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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



A view of our beautiful church as seen on Christmas Eve 2008.

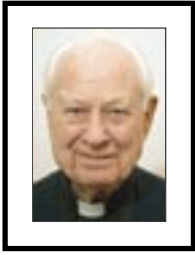
All is Gift – In all times and seasons, Give Thanks!

By Fr. Jerry Stluka

Christmas celebrates God giving us the Gift of Self - empowering us to give, receive and appreciate ourselves and each other as marvelous Gifts of God.

How and when does the Gift of God become present within and among us? In Baptism we receive the Gift of resurrection and new life. In Confirmation God empowers us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety, knowledge and reverent fear of the Lord). We are fed and strengthened by the bread of life in the Holy Eucharist. In our sinfulness we are freed from our slavery to sin in the sacrament of Reconciliation. In sickness we receive the healing grace of God in the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

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MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran died Monday morning, August 31, after three months treatment for a lung ailment.

We thank God for Monsignor's 66 years of devoted priestly ministry. He served nearly 20 years as Executive Director of the National Conference of Catholic Charities and had a life-long commitment to the Social Justice Teaching of our Catholic Church. For the last 22 years Msgr. has served and inspired us here at Holy Cross. He was especially instrumental in establishing and sustaining St. Lawrence Haven, our local outreach to the hungry.

As we grieve our loss, we rejoice with him and look forward to being reunited with him in years to come.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, Dec. 13 - Deanery Reconciliation Service
St. Dominic at 4:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm

Friday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am

Sunday, Dec. 27 - Open House - Feast of the Holy Family
After both Masses

Sunday, Feb. 14 - Burning of Ashes and Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday - 11:30 Mass



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Man and woman, nurtured by the love of the Holy Spirit, become the living presence of the Community of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) among us in Matrimony. In Holy Orders Deacons, Priests and Bishops are commissioned and empowered to preach the Word of God, in season and out, and to administer the sacraments with reverence and conviction.

In this Year of the Priest, please pray that we priests may be faithful, caring, wise, humble and compassionate as we lead and feed you the Word and Bread of Life.

During this Christmas season, may God bless us all and help us receive graciously and give joyfully the Gift of God that we are.



Fr. Stluka blesses the creche as Cydney and Aiden O'Reily look on.

Christmas Blessings

Christmas Eve 2008



Pat Sheridan and grandson Davy visit the creche.



Patty Jones tends to the Baby Jesus in the darkness before Mass.



Cydney and Aiden O'Reilly lead the Christmas Eve procession, as they carry the Baby Jesus to the creche.

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Tuesday - Saturday

Confessions

Every Friday: 11:00 a.m.
Every Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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