



Spiritually Speaking - of course.

Some Practical Ideas for Spiritual New Years' Resolutions

- Start (and stick to) the daily Rosary. Aim at getting everybody in the residence involved in the Family (or group) Rosary.
- Spend fifteen minutes a day prayerfully reading the Bible. Start with readings from the Mass of the day, which bring you into union with the whole Church. Need more? G.F.I.
- Get to Mass more than that once a week when your are *obliged* to be there.
- Get a “*Sin Can*” into which you put a quarter every time you say (or even think) something inappropriate. Periodically wheelbarrow the can’s contents to the food bank.
- Start the old-time practice of the daily examination of conscious before you go to sleep.
- Pray for your enemies and do good to those who harm you.
- Start or restart the daily devotion to the Divine Mercy.
- Use your iPad or Smart Phone to cruise **Catholic Sites Only** for twenty minutes daily.

Mon. 12/03 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
Feast Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
8:00 AM Mass Recovery of Marcella Ianniello, Genevieve Musto

Tues. 12/04 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
Feast Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 AM Mass Samuel L. Adams, Connie Angeski

Wed. 12/05 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
Feast Advent Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Theresa M. McCall, M/M John Beantonis

Thur. 12/06 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
Feast Saint Nicholas, Bishop
8:00 AM Mass Rose Marie Simanski, Ann., class of 1952, Alt. Cath. High

Fri. 12/07 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
Feast St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 AM Mass Shirley Hencherick, Linda Mincin
6:00 PM Mass Eric, Nick and Nate Hockenberry, Mom and Dad

Sat. 12/08 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
Feast The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00 AM Mass Liv/Dec Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish
4:30 PM Mass Kathy Madden, Bruno Family

Sun. 12/09 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
Feast Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Mass Robert Buck, Daughter Cathy
11:00 AM Mass Denise Keagy, Vince and Yolanda Bremen

**Lord
Jesus
Christ
Son
Of
God
Have
Mercy
On
Me
A
Sinner**

Happy Birthday:

Wedding Anniversaries:

12/03 Barbara Joan Raichle & Myron Yeager 12/06 Dan and Denise Stitt
12/04 Butch Carper
12/06 Joan Adams & Gretta Levine
12/08 Connie Andros & Ray Kelly
12/09 John Kasun, Sr.
12/10 Diana Hencherick & Gabbie Smith

Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray
The Holy Rosary Daily
At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately
from 8:30am to 7:00pm

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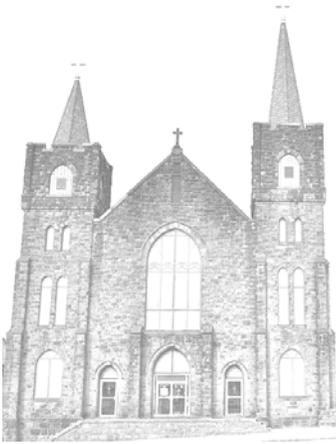
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, (November 25, 2012)
213 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,245.30 of which \$173.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	195	# Used	85	# Unused	110
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Total Priest's Retirement collection = \$335.00 World Mission Sunday collection = \$80.00
Catholic Charities Collection = \$202.00 ACCS Collection \$195.00

Profit from Black Friday Bonanza was \$945.00

Our policy of not printing names of cash winners flows from our conviction that who wins what is between winners and God, or the IRS, or legitimate creditors. Winners can do whatever they want with the information, but we will protect their privacy.



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Christmas Flower Offering

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A SPECIAL NOTE: Anticipating our special celebration of one hundred years of Catholic Christmas Seasons right here in the Fifth Ward we felt our old and rather beat-up Nativity set needed a complete overhaul. The lowest bid was in the neighborhood of \$3,500. Chris Keagy, our own Father Christmas, found a brand new set for the same price. But, adding up a series of discounts we got the new set for better than 60% off. In other words, *they made us an offer we couldn't refuse*. As you will see the set is beautiful. How about adding something a little extra to the \$10.00 minimum donation for a published acknowledgement in the Christmas/New Year + the Sunday before Bulletins.

