prepare.

December 21, 2014

We Celebrate

How best to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace? We could pray that what took place dramatically 100 years ago might happen again. This year is the 100th anniversary of the Christmas Truce of 1914. World War I was in full swing. Efforts from the top down to enact a cease-fire for the Christmas season had failed. However, in the trenches, a Christmas miracle happened. It began when the firing simply stopped. In the quiet, British soldiers could hear German soldiers singing Silent Night. Soon they responded with a carol. Soldiers came out of the trenches to share what they had on hand. The truce spread along a 500 mile front, lasting the entire day.

One could argue that the Christmas Truce only happened because both sides were Christian. But the point is that ordinary, everyday people, the folks in the trenches, if you will, stopped long enough to discover what they shared in common. On that day, it was a desire for peace on Christmas Day, a break from the killing, a chance to escape the insanity and act as brothers on Christmas. In our world today, despite different religious beliefs and convictions, millions of people want an end to violence, a chance to live in peace, food for their family, shelter, the simple necessities, the joys of life. Love transcends the divisions between Christian, Moslem and Jew.

Though not in the history books, miracles happen every Christmas. While not as dramatic as a break in a World War, truces happen in the Christmas season year after year, around the globe. Someone estranged from their family decides it’s time to reconnect and give it another try. Family members at times take the first step in reaching out. A person who has been angry at God mysteriously decides to go to church, and has a healing encounter. The variety of wonders is limitless. Let’s all pray that Christmas miracles will happen in many families and relationships these next few weeks, and pray too that really big miracles will happen in the coming year around the world.

On a practical note, let’s aim for lots of Christmas miracles right here in the pews. Let’s do our very best to help the many folks who will join us for Christmas to feel welcomed. When we let go of the challenge of the crowds, make room for others, even put them first; when we let Christ open our hearts and let Christmas joy truly flood in, it is bound to have an impact on those around us.

If I can offer a suggestion: if you can, consider coming to Mass on Christmas Day rather than Christmas Eve. The press of the crowd will be much less, parking will be easier, and what better way celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace? Meanwhile, Msgr. Krieg, Fr. Ray and I, together with all of our staff, wish you the very best this Christmas, and throughout the New Year! Peace to you and those you love, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - December 22**
- 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
  - 11:00 am Deceased Members of the Foley Family - Family
  - 5:15 pm Deceased Members of the Kunz Family - Robert & Dorothy Kunz

**Tuesday - December 23**
- Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
  - 6:45 am Jack & Paul Decker - Family
  - 11:00 am Edward & Irene Shults - Mary

**Wednesday - December 24**
- Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
  - 3:00 pm Charlie Ramos - Family
  - 5:00 pm Marie Wilkins - Bernard & Catherine Plansky
  - 10:00 pm Judene Baglieri - Husband

**Thursday - December 25**
- Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
  - 9:00 am Rose & Michael Simone - Family
  - 11:00 am Martha Serio - Husband & Children
- 12:30 pm James Krieg - Kathleen Anderson

**Friday - December 26**
- Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
  - 11:00 am Pete Baldy - Mary & Doug Baldy
  - 5:15 pm Sandra Hazzard - The Molinari Family

**Saturday - December 27**
- 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
  - 9:00 am Mildred Butler - Family
  - 4:30 pm Harold Barnes - Babette

**Sunday - December 28**
- Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
  - Gm 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
  - 7:30 am Joyce Considine - Don & Carol Sheehan
  - 9:00 am Paul & Mary Hayden - The Family
  - 11:00 am Concetto & Teresa Cannistraro - Amico Family

**Requiem Aeternam**

*Barbara Garvey*

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**Special Intentions**

We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week. To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

- One Lamp will burn In Memory of Joseph Fracassi by Daughter.
- One Lamp will Burn In Memory of Mary Fracassi by Daughter.
- One Lamp will burn In Memory of Louise Fracassi by Sister.

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**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 27 & 28** Thank you, faithful servants!

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**Sunday Communion Service - December 28**

The Highlands: Dick & Marcia Hilliard    Heather Heights: Dick Lenio

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**Receive Christ with Joy!**
Divine Reassurance
Frequently in his Gospel, Luke offers parallel stories. That pattern begins right in the beginning, with two Annunciation accounts, then two Nativities: that of John the Baptist, and that of Jesus. An angel appears to Zechariah; an angel appears to Mary. Each is overwhelmed; to each the angel offers reassurance. Both hear words God often sends, either through an angel, a prophet, through the Holy Spirit, through prayer, through a fellow believer: ‘Do not be afraid.’ Have you ever let God know you were afraid, and received reassurance in some way? Tell a friend who may need to know it still happens!

