

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners:

It is always remarkable to me how Christmas brings out the best in people. For example, we had an excellent response to our Angel Giving Tree project which provides gifts for the poor. And this year many people have also responded very generously to support our local food pantries.

Of course, the charitable spirit need not be limited to Christmas time. I was reminded of this while watching a *Charlie Brown Christmas Special*. Since the creator of Charlie Brown, Charles Schulze, was a devout Christian, these shows always have a good Gospel message. In the show Charlie Brown thanks Lucy for her charitable attitude and asks why it is that people can't have the Christmas spirit all the time. Lucy responds by asking Charlie, "What are you some kind of a fanatic?"

As believers in Christ we are so blessed and yes, we should be "fanatical" in sharing the love and joy He gives us with others. If we only had greater faith in Him every day would be Christmas.

With my prayers,

Fr. Conley