Mary Doe by The Doe Family	John Brown by The Brown Family	The Brown Family by Jim Green	The Poor Souls by A poor Soul
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Know and Teach the Faith

(Editorial comment: The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives us the foreground and the background of those dynamics controlling what we as Catholics are to do in Pope Benedict's world he calls the "New Evangelization." The search for and the presentation of TRUTH is to be carried out always with a profound respect for persons and, simultaneously, with a brutal regard for objective reality and historical accuracy. In short, a man is not his thoughts. An evil man can have good thoughts and a good man can have evil thoughts. Let's give it a read. JDZ)

816 "The sole Church of Christ [is that] which our Savior, after his Resurrection, entrusted to Peter's pastoral care, commissioning him and the other apostles to extend and rule it. . . . This Church, constituted and organized as a society in the present world, subsists in (subsistit in) the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him."

The Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism explains: "For it is through Christ's Catholic Church alone, which is the universal help toward salvation, that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained. It was to the apostolic college alone, of which Peter is the head, that we believe that our Lord entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant, in order to establish on earth the one Body of Christ into which all those should be fully incorporated who belong in any way to the People of God. Wounds to unity

817 In fact, "in this one and only Church of God from its very beginnings there arose certain rifts, which the Apostle strongly censures as damnable. But in subsequent centuries much more serious dissensions appeared and large communities became separated from full communion with the Catholic Church - for which, often enough, men of both sides were to blame." The ruptures that wound the unity of Christ's Body - here we must distinguish heresy, apostasy, and schism - do not occur without human sin:

Where there are sins, there are also divisions, schisms, heresies, and disputes. Where there is virtue, however, there also are harmony and unity, from which arise the one heart and one soul of all believers.

818 "However, one cannot charge with the sin of the separation those who at present are born into these communities [that resulted from such separation] and in them are brought up in the faith of Christ, and the Catholic Church accepts them with respect and affection as brothers All who have been justified by faith in Baptism are incorporated into Christ; they therefore have a right to be called Christians, and with good reason are accepted as brothers in the Lord by the children of the Catholic Church.

(It must be noted that the virtue of fraternal correction demands that without ever condemning Protestant persons (some of my best friends are Protestants) we must never hesitate to condemn those Protestant beliefs and practices which Protest and Contradict authentic Catholic Teaching. Specifically: The Mass and all seven of the Sacraments, The Pope, Mary and the Saints, Homosexuality, Contraception and Abortion to name a few.)

819 "Furthermore, many elements of sanctification and of truth" are found outside the visible confines of the Catholic Church: "the written Word of God; the life of grace; faith, hope, and charity, with the other interior gifts of the Holy Spirit, as well as visible elements." Christ's Spirit uses these Churches and ecclesial communities as means of salvation, whose power derives from the fullness of grace and truth that Christ has entrusted to the Catholic Church. All these blessings come from Christ and lead to him, and are in themselves calls to "Catholic unity."

Toward unity

820 "Christ bestowed unity on his Church from the beginning. This unity, we believe, subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose, and we hope that it will continue to increase until the end of time." Christ always gives his Church the gift of unity, but the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce, and perfect the unity that Christ wills for her. This is why Jesus himself prayed at the hour of his Passion, and does not cease praying to his Father, for the unity of his disciples: "That they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be one in us, . . . so that the world may know that you have sent me." The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit.

Unity "involves the whole Church, faithful and clergy alike." But we must realize "that this holy objective - the reconciliation of all Christians in the unity of the one and only Church of Christ - transcends human powers and gifts." That is why we place all our hope "in the prayer of Christ for the Church, in the love of the Father for us, and in the power of the Holy Spirit."



This is one of our favorite times of the year. Most of the many fine bakers in the parish give us all a chance to not only sample but to revel in the fruits of their God given talents. These folks make a lot of baked goods, give them to the parish for free, and the parish turns around and shamelessly sells them at grossly inflated prices. Pretty neat, no!

Our marketing department tends to exaggerate. The only unvarnished (implied) true statement above is "you can't beat these Christmas Masterpieces for aroma and taste." And that's no exaggeration! Bakers, get ready to strut your stuff. Consumers, bring your checkbooks to:



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Sunday morning December 16, 2012



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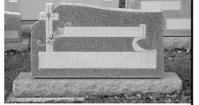
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