

## Notes from the Pastor

March 5, 2023



Dear Saint Lawrence Family,

In line with the intention behind the National Eucharistic Revival and upcoming Eucharistic Congress (hosted here in Indianapolis in 2024 by the way), our faith always calls us toward constant conversion toward Christ. We can only do this when we let Jesus be as He is - at the center of all things. The last several popes including Pope Francis and our own Archbishop Thompson frequently remind us of this. In fact, Archbishop Thompson's official motto is 'Christ the Cornerstone.'

In the United States, for a lot of complicated reasons, this message from the Second Vatican Council has not always come through clearly. There have been a number of measures, for instance, that were done at many parishes and dioceses supposedly 'in the spirit of Vatican II' that were actually not intended by Vatican II at all and are not supposed by the Vatican II documents. Thankfully, the last few decades have led to greater opportunities to unveil the true gifts of Vatican II in ways that are completely true to the documents our Church Magisterium produced through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Now, we at Saint Lawrence have an opportunity to unveil one of those true gifts: some of you may have heard that I am considering moving the tabernacle to the center of the church Sanctuary, directly behind the altar. That is true. And I would like to make that move at a very liturgically appropriate time. This Easter, starting with the Easter Vigil, we will begin to experience Jesus at the center of our lives in a deeper way, a way true to the core of the Church's existence ever since that first Holy Thursday in about 30 AD: Jesus will be at the center of the Sanctuary.

I will use the duration of Lent as a kind of preaching series to help prepare everyone theologically for this. Meanwhile, I am happy to help with any questions you may have, theological, practical, and otherwise.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Jimmy".