

ROSE CITY CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES
IMMACULATE HEART, OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP & ST. MICHAEL'S
& Holy Trinity & St. Francis of Assisi

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HAPPY EPIPHANY DAY

“Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body.”



Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2026

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism: Register Online
First Communion & First Reconciliation:
Registration is open.

Confirmation - Registration is open..

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Reconciliation: at St. Michael's on Sat.'s from 2- 3:00 pm.
2153 Parkwood Ave.

Reconciliation: at OLPH on Tuesday's from 5-5:45 pm.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the office

SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE

Marriage: Call the office at least six months in advance
Holy Orders: Contact the office

WEEKDAY (DAILY) MASS SCHEDULE FOR
HOLY TRINITY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Holy Trinity- 1035 Ellis Street East, : Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm. in Polish & Saturday at 8:00 am. in English
St. Francis of Assisi—1701 Turner Road : Tuesday to Friday at 6:00 pm. in Croatian

'ROSE CITY CENTRAL' CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES PRAYER

Lord, please console and protect our 'Rose City Central' family of parishes. May we become a true Catholic family.

We come to You Holy Trinity and ask You to guide our path as we become witnesses of our faith.

To Immaculate Mary our Mother, we ask for your perpetual help; and we ask Saint Francis for peace and Saint Michael for protection.
Amen.

PASTORAL TEAM FOR ROSE CITY CENTRAL
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Stanislaw Izdebski
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Associate Pastor: Rev. Miro Grubišić

Priest in Residence: Rev. Bill Kornacker

Pastoral Minister: Sr. Elzbieta Mruczek
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Pastoral Minister: Christine Toffolon, 519-966-1953
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ROSE CITY CENTRAL CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES STAFF
IMMACULATE HEART, ST. MICHAEL & OLPH

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Secretary: Miroslawa "Mirka" Rodzinka IH & OLPH

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John Salalila (OLPH)

Jeff Gendron (OLPH)

Maintenance: Victor Piccolo (IH)

Paul Smith (OLPH)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR ROSE CITY CENTRAL
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

SATURDAY EVENING:

5:00 pm. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH)

5:00 pm. at Immaculate Heart in St. Michael's

5:00 pm. at St. Francis of Assisi (in Croatian)

SUNDAY:

9:00 am. at Holy Trinity (in English)

9:00 am. at St. Francis (in English)

10:30 am. at OLPH

10:30 am. at Holy Trinity (in Polish)

11:00 am. at St. Francis (in Croatian)

12:30 pm. at Immaculate Heart in St. Michael's

12:30 pm. at Holy Trinity (in Polish)

Mass schedule for St. Michael's—

Sunday, January 18 at 9:00 am.

“BEING A MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCH THAT
FORMS DISCIPLES OF JESUS.”

MAIN FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE HOURS: Immaculate Heart at St. Michael's Church—2153 Parkwood Avenue
Tues. to Fri. 9 am.—2 pm. Please call Shirl at 519-258-0910 Ext. 200
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church—804 Grand Marais Rd. East



BAPTISM FOR OLPH & IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

Once you have filled out the online baptism registration form from our website, Christine will email you with the available dates. Baptisms for OLPH and Immaculate Heart take place during our weekend Masses. Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. or Sunday morning at 10:30 am. at OLPH or at Immaculate Heart at 12:30 pm. Information about the one required baptismal prep night will be sent to you once the registration form has been received by Christine. Further information is found on our website. Please direct questions to Christine at 519-966-1953, Ext:226 or email her ctoffolon@dol.ca



To Everything there is a season... "a time to be healed..."

For our parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or awaiting surgery.

There is "a time for everything under Heaven...."

For those who have died from our families and from our Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January: For prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR IMMACULATE HEART/ST. MICHAEL & OLPH CHURCHES



Tues. Jan. 6 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH

- + Jerry Stasiuk... *by Family & Friends*
- + Ezio & Ismide Toffolon ... *by Family*
- + Tillie Keglevich ... *by Janis McIsaac*
- + Vincenzo Panecaldo ... *by Family*

Wed. Jan. 7 at 12:00 pm. at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael

- Intentions of John Nabben ... *by Family*
- Intentions of Annibale Biasutto ... *by Family*
- Intentions of Charmaine Kani ... *by Mary Lou Eden*
- Intentions of Mary Butler ... *by Mary Lou Eden*
- Intentions of Eva Dettlinger ... *by STM CWL*
- + John K O'Farrell ... *by Nabben Family*

Thurs. Jan. 8 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH

- + All Deceased members of the Yousif Family... *by Kathy Jankovic*
- + All deceased members of the Houle Family ... *by Paulette Houle*
- + Salvatore Ferraro ... *by Cosimo Fusaro*

Fri. Jan. 9 at 8:00 am. at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael

- + Michael Hardstone ... *by Mom & Andy*

"Often the stars in the sky will strike us as wonderful examples of the beauty of creation. For some of us these stars provide information. (such as those who use them as a means of navigation) Consider for a moment seeing in those stars a message that will change all of human history. This is what happened to the wisemen in today's Gospel."

