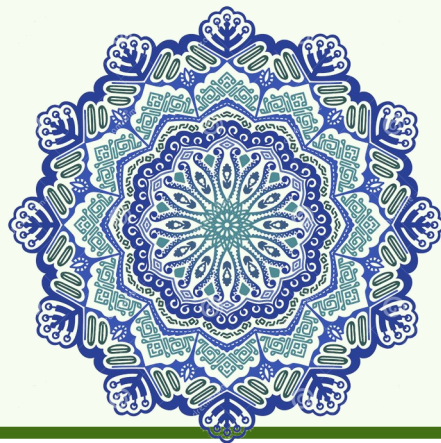


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In Touch



*Christ led,
Christ fed,
Hope filled!*

Priority One

Creating a Culture of
Vocations

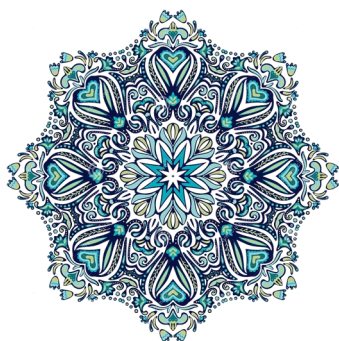
Priority Two

Strengthening Faith
Formation in Family Life

Priority Three

Building Parishes with Living
Stones

**Renew Faith,
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Open your heart to be dazzled by God's presence!

Just imagine how very dazzled Mary and Joseph must have been as they cuddled their newborn and watched him grow, especially knowing he was God's son!

I think it is so easy to look at a young child and see God's presence in their innocence. But I am also dazzled by God's presence when I wake up to a frost-covered world outside my window or when I reflect on the work of Sr. Debbie and all those involved in the North Country Mission of Hope. A star-filled night sky, observing Sr. Diane interact with her special people, and the smile of a friend or stranger are all further opportunities to be awed by God's presence.

I invite you to share times when you have been dazzled by God's presence for our next newsletter.



A Touch of Inspiration...A Bit of Humor

Center your life in the Lord. Deal with every person and every situation as you would deal with Him. He was unrecognizable in his own life time—so radical was his taking on of our own flesh. He will be unrecognizable in his continuing incarnation and will often stand before you—concealed by weakness, petulance, old age and pain. Touch everyone with tenderness that heals and as you do, he will stand revealed before you. Ask him to heal within yourself whatever wounds your spirit, so that you may in turn be a healing presence to others.

Letter to a friend by Sr. Bette Moslander, CSJ

Thoughts from Peter Kreeft in *Food for the Soul*

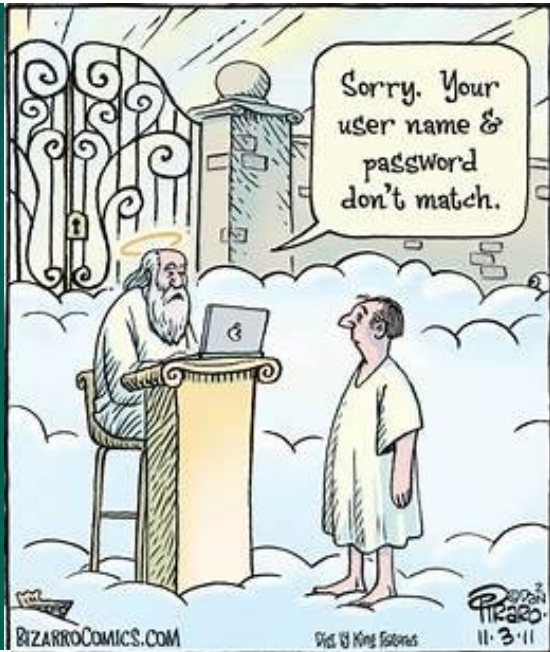
Jesus is God with us. God the Father is God above us, and Jesus is God with us and the Holy Spirit is God within us. God comes closer and closer to us in those three ways, because that is what love does, and God is love.

The One we receive in the Eucharist, we are meant to pass on to others, in thousands of different ways.

God does not say exactly what things he is going to do or allow in order to give us the blessing, the grace, and the peace that he promises. We are to give him a blank check, so to speak: we have to have faith in his wisdom and love and leave the details up to him, knowing that whatever he wills for us is his gift to us, his blessing for us; is for our best good, in the end, even though we often don't see that.

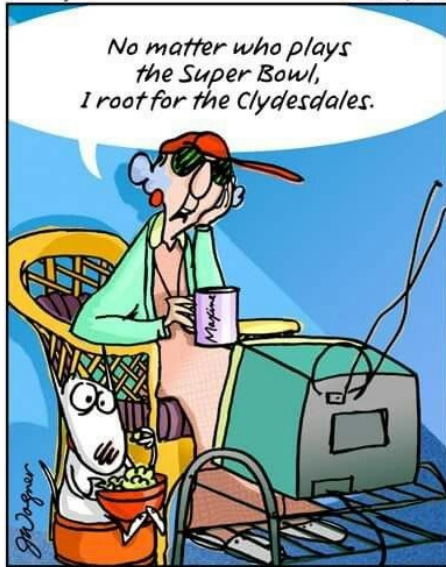
The God who created the universe and designed and created each one of us and who never makes a mistake—this God loves each of us individually and smiles at us. (That's what's meant by "let his face shine upon" us: it means smiling.) We do not yet see God face to face, but he sees us face to face. That is the faith that God invites us to have when we pray this prayer: the faith in God's smile...





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Evening of Prayer and Healing for Women

"If You Only Knew..." Reflections on John 4:1-26
Friday, March 31 6:30-8:30 PM
SSJ Motherhouse, Watertown
Director: Sr. Mary Michel Fox, OP

I realize that this is probably too far for most to travel but it is available to those living in Watertown and in close proximity.

Day of Reflection This is a LEAD event open to all. Sr. Mary Michael, OP is a professor at Steubenville.

"Blessed, Broken, Given: Living Eucharistia!"

Saturday, April 1 Starts with Mass at 9 AM - 4 PM (lunch included)

Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg

Director: Sister Mary Michael Fox, OP

I hope to have a ZOOM gathering sometime in February or early March. I will send out the notice and link in an email next week. I am thinking of a Thursday evening. If that is a bad time for you, please let me know especially if you would like to participate..