Covenant #3
Last weekend, our first reading from II Samuel gives an account of God’s covenant with King David and his descendants. Then we hear the fulfillment of that covenant in the Gospel, through the words of Gabriel: “the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever.”

Next weekend, our first reading will describe God making a covenant with Abram. The Old Testament tells us that in Abraham, all nations will be blessed. In our Gospel next weekend, Simeon points to that covenant as he holds the infant Jesus, and blesses God. This holy man will pray that now he can die fulfilled, for he has seen God’s salvation in Jesus: “a light of revelation for the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Simeon & Anna found their fulfillment, witnessing the covenant fulfilled!

Background and Foreground
For those who process things visually, the passion play in Oberammergau captures our second reading beautifully. In the passion play, a number of scenes open with a living tableau, just off and above center stage. Actors and actresses in costume stand stock still, portraying an Old Testament scene. Then the action of Jesus’ passion unfolds center stage. In one scene, by means of that staging, the passion play links the sacrifice of Isaac with the sacrifice of Jesus. Paul will make that connection for us with words in next weekend’s second reading.

The Christmas Season Continues
Feast of the Holy Family

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Abram put his faith in the Lord

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
By faith Abraham obeyed

My eyes have seen your salvation

Liturgical Time Management
Do you belong to any committees or boards? If you are like me, sometimes things get so hectic you rush to a meeting that is on your calendar, without taking time to review the minutes or the agenda in advance. Not very satisfying, is it? Hold that thought. Now think of participating in a meeting when prepared in advance. Compare the experience. At Home with the Word can help you experience the engagement of the last example, help you prepare for Mass. Simply read the agenda – the readings that will be proclaimed, and the scripture insights. At Home with the Word is also useful after Mass, to bring home and to heart what you heard at Mass. In either case, the extra time is time well spent!

The St. Louis Ministry Center will be closed:
Wednesday, December 24 (closing at noon)
Thursday, December 25
Friday, December 26
Thursday, January 1
This Week's Tithing Will Support Benincasa

Next Week's Tithing Will Support Andrews Center

The Andrews Center provides a caring home for special needs foster children with physical, medical and emotional needs. Ongoing care is also provided for children who return home to marginal situations and often times need assistance with basic items to help keep the family united. Services are provided to children and families in the form of food, clothing, basic medical items and special occasions such as birthdays, holidays and graduation.

The Andrews Center wants to continue to be a place for children and families to turn to in times of need and hardship once they have been removed from foster care. The Andrews Center would like to maintain their current Outreach Program and staff while also being able to expand the program when the need from children and families in crisis arises. The success of the Outreach Program relies heavily on the support of the community. The Andrews Center does not want to turn away a child or families due to lack of resources or lack of staffing to keep the program alive.

Joyful Support

To the 494 people who have already generously responded to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, thank you!! We have reached over 75% (75.64%) of our goal ($224,790.00), with just under 25% to go. With some year end gifts, and some of those who have not yet made a contribution pitching in, we can be there by early January! Please remember, the CMA is our fair share of the budget for ministries that serve people throughout our diocese. Chaplains at colleges and hospitals, folks at Catholic Charities, those who provide HR, IT, Faith Formation, and many other services to each parish, are supported through CMA dollars. Remember too, any shortfall comes out of our parish budget, so your generosity is important! Especially if you haven’t participated in the past, PLEASE consider making a pledge this year. If you are moved to take an envelope and give a bit more than you already have, bless you!!

Stewardship Prayer

Loving God, you are the source of every good gift; gifts of creation that surround us, the mysteries and gifts of human life within. We praise you and thank you for all these treasures, and for your tender, faithful love.

Center us in gratitude. Open our eyes to how blessed we are, and what a blessing we can be. Teach us the joys of generosity. Give us the courage to give as freely as we have received. Help us to believe, to belong and to make this parish all that it can be. Together we can accomplish amazing things in your name. Help us open our hands and hearts, becoming a blessing to others, to your honor and glory,

Amen

December Collection Attendance

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Dear St. Louis Parishioners,

Last week we received a note from a couple who are patients of the Center. They wrote, “We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the exceptional compassion and care we have received since becoming patients at St. Joseph’s …. We are very grateful for the services … and are truly blessed to be part of such a special place.”

It is important that you know that ways that you touch the people who come to the Center. They are our neighbors and friends. Thank you so much for your donation of $2,161.00. Your generosity fuels the work that happens here every day.