John O'Brien

Gospel Background: Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.



We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in

Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. *from <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

THANK YOU TO....

Our volunteer Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantors, Choirs and Musicians, & our Decorators; Melissa (OLPH) & Maricar (IH/STM). The Churches looked beautiful. Your talent and time was appreciated by all. (a special thank you at OLPH to our very small team of volunteers- Alexander, Axel, & Godgela) A huge thank you to Steve for actually chopping down the Christmas tree at OLPH. Thank you to the volunteers who helped to decorate the Church at St. Michael's. Thank you to our Sacristans for always keeping a clean supplies of purificators and towels for the priests and for setting up for our Masses. Thank you to our Altar Servers, our Collection Counters, our PowerPoint Operators & our Caretakers Thank you to our office volunteer—Helen. A special thank you to Fr. Bill for celebrating the Christmas Masses at OLPH & St. Michael's Church. *We especially thank our parishioners for your presence and participation.* Thank you for the many gifts and cards given to our Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes' Pastoral Team and Staff. *Many Blessings from Fr. Glen*



BINGO & GAMING—OLPH CHURCH

Our next assigned session at the **All Star Gaming Centre** on Walker Rd. is **Wednesday March 18 from 10 am.—12 noon.** We purchased the Epiphany activity sheets for our families from our cbingo bank account at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.



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Immaculate Heart Church & OLPH Church in the Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes

JOIN US FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES.

(YOUTH IN GR. 8 & UP)
OUR CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN FEB. 2026.
ON THURS. EVENINGS.

Registration has been **extended** - register now on our website at olph.dionet.org
*There is a \$45.00 material fees- due at the first class.



Questions? email Christine at ctoffolon@dol.ca

Our Confirmation preparation program will begin on Thurs. Feb. 12. Last date to register is Jan. 28.

Our First Reconciliation preparation program will begin on Wed. Feb. 4. Last date to register is Jan. 28.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church & Immaculate Heart Church

FIRST CONFESSION
FIRST COMMUNION

Register now for the First Confession & First Communion preparation program . We will begin in February 2026.

****Registration has been extended**
Register TODAY on our website

www.olph.dionet.org



Questions? email Christine at ctoffolon@dol.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you ever thought about volunteering in your parish? At the present time we are asking members of our parishes to consider becoming an active disciple in your parish. At OLPH: Readers for Sat. Mass, Adult Funeral Altar Servers, PowerPoint helper, sign changer, to help change the message on the sign. At Immaculate Heart: more readers are always welcomed, bingo volunteers or join one of our parish community groups— **CWL, Knights of Columbus, or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** Contact Christine or Shirly if you are interested in volunteering.



K of C Pancake Breakfast
Sun. Jan. 18



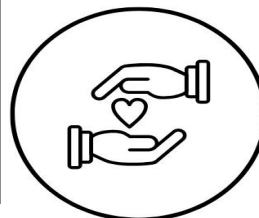
9:00 am. -
12:00 pm.

Immaculate Heart/
St. Michael Hall
Goodwill donations



A SMALL DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Immaculate Heart would like to remind you that if you would like to donate to their conference please make cheques payable to: "Immaculate Heart Conference of St. Vincent de Paul"





K of C Chili Cook- Off

OLPH Mother Teresa Council #12494



Sunday Jan. 25 after the 12:00 pm. - noon at OLPH Church in the Hall

Donations accepted. All proceeds will go to a seminarian.



BINGO COMMITTEE AT IMMACULATE HEART

Please do not forget to support our Church Bingo's from Immaculate Heart Church. They are held at All Star Gaming Centre on Walker Rd. The Bingos are very important to Immaculate Heart parish. A big thank you to all the volunteers and participants who continually make the effort to support Immaculate Heart parish. Our next assigned date is **Thursday January 22 from 2- 4:00 pm..**



SSVP AT IMMACULATE HEART

We are always accepting "NON PERISHABLE" food donations. Just leave them on the ushers' bench. Monetary donations used to purchase groceries are always appreciated, and they can be dropped off in the collection basket, just mark your envelope "SSVP" or "SAINT VINCENT de PAUL". Your generosity allows us to help those in need. St. Vincent de Paul food calls: 519-258-0910 Ext. 235 God Bless all of you.



DON'T FORGET TO TAKE HOME A PIECE OF CHALK FROM US TODAY SO YOU MAY BLESS YOUR HOUSE.

