

Dear Parishioner,

Walter, a kindergarten kid, was excited about the Christmas play. He was big in size but had a poor memory. Finding him unsuitable for any role, his teacher finally made him an innkeeper, since that only required shouting, "No room! Get away!" Many kids' parents attended the 'grand finale'. Joseph and Mary kept knocking on innkeepers' doors. Walter's was the last. He shouted, "No room here! Get away" Joseph pleaded, "Please. My wife is pregnant!" Walter shouted again, "No room! Go!" As dejected Joseph and Mary departed, tears flowed down Walter's cheeks. He cried out, there is no room here but I got a big house. Come on with me after the play.

Christmas is about rooms and roominess, recognition and reception. The irony of Christmas is that the creator of the cosmos is cast out since "there was no room in the inn" Consider the 'inn' baby Jesus inhabits. The breaking of the Word and the breaking of the Bread offer us an opportunity to encounter Him. But, most importantly, the child Jesus seeks to fill the emptiness of our homes and hearts. As we approach the most wonderful feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Lord let us prepare our hearts as the most worthy place to receive Him, and widen our hearts to receive our brothers and sisters.

Christmas is the most special time of the year and gives us the opportunity to show our love to families and friends, as well as to express your gratitude for those who have helped us in one way or the other.

Saint Joseph the Worker Church Bonneauville wishes you, your family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the glory and love of the Infant Jesus fill your heart with peace and joy.

Sincerely in Christ

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