Gratefully, Christine Wagner, SSJ, Executive Director

All we have is evidence of God's blessings - God's gift to us. In the Bible, the Lord invites us to express our deepest and truest gratitude by our giving back a portion, to spread blessing among God's own. Giving of our treasure is not only a personal economic decision, it is deeply spiritual as well. Prayerful thought can lead to a cheerful offering of a portion of our wealth to foster God's work. We are thankful for every contribution to St. Louis of Pittsford, no matter how large or small; we deeply appreciate your generosity and faith filled commitment to our ministries! Knowing that many people choose to make year-end donations, here are two important things to keep in mind:

- If your intention is to make a stock donation, please contact Birdie Proctor at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, for further details.
- Per IRS regulations, any contributions for 2014 will need to be received by December 31, 2014.
Thank You for Your Generosity and Support

Saint’s Place Angel Tree at Wendy’s

Wendy’s at 3180 Monroe Avenue, graciously selected Saint’s Place to benefit from the generosity of its customers during the Christmas season! Angels requesting an item needed by a refugee are displayed on a Christmas tree for their customers to select. They have flyers and posters in-store and also at the Drive-Thru.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Saint’s Place to receive many goods needed by the refugees, as well as more exposure for our Ministry. Community support is crucial to our being able to serve the refugees. Please visit Wendy’s, select an angel and thank the people there for helping Saint’s Place welcome legal refugees to the Rochester area. Sharing the spirit of Christmas with refugees who have known so little kindness, is the spirit of Christmas in action!

Thank You to all the very generous parishioners who have purchased angel tree gifts for the newly arriving refugees. You allow Saint’s Place to share the Christmas spirit with our families throughout the year. In 2014, we have assisted 723 newly arrived refugees to the Rochester area. Each year, the number of refugees served by Saint’s Place increases, and somehow with God’s help we are able to meet the challenge. This would not be possible without your continued support and prayers. Sharing your treasures with those less fortunate is an admirable act. During the Christmas season, please keep our families in your prayers, those whose lives you’ve changed and whose hearts you have touched. They are truly grateful for your help in starting a new life in Rochester.

Merry Christmas from the staff and volunteers at Saint’s Place!

Saint’s Place is closed from Friday, December 19 until Monday, December 29. We will also be closed New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. We will reopen on Monday, January 5 at 8:30AM.

During this time you can leave Angel Tree gifts in the church. All other donations should be held until after the holidays. Angel Tree gifts can also be brought to Saint’s Place after January 5. There is NO time limit on Angel Tree gifts. Saint’s Place shares the spirit of Christmas 352 days a year! So, the after Christmas sales are a perfect time to purchase those warm winter gloves, hats and coats for a refugee shivering from the cold weather!
Say Yes!

One of the challenges of faith is to recognize God's plan for us and to remain open to God's will and God's actions in our world. Filled with God's grace, Mary models for us the kind of faith that is needed to cooperate in God's plan of salvation. Like Mary, we are given the awesome opportunity to cooperate in God's saving plan. On this final Sunday of Advent, our Gospel invites us to consider how our preparations for Christmas have made us more aware of God's grace working in our lives.

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

What you have been doing as a family to prepare for Christmas. How have these preparations helped you to better celebrate the central mystery of Christmas, the Incarnation? Our Gospel today talks about how Mary was prepared for her role in Christ's birth. What enabled Mary to say yes to God? Which of your Advent activities have made you more aware of God's grace in your life?

Hi Teens,

Advent gives us a chance to reflect on our lives and consider what it means to be a Christian. As we prepare for Christmas, let us remember those less fortunate and the great gifts we have to share with them.

See you this Sunday at 5:00 pm Mass followed by a short meeting and our Christmas Party. We would love to have you join us!

Have a great week, Mr. McBride and Molly

***On Jan. 21-23, we have a bus going to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life. We are reserving 10 spots and are looking for teens and chaperones. Please let us know if you'd be interested by Dec. 14.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, December 20, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Service Project at St. Mary's Downtown. Bethany House Christmas Party for residents & children.

Sunday, December 21, 5:00 - 7:30 pm Mass, Youth Group Mtg and Christmas Party (games, cookie decorating, and fun!)

Sunday, December 28, NO MEETING

Open Gym during Christmas break. Time and Day TBA

Sunday, January 4, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.

Sunday, January 11, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.

Sunday, January 18, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.