There is a beautiful Catholic practice of **BLESSING YOUR HOME ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**. It's a wonderful way to start the year off as we continue the celebration of Christmas. Epiphany is the traditional date that ends the "12 Days of Christmas". There is a specific blessing calling to mind the 3 Magi and how they adored the Baby Jesus. The Catholic Church offers a profound blessing liturgy that asks for the intercession of the 3 Magi who left their homes to search for the newborn Savior of the world. You can find it at this link

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany> Think of it: All year long, every time you pass through the doors of your home, you'll be reminded that you are under the protection of God in His Angels and His Saints as adopted children!

Family Event: In memory of the wise men entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. All you need are these prayers and a piece of chalk, to mark the frame of your door with the traditional initials of the wise men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and this year's date. Perhaps spend a moment this Sunday asking God to bless your home and to be with all members of your household.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

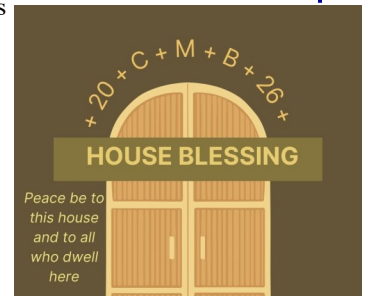
All: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. **Using chalk**, write on the outside of your house, above or next to a doorway:

+ 20 + C + M + B + 26 + (The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house".) Each letter could be written by a different family member.

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For more ideas and information you can visit this website. <https://www.catholicicing.com/epiphany-house-blessing-with-chalk/>



OLPH SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the SSVP we offer the option for you to make an e-transfer to ssvpolph@hotmail.com in the memo line please put your name & address. The answer to the question is : SSVPOLPH or you may leave a donation in the offertory basket. The SSVP green envelopes are found next to the offertory basket. Calls to the SSVP can be reached at 519-966-1953 EXT. 236

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

As the Jubilee Year closed, we recall that it was centered on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness, the late Pope Francis, so beautifully expressed: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." During the Jubilee Year, the Pope invited every one of us to embark on a pilgrimage of hope, so that, "Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it." Let us keep this flame of Hope burning in our family and in our parishes!

During the Jubilee Year of Hope our Family of Parishes experienced a wonderful pilgrimage of our own. Let us continue to keep that excitement alive in our Family of Parishes.



The 2026 Boxes of offertory envelopes can be found in the entrance of St. Michael, Immaculate Heart & OLPH Churches on a table. We THANK YOU for your generosity and for supporting our parishes.

Please recycle or destroy your 2025 envelopes. **Do not use the 2025 envelopes in 2026.**

FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS

January 7—St. André Bessette Patron of Family Caregivers
January 8—St. Raymond of Penyafort



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The K of C and the CWL of Immaculate Heart & OLPH Churches are sponsoring a Maternity and Baby Shower on 2 consecutive weekends: Jan. 24/25 & Jan. 31/Feb.1. We are inviting parishioners to donate new or gently used items for expectant mothers and newborn babies. All donations will be distributed by Birthright to expectant mothers and babies in need. Please pick up the handout at the back of the Church for a list of items in need.

Or see below** At Immaculate Heart & OLPH please drop off the items at the back of the Church in the playpen. Thank you! "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born."

Items to bring in for the Maternity & Newborn Baby Shower.

Maternity clothes for the expectant mothers. (This may be new or gently used)

Baby clothes up to 12 months (this may be new or gently used)

Cold weather outerwear for both expectant mothers and babies. (this may be new or gently used)

Socks, onesies (t-shirt with a wrap around snap bottom—may be new or gently used)

Toiletries such as: wipes, disposable diapers (newborn to 24 LBS.) disposable bottles, diaper rash creams, soothers, washcloths, towels and baby wash.

Monetary donation (gift cards or cheques to Birthright can be placed in the baby display collection box or in our regular collection basket.

Hats, mittens and sweaters (this may be new or gently used)
Crib sheets

Kindly note that the following items are not requested by Birthright: NO baby formula, baby oil, Q-tips or baby powder.

NO large items such as cribs, car seats, high chairs, strollers or furniture.



READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday— First John 3:22-4:6; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 2: Gospel, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday— First John 4:7-10; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 72: Gospel Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday— First John 4:11-18; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 72: Gospel, Mark 6:45-52

Thursday— First John 4:19– 5:4; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 72; Gospel, Luke 4:14– 22a

Friday— First John 5:5-13; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 147: Gospel, Luke 5:12-16

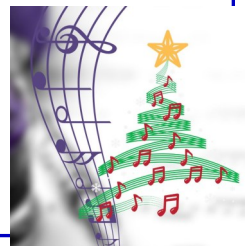
Saturday— First John 5:14-21; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 149: Gospel, John 3:22-30

Sunday— First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 29: Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38 ; Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17



NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Christmas Carol Concert: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace..." will take place on **Saturday, Jan 17**. Holy Mass at 5 pm, followed immediately by the concert. Registration deadline: Jan.11. Information and registration forms are available from Fr. Stanislaw.



