

January, 2024

I hope you had a beautiful time of celebrating the great gift of Jesus to us during this Christmas season. Remember how this gift from our Heavenly Father came to us, through the **YES** of Mary. Wrapped in swaddling clothes, placed in a manger, the Son of God came to dwell with our vulnerable humanity. During this year of Eucharistic Revival, what a powerful reminder how the Lord humbled himself to become a human being like us and became the Eucharist to dwell within our hearts to fill us with His love. May He renew our lives through the Eucharistic presence as we welcome this New Year. **Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, and is there to sustain us in all that we do.**

We ended this year with the Feast of the Holy Family and I place each one of you under the protection of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and pray for all our families to grow in faith and help our children grows in maturity, filled with wisdom and God's favor (Lk 2:40). As we enter into a New Year, let us be renewed and strengthened by the power and grace of God. I continue to pray that our parish grow to be a dynamic and vibrant faith community nourishing, strengthening, and welcoming one another, united in the Eucharist and witnessing the gospel through our lives and ministries.

I am excited to share the great news that a group of Religious Sisters, **Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbes** will be joining our Parish. Our Rectory will be converted into a convent and five sisters will be residing there beginning the 30th of January. Two of them will work in our parish, one in faith formation and family ministry, and the other in pastoral ministry with a special focus on the care of the seniors and homebound. Three sisters will be working at St. Camillus serving the seniors there. I am sure they will bring new life and enthusiasm to our parish community. Please pray for them as they prepare to join us.

In January, we begin our annual budget process. I am so grateful for the generous support of each one of you, allowing us to continue the Mission of the Church in our parish. As I mentioned in my last monthly letter, we need every member of our parish contribute to continue our mission. If all of us, like the widow's mite can support the mission, we will truly become a shining beacon of light in West Allis and our neighborhood. Our yearly stewardship of time, talent and treasure are intimately connected to our Faith. When we share our gifts and blessings for the mission of Jesus, He will continue to bless us more abundantly. Thank you again for all your generous sacrifices to the church.

May the Peace and Joy of Christmas continue to be with you and your family as we step into this New Year. May the Lord shower his blessings upon you and your loved ones always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI

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