

Sunday January 12, 2020

## Pastor's Corner

*No Nativity Roof, Thank-Yous, Volunteer Party and Daughters' Fundraiser*

*Why no roof on the Outdoor Nativity?* People love the new outdoor nativity figures but a few have asked why only a silhouette of the manger instead of an actual enclosure with a roof. The idea was to show off the beauty of the nativity figures without any obstruction or shadowing by walls and a roof. That's what Notre Dame Seminary does and it has one of the most beautiful nativity scenes around. We will weigh the pros and cons of an actual enclosure versus a silhouette of a manger in the coming year. Thanks for your comments. Glad you agree that the new nativity figures are amazing.

*More Christmas Thank-Yous:* Fr. Thien and I would like to thank all of you who gave us Christmas gifts and treats. We tried to thank everyone personally, but some of the gift cards fell off the gifts, making it impossible to know who the donor was. So, very simply, thanks to everyone who gave us a Christmas gift or food item. We are grateful – and getting plump!

*Volunteer Thank-You Party:* Our parish has many good people who offer their time and talent for the good of our Church and School. On Saturday, January 25, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm in the School Auditorium, we will say Thank-You to all our Adult Volunteers for their service to St. Francis. Dress nicely and join us for food, drink, music and fun.

Anyone may attend who serves the Church as a Leader or Volunteer, including Sacristans and Coordinators of Adoration; Members of the Sanctuary Society and Music Ministry; Eucharistic Ministers; Lectors; Ushers and Greeters; Teachers in Bible Study, Parish School of Religion, Sacrament Preparation, RCIA, and Marriage Preparation; Members of the Parish Council, Finance Council and School Board; Money-Counters; Leaders of the CYO, Scouts, Home and School, Men's Club, Old Metairie Fest, Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, Sharing Program, Bereavement Ministry, Respect Life Ministry, and Family/Marriage and Evangelization Ministries; Workers with the Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul, the Hospitality Committee and the St. Joseph Altar Society.

It takes an Army of Volunteers to run St. Francis Parish and School, and we are incredibly grateful for each and every one of you. Please join us on January 25 and let us thank you for a job of service well done.

*Daughters of Isabella Luncheon Fundraiser:* The Daughters of Isabella will host a Luncheon with a Parade Prizes at the Metairie Country Club on Sunday, January 26, at 12 noon. This event is a fundraiser which funds scholarships for girls attending Catholic high school. Contact Christine Zazaluk for additional details and tickets.

God bless,  
Fr. Joe