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"I came to cast fire upon the earth;
and would that it were already kindled!"
- Luke 12:49

"Israel experienced God's presence as fire, with the manifestation of his shekinah glory (a divine visitation of the presence or dwelling of the Lord God on this earth) through the pillar of fire. Through the pillar of fire, He guided the Israelites on their way to the Promised Land. Throughout your life, in every instant you find yourself before Jesus in the Eucharist, you can be certain that He preceded and guided you there and arranged for that moment for you to encounter Him. Let us make the most of this extraordinary grace you have been given to stand before the Risen Glorified Jesus substantially present in the Most Holy Eucharist." Bobby Vidal

Beyond the Beacon: National Eucharistic Congress

On the episode below of **Beyond The Beacon**, **Bishop Kevin Sweeney** and **Jai Agnish** are joined by **Father Alex** to discuss the upcoming pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July.



"It was beautiful to have the opportunity to share with Bishop Kevin and Jai in the recent Podcast of Beyond the Beacon. It was a fun time of bantering about the importance of our faith, New Year resolutions, and the Eucharistic Congress. As some of you may remember, I spoke about our parish attending this congress a few months ago. At the time, I was just our parish point person, but Bishop 'promoted' me to run the entire Diocesan pilgrimage. I invite you to learn more about the congress and myself as you watch the following video. Please also visit the link for the Diocesan landing page about the congress at rcdop.org/nec." Fr. Alex

Message from our New Music Director, Q Furnald!



What an honor it is to serve the parish in the role of Director of Music Ministry. Already, I have felt so blessed to be working with the musicians of our parish, and to now see how I can continue to journey in faith with these amazing ensembles in the ministry is truly a gift. God has given us this beautiful way to draw close to His Heart, not for His sake but for ours, to lift up prayers in ways mere words cannot fully express.

I have seen the way that music has given a voice to my own prayer life, and our vision for music ministry is to see where worship and praise through song and psalm can become a language we all become fluent in as parishioners of Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel. We seek to find ways to build familiarity with the songs so that the music and poetry can speak directly to the congregation and become their avenue to confidently and prayerfully see their own voices lifted. Of course, we will see this through the music of the liturgies and through our evenings of Praise and Worship, too!

The next of our monthly evenings of worship is going to be held this Thursday, January 18th, at 7:30 pm in the church. So let this be a formal

invitation, whether cantor, chorister, parishioner, or guest, to be a part of the one voice of our Catholic Church that brings us all close to the heart of Jesus.

*In Christ,
Q Furnald*

Color A Smile



This past Sunday, after the Family mass, children were invited to stay in the gathering space to color a picture for Color A Smile. This nonprofit organization distributes cheerful drawings to senior citizens, troops overseas, and anyone needing a smile.