IMMACULATE HEART CWL LAST CALL!!

Members your dues are being collected now for the 2026 year. They are \$35.00. You can put them in an envelope with your name on it and give the dues to Mary, put them into the Collection basket or drop them off to the office.



WAYS TO DONATE TO YOUR PARISH

Our parish depends on the generosity of our parishioners to keep our building open and maintained. If you are able to donate at this time, there are several ways you can donate:

1. **The most cost effective for the parish is through monthly Pre-Authorized Giving.** Forms are at the Welcome Desk at OLPH, at the back of the Church at Immaculate Heart or call the office
2. Request offertory envelopes. Found at the Welcome Desk or call the office.
3. eTransfer to olph@dol.ca (for OLPH) from your mobile banking app (Please specify fund in the message section. Ex: Regular Offertory, St. Peter's Seminary, Diocesan Assessment, etc... and include your address so we may credit the correct family.) eTransfer to schwindsor@dol.ca for Immaculate Heart.
4. You can donate online through CanadaHelps for OLPH. Follow the link on our website to donate this way.
5. You can mail your donation to the parish.

Please note that you can donate to your parish even if you attend another Church in our Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes. Your donation will go to your own parish. * only if it is an envelope marked for Immaculate Heart/OLPH/Holy Trinity will it go to back to Immaculate Heart/ OLPH/ Holy Trinity. Any loose cash will be deposited in the parish that it was donated at.



OLPH CWL *Paint Night* February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

All supplies to create your painting will be supplied for you on that night. We have hired a professional "Paint Night Artist" to lead us in painting our "pieces of art" that night.

There will be snacks and refreshments available. However no alcohol.

The OLPH CWL invite all women from our family of Parishes to attend.

RSVP on our website -

olph.dionet.org/cwlpaintnight

Cost for CWL members is \$20.00

For non CWL members \$35.00

**PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS at
IMMACULATE HEART
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Pat Power, Grand Knight
Steven Pellarin, Deputy Grand Knight
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Anna St. Antoine; President
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Pat Rondot; President

SACRISTAN

Vicky Masotti

HOMEBOUND

Paulette DesRosiers

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Pat & Michelle Rondot

DECORATOR

Maricar Nicolas

**PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS at OLPH
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Pat Power, Grand Knight
Steven Pellarin, Deputy Grand Knight
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Janis McIsaac; President
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Phil Anderson; President
PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Dory Jimenez



Welcome! We are glad you joined us! Registration forms are available online- on our website or in the narthex or back of the Church. If you need to update your information on record, please email or call the office .



****Mass Intentions at OLPH can be made with Christine by emailing her, or leaving an envelope in the offertory basket., Mass Intentions for Immaculate Heart or St. Michael's can be made by leaving an envelope in the offertory basket or calling Shirl at 519-258-0910 or by emailing her.**

**.Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.
** Please note that if you are asking for a certain date please send in your request at least three weeks in advance. Thank you.**

Pastoral Family of Parishes Council

Father Glen Ball * Father Stanislaw Izdebski Holy Trinity * Father Miro St. Francis of Assisi * Sister Elzbieta Mruczek Holy Trinity * Christine Toffolon Our Lady of Perpetual Help * Chris Sak (Chair) Our Lady of Perpetual Help * Tony Blak Holy Trinity * Angie Mora St. Michael * Tina Papac St. Francis of Assisi * Steve Pellarin Our Lady of Perpetual Help * Michelle Rondot Immaculate Heart * Victor Wolanski Holy Trinity * Nancy Charron (recording secretary) Our Lady of Perpetual Help

AA meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:00 am. in the small hall at Immaculate Heart Church.

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ST MICHAEL'S CWL extends its heartfelt thanks to all the Immaculate Heart Parishioners who joined the German community after the 12:30



Mass on December 21 for its annual **Glühwein** gathering. We deeply appreciate all the assistance we received from a number of them to make this event a resounding success: Victor Piccolo, Theresa Lazarus, Michelle & Pat Rondot, Lori & Eugene Bergamin, Pat Bergeron, and Monica Hack & daughter for



their help in getting the Church Hall ready for this festive occasion, for assisting in the kitchen and for cleaning up afterwards; Marina Vadori and Mary Power for their welcome contributions to an extensive dessert table, and all the Vincencians, led by Pat Power, for bringing a truckload of material into the Church Hall, which ended up transforming it into a German Christmas Village, complete a Glühwein Stall, a moving (toy) holiday train, a market square clock with viewable gears, decorative wall hangings, and a popular Family Photo area.



***These photos can be found on our website under St. Michael's Church page.**