Wednesday, January 21-23, March for Life in Washington, D.C. Leave Wednesday after school and return late Friday night

Saturday, January 24, at 1:00 pm until Sunday at 4:00 pm, Diocesan Retreat at Camp Stella Maris

Saturday, January 31, 5:30 - 7:00 pm Ice Skating Party at Manhattan Square Park

UPCOMING - DETAILS TBA

Wednesday, March 4, Hands of Christ Awards

Friday, Saturday, March 20-21, Parish Teen Retreat

MINISTRY CENTER MAIL

If you are mailing any correspondence to St. Louis Church, please use the Ministry Center mailing address:

64 South Main Street
Pittsford, NY 14534.

Check It Out

Have you visited our website lately?
It’s worth a visit!
www.stlouischurch.org
FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Please register now for the sacramental preparation programs of First Communion and Confirmation. If your child is ready to prepare for First Communion they will also have to prepare for the sacrament of First Penance before they celebrate their First Communion. There will be a First Penance preparation program in January for these children.

You can register for the First Communion and Confirmation programs with a registration form found at the Ministry Center or at the Faith Formation bulletin board in the back of church in the narthex hallway (across from the restrooms), or you can register online at our website. Please remember your child’s registration will NOT be complete until we also have a copy of their baptismal certificate.

The deadline for registration for these programs is Monday January 5th.

GOT CALENDARS?
At this time of year, we all seem to receive unsolicited calendars from charities, home services, etc. Rather than throw them out – please save them for Saint’s Place to be part of our household setups for refugee families. They are happy to receive a calendar. The calendars can be put in the Saint’s Place drawer in the north entrance (piano side) of church or in our red Angel Tree bins. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS 2014 MARKS THE 10TH ANNUAL CRÈCHE DISPLAY AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL.
Crèche is a French word that refers to figures of Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child – also known as “Nativity sets.” The crèches on display were blessed by Bishop of Rochester Emeritus Matthew Clark following Mass when the display opened on November 30. Displays can be elaborate panoramas with the setting and clothing often reflective of the crèche maker’s home city or country. The crèche displays began at Sacred Heart Cathedral in 2005 with a display of over 100 crèches from John and Rose Ellen Larish of St. Anne Church in Rochester, all of which were given later as a gift to the University of Dayton. This year’s display features crèches on loan from families across the Diocese of Rochester. These families have generously chosen to share their personal remembrance of the birth of the Christ Child with the entire community. In addition this year, the Vietnamese Catholic community of Rochester will display a very large crèche created in Vietnam. The display is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closes January 18, 2015.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis has released a free online version of the “United States Catholic Catechism for Adults” available in English and Spanish. The USCCA online resource is searchable, printable, and shareable. The table of contents provides easy access to each chapter, and the glossary is included as well as the appendices. “The USCCA illuminates Church teaching with stories of Catholics who lived out their faith throughout our country’s history and provides reflections, discussion questions, and prayers to lead readers to a deepening faith.”

**How is Your Spiritual Life?**

**Advent Opportunities at Mercy Spirituality Center**
65 Highland Avenue, Rochester. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

_A New Years Eve Alternative: Weave Your Way Into the New Year_, Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 5:30 pm – departure at 10 pm. Facilitators: Deborah White, Mary VanHouten, and Joanne Pagano (our cook) Fee: $35 for dinner and evening. Arrangements can be made for an overnight stay and continental breakfast for an additional fee of $45.

**Beginning Experience of Rochester is Sponsoring a Ten Week Hope and Healing Program for the Separated, Divorced and Widowed**

The sessions will take place at Good Shepherd School, St. Marianne Cope, R.C. Parish 3288 East Henrietta Road. We will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm beginning January 29, 2015.

The sessions will follow Dr. Bruce Fisher’s book, _Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends_. Participants can receive hope, encouragement and support knowing they are not alone in their journey. The cost for the ten week session is $50 and includes Dr. Fisher’s book. A Rebuilding brochure with an overview and outline of the program, and application can be found at [http://www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org/Activities-Calendar.html](http://www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org/Activities-Calendar.html).

For more information or to register call: Patti (585-425-8079) or Lynn (585-349-3091) or E-mail beofrochester@gmail.com

**Deepening Faith Through Knowledge** – Registration for graduate courses at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry beginning the week of January 6 is now open. All are welcome to audit for personal enrichment or to take courses for credit toward a degree. Scholarships and financial aid are available to those who qualify. Learn more at [www.stbernards.edu](http://www.stbernards.edu) or call 585-271-3657, ext. 289.