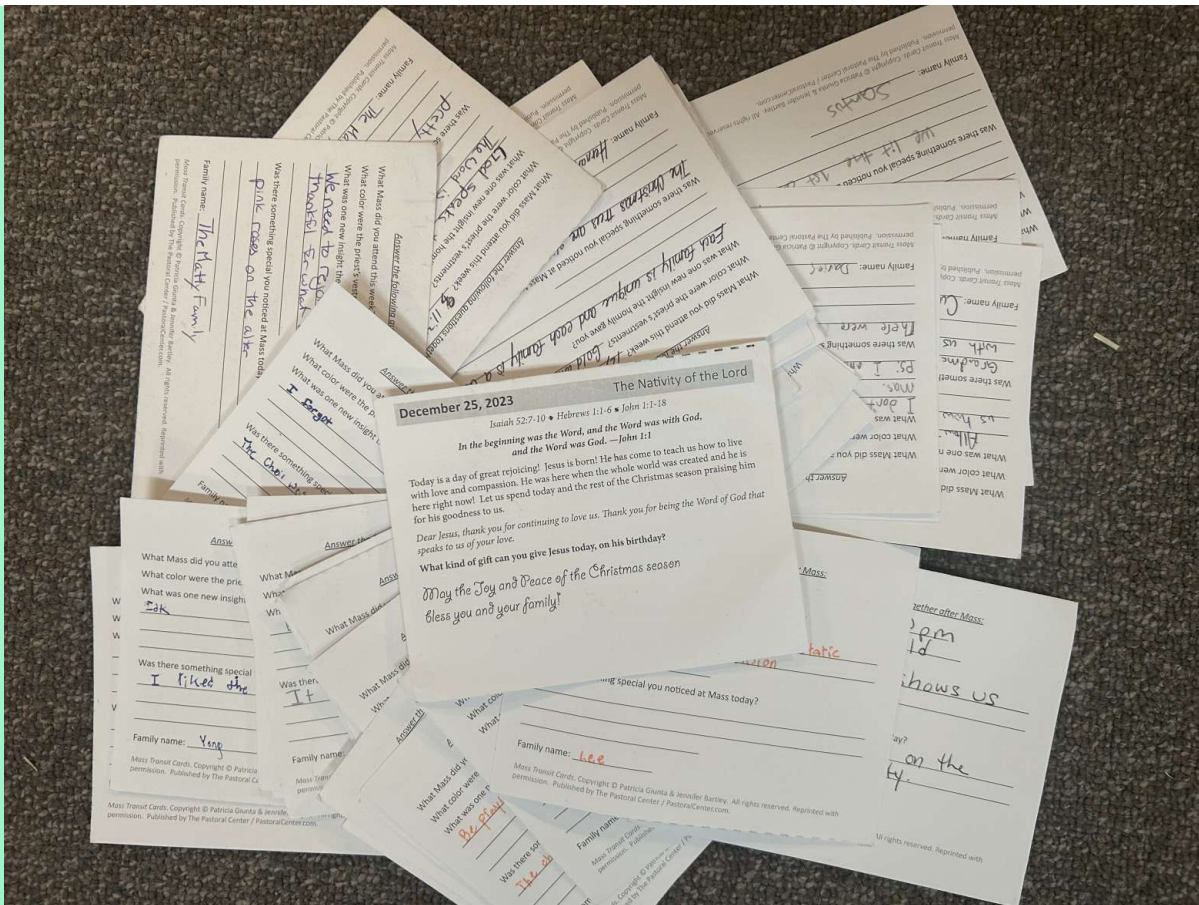
Color A Smile

Since 1990, Color A Smile has given out millions of cheerful drawings... That's a lot of smiles!



Family Faith: Mass Transit Conversations

(Comments reflect previous Sundays' celebrations)



What was one new insight the homily gave you?

"Just like the bricks that make up the church, the families who worship at Notre Dame make up our faith community."

"You don't need superpowers to share God's love."

"I should give Jesus the gift of my heart."

"It is always a good time to rejoice in God and be thankful even if bad things happen because God is always with us."

"God is a God of 'I can' and not of 'cannot.' Through God, all things are possible."

"We should be grateful for our family and be with them and show them love - the foundation of family and church."

"The wisemen brought god because they knew Jesus was the King; incense to send

Was there something special you noticed at Mass today?

"Even though the overflow was a lot, people were so nice to each other."

"While it was not something the community could see, Michaela (22 months) started clapping to the Hallelujah!"

"The Nativity is still there!"

"Fr. Paddy sang during the homily with music. He loves a sing-a-long!"

"After Communion, ministers came to take Communion to those who couldn't be at church."

"We saw baby Jesus in the Nativity. It was beautiful! We love the star!"

"Fr. Paddy led a fun sin-a-long to rejoice. We had a lot of fun with that at home!"

prayers to God, and murr because they knew he would die for us."

"Jesus is here on earth now, and we should always be ready to meet him."

"There were less people here due to the snow."

"It was my birthday, and everyone sang to me!"

"Mom was singing with Q."

"The priest, Fr. Dury, was very funny and made a lot of jokes." (Family attended Mass elsewhere)

This Week's Mass & Lamp Intentions

Parishioner Announcements

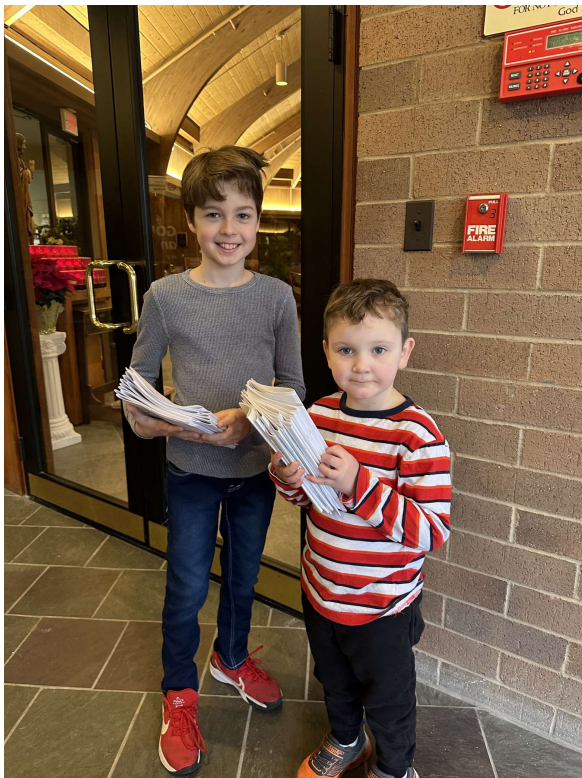
Memories that share our story...

5 pm Mass





Family Mass







6 pm Mass



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