

ST. MARY'S PREP & ST. JP II LITURGICAL CENTER SPONSOR DETROIT HISTORIC CHURCH PILGRIMAGE



On Saturday, January 27th, 40 enthusiastic Orchard Lake Schools employees and friends embarked on an exciting pilgrimage to visit five magnificent historic Catholic churches in downtown Detroit. The pilgrimage began with a 9:00 AM Mass celebrated by Fr. Bernard Witek in our Shrine Chapel. Subsequently, tour participants boarded a bus bound for downtown Detroit. From beginning to end, the pilgrimage was religiously inspired to include Fr. Witek leading the recitation of the rosary on the way to Detroit and recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet on the way back to OLS.

The pilgrimage included the Catholic Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, Greektown's Old St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church, the Capuchin St. Bonaventure Catholic Church and Solanus Casey Center, and the

St. Joseph Catholic Shrine. Although every church visited was architecturally awesome and historically significant, perhaps the most spectacular and most beautifully and elaborately Christmas decorated was the Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church on Russell Street, one of the oldest and grandest Polish Catholic churches in Detroit.

Upon seeing these churches, one cannot help but feel awestruck at the obvious deep faith that the hundreds of thousands of immigrants to this area sacrificed, so much of their time and money, to build such magnificent edifices to honor God.

This pilgrimage was months in the making. It was a very harmonious combined effort between the Prep and Liturgical Center. Maysa Anwar, the Information Technology teacher at the Prep, conceived the idea last October, and asked Joe Majcher, Liturgical Center Chairman, if the Liturgical Center would agree to advertise and permit ticket sales for the pilgrimage bus tour on its website.

Special thanks to Fr. Witek and Maysa Anwar for organizing this special day. We're also grateful for the Prep faculty, Ashley Yenor and Hannah Kenrick, for assisting in the effort, and the student volunteers, parish representatives, and Solanus Casey Center staff and volunteers, all of whom so graciously made this experience so memorable for all who participated. We look forward to this opportunity again next year in addition to offering other collaborations between the Prep and the St. John Paul II Liturgical Center.



ATHLETES FOR CHRIST & 4th ANNUAL SR. JUDIE OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE

The Athletes for Christ group marked its 4th year of organizing the Annual Sister Judie Outreach Food Drive. The group spent a great deal of time preparing for this tradition and decided to make this year's drive