**Liturgy and Catechesis** – The relationship between worship and belief or liturgy and catechesis is expressed in the ancient Christian principle: Lex orandi, lex credenda (As the church prays, so it believes). This hybrid course, offered at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, will explore the relationship between liturgy and faith formation, as well as the conversion and faith development of adults, adolescents, and children in our contemporary context. Face-to-face sessions on Saturdays, January 17 and April 18, 9am-4pm. 12 weeks of online work in between. Scholarships and financial aid are available to new students. Register at [www.stbernards.edu](http://www.stbernards.edu) or call 585-271-3657, ext. 289 for more information.

**St. Catherine of Siena, Mendon, NY**

_Longest Night - Blue Christmas Service_  
Monday, December 22 at 7:00 pm

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult. Our spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us. Come out and join us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God’s presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle and that God’s Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome.

**Silence: Shall We talk About It?**

That sounds like an oxymoron, doesn’t it? Maybe we should just come together for an hour and experience it as Quakers do in their worship. Maybe we will do that in part, but not all silence is equally life-giving, so it’s worth talking about, and learning to “do” better.

Silence either helps or it hinders us in life. It is used as emphasis and sometimes a source of abuse. It enriches or drags down a relationship. It is one of the time-honored ways we enter into God and God into us. On this evening, we will honor one another’s insights into this powerful gift shared by human beings throughout history but not necessarily relished by today’s culture.

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**Tuesday, January 20, 7 pm**  
St. Catherine of Siena Church  
Guide for the Evening: Sister Joan Sobala

Joan Sobala is a Sister of Saint Joseph who has spent much of her life working in pastoral settings where issues of faith and life so often reveal the yearnings of the human heart for God.

**Another Opportunity to be Inspired:**

OK, so you missed Ultreya Saturday, December 13. Mark your calendar now for the second Saturday in January. A pot luck supper after the 4:30 pm Mass, some time sharing and praying together, a person giving a personal witness to inspire those present. Saturday, January 10 – consider it an Epiphany gift to your soul!
STAYING IN TOUCH

GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR THE LADY IN YOUR LIFE! Body, Mind and Soul, the second annual Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference is coming on March 28, 2015 to the Aquinas Institute in Rochester. This is a wonderful gift idea for your wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt or best friend! She will appreciate the opportunity to be refreshed spending the day with other Catholic women. Her day will include Mass with our Bishop, national speakers, Catholic devotions, local vendors for shopping, and a delicious lunch. Please visit the website at Rochester wc.org. For updates on when to register or for more details, contact Barbara Thomas at bthomas@dor.org

AN ADVENT TRADITION

During this season of Advent, we renew the St. Louis tradition of reaching out to individuals from our parish who are homebound or in area nursing facilities. Baskets containing their addresses are at each entrance of the church throughout Advent. You are invited to take one or several addresses and send an Advent/Christmas/New Year greeting to the individual.

Each year we receive many notes of appreciation from the recipients who are delighted to have been remembered by our parish community. It is truly a highlight of their Christmas. Thank you for helping to continue this joy-filled tradition!

LIFE! in Focus

Elizabeth speaks to Mary: "For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." Luke 1:44

"The first person in the world to welcome Jesus, to recognize Him in the womb of His own mother, was a child. John the Baptist. It is wonderful: God chooses an unborn child to announce the coming of His redeeming Son."

Mother Teresa: In My Own Words

SUPPORTING VOCATIONS

Want to send a Christmas card, gratitude for responding to God's call, and words of encouragement to the seminarians who have spent time recently serving here at St. Louis?

Pastoral Year:
Carlos Sánchez Betancur
Theological College – 4th Theology
401 Michigan Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20017

Victor Sánchez Durán
St. Mary’s Seminary & University – 3rd Theology
5400 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21210

Summer Seminarians:
Michael Harris
Our Mother of Sorrows – Pastoral year
5000 Mt. Read Blvd.
Rochester, NY 14612

Jorge Ivan Ramirez Velasquez
St. Mary’s Seminary & University – 3rd Theology
5400 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21210

LAST MINUTE SHOPPING FOR HOSTESS GIFTS, ETC.

Gift wrapped with gift card, beautiful and meaningful!
To benefit: St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti

Unique, white, ceramic ornaments made at Holy Childhood
are available until New Year's for $7 each at:

Men of St. Louis:
What is the Men's Spirituality Group that meets in the Manse Monday mornings before work? A group of men who look at the Sunday Gospel, do a bit of the background to understand it, and then reflect on how the scriptures connect to their life. If you go, expect to be welcomed, to have the opportunity for a cup of coffee and light snack, and to start off the week right with some engaging faith sharing!

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