

Word from Amy and Norm

Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,

We would like to thank each and every one of you for helping us celebrate our best Christmas ever! We served more people this year than ever, and you came through for us. It was such a joy to see all the happy faces and grateful families who received food and toys for Christmas. Our Thanksgiving and Christmas give-aways were better than ever for all who came for help; we owe it all to you, our faithful volunteers and benefactors.

We wish we could thank you all by name but know we would mistakenly forget someone, so we would like to thank all foundations, corporations, businesses, elementary and high schools, colleges, churches and their organizations, clergy and religious, families and individuals who helped us in any way. We cannot do what we do without YOU. God will bless you in a very special way this year, we are sure of that.

Although we cannot thank everyone by name we want to give special mention to Canisius High School. Thank you to Campus Minister Fr. Frederick Betti, SJ and Mr. Ron Ahrens, Director of Service Programs, who sent boys who worked tirelessly for us. For 30 out of the 60 work-days during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons the Canisius students work very hard and do much of the "heavy lifting". When we say we couldn't do it without them we really mean it! Thank you so much boys, we really appreciate all of your help.

In other news, we had our first "Mercy Party" and it was a huge success! Associates Rosie Spoth, and Diane and Owen Kerr sponsored a party for 20 of their friends. They cooked a wonderful turkey feast, and after dinner Amy shared what we do at St. Luke's. A fact sheet was then handed out to all who attended. There was a basket for donations and those in attendance generously gave a total of \$5000.00 that night. Four individuals present booked parties of their own that night, as well. If you are interested in learning more about Mercy Parties or would like to book one please contact Amy at 894-4476. It's a great way to introduce the Mission to people who don't know what we do or how they can help.

This is also an exciting year because it marks the 100th anniversary of St. Luke's Parish. On October 18th, at 11am, the Feast of St. Luke, we will be honored by Bishop Kmiec celebrating Mass right here at St. Luke's. As the renovations to our beautiful church continue, our excitement grows! God is a good God, and He has given our community much to be grateful for. Come and see the changes we are going through; the restoration is truly beautiful. It is an awesome experience to worship God in such a wonderful atmosphere. Praise God!

As always we are very grateful for all of you, our benefactors, volunteers and prayer warriors. May God bless all of you richly in the coming year.

In His Mercy,
Amy Betros and Norman Paolini

*Please join us for the first Mass
the newly-ordained*

Fr. Mark Noonan

*will celebrate at St. Luke's!
Sunday, April 13th, 1PM*

Reception to follow

*All are welcome to receive the graces poured
out from the consecrated hands of this holy
priest in his first months of ordination. Fr.
Mark ministered to our youth and resided at
St. Luke's for several months as he discerned
his call to the priesthood. Join us as we
welcome him back!*



It's the sneezin' season...

As the winter continues, we at St. Luke's, like so many of you, are experiencing the joys of the cold weather – sneezes, coughs, runny noses, headaches, and the like. For so many of our community, simple over-the-counter medications are financially out of reach. We are in great need of the following medicines:

Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, Robitussin DM, Cough and cold medicines, Sudafed, and the like. We have LOTS of lozenges, but the medicines above are in very short supply. Please consider donating a bottle or two, or earmark your monetary donation for the "Medicine fund". God bless you!

**Amy Betros, Norm Paolini, and Gregg Prince
come to you weekly on...**



Encore Wednesdays 9PM – 10PM

**Don't forget Norm Paolini, Fr. Bill Quinlivan, and
Gregg Prince every Saturday night on...**



**Both Mercy Times and Praying twice can be heard every
week on The Station of the Cross, WLOF 101.7FM**