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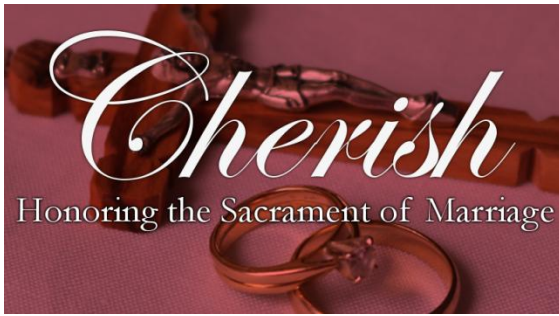
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Special Advent Programs coming to Holy Family Radio during the month of December. Please check out the link for special reflections, retreats and Advent/Christmas related programs. In addition, there are special programs for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day including messages from the Pope at the Vatican and special editions of your favorite programs.

Please review our special programs by clicking on this link: [Advent Program](#)






The Missionary Family  
2018-19 Catholic Families Student Contest

Contest submissions accepted in:  
Art - Music - Writing - Video

Division I - Grades 4-8  
Division II - Grades 9-12



Pope Francis reminds us:  
"Christian families are missionary families... the salt of the earth  
and the light of the world... the leaven of society."

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With just over three weeks left in the year, I want to thank you for giving us the honor of broadcasting Catholic Radio to West Michigan for another year! With your support we have been able to provide a distinctive Catholic presence to West Michigan radio. Please keep us in mind as you are considering your end-of-year giving. We are a non-profit organization, so your gift is tax deductible!

I wish you and yours a blessed Advent as we await the incredible gift of our Lord and Savior.

May God bless you.

Vince Gale  
Executive Director  
Holy Family Radio



## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December:

" That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time. "



# EVENTS

## December 2018

**December 4: Once a Month Kitchen** - The holidays are coming! Jan Hendrick will lead an enjoyable evening working with gluten free flours and techniques to make cinnamon rolls. Classes are at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. More information at the Franciscan Life Process Center's website: [lifeprocesscenter.org](http://lifeprocesscenter.org).

**December 6: Unwrapping the Greatest Gift** - Is there a gift you hope to find year after year? Perhaps this is the year the delight of unwrapping your Christmas gift brings you the joy of your heart. Watch Pastor Roger Grandia unfold this message visually through a live chalk drawing and special lighting! The evening will begin with a dessert and coffee/tea, all provided by the Catholic Information Center. Invite your friends and family to this memorable evening! \$10 donation requested. Call the CIC offices at 616-459-7267.

**December 13: Sharing Faith Lessons with Children's Books** - Children's author, Glenys Nellist, discusses how storytelling and picture books can make faith come alive for the children in our lives. She will give examples of reading techniques and offer book suggestions that encourage conversations about God and faith, so kids can apply what they learn to their own lives. Registration required! Visit: [www.catholicinformationcenter.org](http://www.catholicinformationcenter.org).

**December 14: Called to Carmel** - Is God calling you to His garden - Carmel? The Called to Carmel Vocation Retreat is being held in the Provincial House at 1230 Kavanaugh Place, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, 53213 on December 14-16, 2018. Single Catholic women ages 18-35 are invited. Come and spend a weekend with us to experience and learn our life of prayer and apostolic works. You will join us for Holy Mass, Community Prayer, Confession, Spiritual Talks, and Recreation. Questions and reservations are made by email: [carmelcdjnorth@gmail.com](mailto:carmelcdjnorth@gmail.com) or by calling 414-453-4040.

**December 24 / 25: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** - consult your local bulletin's for Mass times.

**Note: Holy Family Radio will be closed December 24 thru January 1st for the holidays.** Donations made to Holy Family Radio for the 2018 tax year must be made prior to December 31st.

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