

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie
November 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE

World Day of the Poor

*Every form of poverty, without exception,
calls us to experience the Gospel concretely
and to offer effective signs of hope.*

—Pope Leo XIV

The World Day of the Poor (November 16) was established by Pope Francis to encourage communities to care for the poor and reflect on their central place in the Gospel. (OSV News photo/courtesy of Catholic Charities)

Welcome to the *Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope* monthly newsletter. Join us each month for ways to stay connected and to celebrate this Holy Year.

CALLED TO CONNECT

*This month we celebrate the Jubilee of the Poor. We see the struggles of the poor every day. Individuals who find themselves not having funds to provide basic necessities for life. **The Jubilee reminds us that we are all called to serve the poor and vulnerable with love and humility.***

The Diocese of Erie is committed to Pope Leo's priority of caring for the poor, recognizing that our faith calls us to serve those most in need — for it is people who are our most important asset. The Good Samaritan Center in Clearfield was founded to address the lack of housing available for homeless men and to provide funding to help destitute families pay their bills. By removing the emotional burden and uncertainty of homelessness it allows the individual to overcome their problems and regain independence and self-respect again and become an asset for their community instead of a liability. The financial assistance we provide allows families to help stay in their home and to not become homeless.

***During the Jubilee as we reflect on the dignity and the rights of the impoverished, we are all reminded to be people of mercy.** We should all recognize God's need for his followers to show compassion and support to the poor and needy.*

Douglas K. Bloom | Chief Executive Officer, Good Samaritan Center, Clearfield



Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

According to the Scriptures Matthew 25:40



PRAYER

PRAYER TO OUR LADY BY ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Mary, mother of Jesus, give me your heart so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, love Him as you loved Him, and serve Him as you served Him in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS

Key dates:

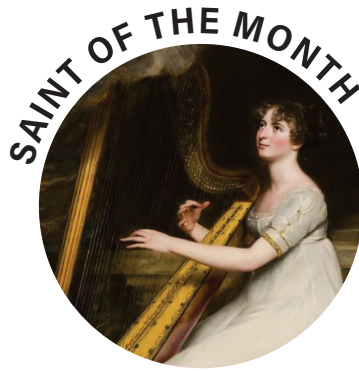
- **November 16** - Jubilee of the Poor
- **November 22-23** - Jubilee of Choirs

HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

Jubilee vocab: Hymn - A song of praise, prayer or petition we sing to God. When we sing hymns at Mass, we pray with our voices and hearts, joining together to thank and love God.

Luce is so excited about the **Jubilee of Choirs!** Music helps us praise God and share joy with others. This month, Luce has an idea to make a special reminder that **your voice is a gift from God.**

Find an empty paper towel tube and decorate it with bright paper, stickers or markers. You can even draw musical notes or little angels singing! Then, fill the tube with a few spoonfuls of rice or dried beans and cover both ends with paper secured by rubber bands. Shake it gently—you've made your very own **praise shaker!** Every time you play your instrument, remember to thank God for the gift of music.



St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and singers. Her deep devotion to God was expressed through song, bringing comfort even amid suffering.

FAITHFUL FACTS!

Did you know that the Catholic Church is the largest charitable organization in the world? Through thousands of missions, schools, hospitals and outreach programs, the church serves millions of people living in poverty every year. Catholic Relief Services alone works in more than 100 countries, providing food, education and emergency aid, all inspired by the church's call to see Christ in the poor.

LIVING THE MISSION

Many in our world today struggle with poverty, loneliness and the feeling of being forgotten. As disciples of Christ, we are called to see his face in those who suffer, and to respond with mercy and love. How is God calling you to bring the light of Christ to the poor and those on the margins, so that they too may know their dignity as children of God? This month, choose one concrete way to live that mission. How can you share your time, talents or treasure with those who need it most?

