

Church of Saint Joseph Bulletin Supplement

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Partnership with the Diocese of Vijayapuram

This Christmas, consider giving a gift that keeps giving. For a tax-deductible donation of just 27 cents a day, you can help respond to the needs of the poorest of the poor in the Diocese of Vijayapuram through the *We Share* program. If you want to learn more, *We Share* brochures are available in the rack at the back of the church.

Please keep Bishop Sebastian Thekkethecheril and the people of his diocese in your daily prayers.

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Christmas Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23 and Sunday Gospel: Luke 2.1-14): *What Christmas traditions do your family enjoy and repeat each year? What is your favorite part of Christmas besides receiving gifts? Who and what makes your home a holy place? What is it like for Mary, Joseph, and Jesus to be refugees? What have you learned from friends or classmates who have been refugees? What threats does your family experience today? Who is your family making room for this Christmas season?*

One Global Family... Today's readings on the Feast of the Holy Family remind us that we belong to one human family. We are called to care for our parents, our extended families, and for all members of the worldwide human family. The Catholic Social Teaching principle of solidarity calls us to address injustices that threaten our brothers and sisters. Wars, abortion, domestic violence, hunger, human trafficking, slavery, greed and selfishness must be replaced by the divine vision of solidarity and reconciliation. To bring about this vision, Saint Paul encourages us to adopt the virtues of heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... These virtues bring healing to our families and to the global human family. Salvation is impossible without forgiveness and reconciliation. This week, think of a broken relationship within your family. Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family by praying for the Lord to bless this person and give you the grace to forgive.

—Adapted from *Lectionary Reflections* at www.educationforjustice.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

There will be no RCIA dismissals or sessions from December 23-January 7.

The annual **KidsCan Christmas Blood Drive** will be held on Thursday, December 30 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. The drive will take place between 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm. What an easy and joyful way of giving back this Christmas season! Sixteen-year-olds are now able to donate, with parent permission. It is easy, painless, and is truly the gift of life. Please call Mary Botz with questions or to set up an appointment: 363-8622.

Tip for Reducing Your Environmental Impact: Turn off the lights! If a room goes empty for even a few minutes, turn the lights off and save energy. Install lights fixtures with automatic sensors to save money and energy! They can be used in lots of places, from outside floodlights to household hallways. Visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org for more tips!

Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast Sunday, January 2 from 8:30 am-Noon Saint Joseph Lab School

Menu includes:

Pancakes & Waffles	Scrambled Eggs with Toppings
Fruit Toppings & Whipped Cream	Rolls/Muffins
Smoked & Fresh Sausage	Fresh Fruit
Ham	Juice
Hash Browns	Coffee/Milk

Adults (13 and older)-\$7.00 Ages 6-12-\$3.00
5 and under-free

Enjoy the best breakfast in town the first Sunday of every month.