**Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**

**December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016**

**Archdiocese of Indianapolis**

**Key Question:**

*What do we hope that our participation in this Jubilee of Mercy will accomplish within us and our archdiocese in an enduring way by the end of the Holy Year?*

* + **We hope to advance in our efforts to become *missionary disciples* of our Lord Jesus Christ and to invite others to join us in answering this call.** In light of this, these are *actions* (with a few specific examples) for which we will strive during the Jubilee of Mercy:

1. We will encourage each person to commit to receiving and showing mercy: personally, within our families and in our communities.
   * *Read/ reflect on The Church of Mercy by Pope Francis*
   * *Receive the Sacraments (Reconciliation and Holy Communion)*
   * *Pray as a family/volunteer as a family*
2. We will endeavor to live lives that more completely reflect what we pray for in the Lord’s Prayer.
   * *Lectio Divina on the text of the Our Father*
   * *Seek forgiveness – give forgiveness*
   * *Receive our daily bread – invite others to do the same*
3. We will strive to make a difference in the lives of those who experience material and/or spiritual poverty in our local and global communities.
   * *Weekly Holy Hour of Adoration for the material & spiritual needs of local and global community*
   * *Participate in the Archdiocesan Global Solidarity Ambassador Program*
   * *Volunteer with Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, other local charity*
   * *Participate in the Catholic Relief Services: Faith in Action Lenten Rice Bowl Program*
   * *Use the Lenten Reflection Guide based on Poverty at the Crossroads*
4. We will seek to be more compassionate toward people different than us or on the fringes of society through deeper engagement and encounter.
   * *Counter the Culture of Indifference – Reflect on: “Do I participate in indifference or am I a Good Samaritan?”*
   * *Use the corporal and spiritual works of mercy as a guide*
5. Those in positions of pastoral leadership in the archdiocese will strive to “lead by example” in their participation in the Holy Year.
6. We will be intentional about welcoming back Catholics who are away from the practice of their faith.
   * *Hold Q & A about the Catholic Faith – make it approachable, offer personal invitations*
   * *Hold prayer sessions at soup kitchens, food pantries – not just about providing food & for other material needs, but also for spiritual needs*
   * *Catholics Come Home ad campaign in archdiocesan and secular newspapers*

Calendar of Events

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| **Thursday, December 3, 2015**  Feast St. Francis Xavier, Priest, Principal Patron  *12 Noon Mass (SSPPC) [Eastern Time]*  *7:30 am Mass (SM) [Central Time]*  **Tuesday, December 8, 2015**  Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  *12 Noon Mass* | **Ceremonial Closing of the Holy Doors**  *Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis*  *Archabbey Church, St. Meinrad*  **Opening of the Holy Year of Mercy**  *Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis* |
| **Sunday, December 13, 2015**  Third Sunday of Advent  *10:30 am Mass (SSPPC) [Eastern Time]*  *9:30 am Mass (SM) [Central Time]* | **Official Opening of the Holy Doors**  *Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis*  *Archabbey Church, St. Meinrad* |

**Thursday, February 18, 2016 Clergy Workshop on Preaching**

*10:00 am to 2:00 pm*  **about The Sacrament of Penance**

Preparation for 3rd & 4th Sundays of Lent *Catholic Center*

**Sunday, February 28, 2016** **First weekend of Preaching about**

*Third Sunday of Lent*  **The Sacrament of Penance**

**Sunday, March 6, 2016** **Second weekend of Preaching about**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent* **The Sacrament of Penance**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**  Focus will be on "how to be a

*Day of Sanctification for Priests* better confessor"

*Fatima Retreat House 11:00 am to 7:00 pm*

**Friday, March 4 – Saturday, March 5, 2016** “**24 Hours for the Lord”**

Celebrated at the local level Suggestions will be provided.

**Monday, June 27, 2016** 150th anniversary of the Redemptorists

*Possible Pilgrimage to St. Louis, MO,* becoming caretakers and promoters of the

*around this date with Archbishop Tobin*  icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Saturday, October 8, 2016** **Archdiocesan event**-conference with prayer

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*St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus*

*9 a.m. - Noon* and Marian devotion(s). Location TBD

**Sunday, November 13, 2016** **Closing of the Holy Doors**

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*10:30 am Mass (SSPPC) [Eastern Time]* *Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis*

*9:30 am Mass (SM) [Central Time] Archabbey Church, St. Meinrad*

**Sunday, November 20, 2016** **Conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy**

*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,* *King of the Universe*

10:30 am Mass (SSPPC)

**Special Jubilees:**

A bulletin announcement and a petition for the Prayer of the Faithful will be utilized in the archdiocese on the weekends prior to the “special” jubilees of the Holy Year. Other Resources: <http://www.archindy.org/holyyearofmercy/>