



Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Our December 3rd **St. Nick's Dinner** was truly a wonderful gathering. 153 delicious dinners were served by Dobo's Catering (based in my former parish in Loretto). Our own Boyd Huppert did a great job as the MC for the evening. The trivia contest was won by the St. Basil and St. Dymphna tables — watch future bulletins for the questions and answers. We ended the evening with everyone sharing their favorite MHT stories; and then, fittingly we sang "O God, Almighty Father" for our final prayer. Yes, the laughter and the tears flowed as we celebrated our 68 years of existence. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our parish staff for all their hard work in helping to make this a fun event. A personal thanks to Joe Betz and all the Parish Pastoral Council for their kind words of appreciation for my service here at MHT, and for the nice gift of a Guthrie Theater gift certificate — it will be enjoyed!

A few reminders —

- 1) **Flower Memorials** are due by December 16th. Help us beautify our worship space for the coming Christmas season.
- 2) **Our Christmas Eve Midnight Mass** — which starts at 9:30pm — will include a very special appearance by the Bel Canto String Quartet. Please join us for this evening of beautiful music.
- 3) **Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards** are due by December 25th. Remembering your loved ones, whether living or deceased, in the Christmas Mass intentions is a wonderful gift to offer.
- 4) Every parish family has **two gifts** to pick up — the MHT music CD and the MHT picture book of our stained glass windows — please contact the parish office or stop by the Trinity Room after any of the weekend Masses.
- 5) Everyone is welcome to bid on **the posters of our stained glass windows** that have adorned our auditorium for our recent celebrations. They currently are on display in the Trinity Room. Bidding will go on until Christmas Day.
- 6) We encourage you to continue to support MHT in these final weeks. Remember all your **financial contributions** will go to pay our bills and to offer our staff a just severance package. Thank you for your generosity!
- 7) **On Saturday evening December 31st** we will celebrate our last MHT Mass. All are welcome to join us as we ring out the old year and look forward to the new year. A reception will take place afterwards. Please bring some Christmas treats to share with your fellow parishioners.

Advent Blessings,

Fr. Brian