

NOVEMBER 2019

This November we turn to one of the most important things we ever do as people of faith. That is to give Thanks to God for all that we have been given in life and for all that our parish does for us and for our world.

-We are thankful to God for the blessings we receive each day. Especially those that are disguised as problems or obstacles. They bring forth our creative energy and show us the need to work together. We Thank You Lord for the gifts that often begin with a challenge.

-We are thankful to God for the gift of our Parish. So many people in the world have no place to worship, to receive Jesus in the Sacraments or even pray together. Many are persecuted for their desire to believe. We have a place to pray that is close to our homes and others who want to join with us. We Thank You Lord for our Parish Community.

-We are thankful to God for voices that sing -- even those out of tune. For bells that ring and for all our musicians who give us their best as we lift minds and hearts and voices to God. We Thank You Lord for all who share their gifts in worship.

-We are thankful to God for so many opportunities to serve others. For food pantries and special donations to those who are in need. For opportunities to reach out and touch so many lives in simple and in profound ways. For meatloaves and casseroles and willing hands to serve, for the smiles we receive when we try to give without measure, We Thank You Lord.

-We are thankful to God for minds and hearts that are open to see beyond today and contemplate the days yet to come. For those who plan and question, for those who work on long-term solutions for the problems we see today. For those who support us by not giving up or giving in, We Thank You Lord.

-We are thankful to God for each one of you who answer the call to worship, pray, serve and support our Mother of Perpetual Help Congregation. With Blessed Solanus Casey, "our Milwaukee Saint," let's remember to 'Thank God Ahead of Time.'

Happy Thanksgiving! Fr. Thomas and Fr. Jeff