



Advent Tea

*Hosted by the
The Ladies of Old St. Patrick
and the young ladies of the
American Heritage Girls*

*Saturday, December 3
11:00am - 1:00pm*

*Old St. Patrick Church
5671 Whitmore Lake Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105*

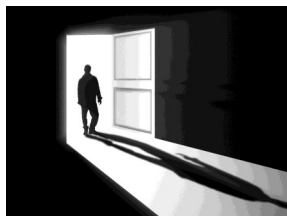
RSVP by Monday, November 28

to Beth Ganss at mitwins@hotmail.com or (248)486-3162

*Please bring a non-perishable
food items for the food pantry.*

Passing through the Door

One of my favorite movies is John Wayne's favorite movie, "The Searchers". Director John Ford uses a series of shots of people entering and leaving a settlers home through a doorway to frame the action and to show transitions in relationships and in the storyline. The final transition framed in the doorway is bittersweet. After completing his epic journey to find his niece, John Wayne's character, Ethan Edwards, successfully rescues his niece from trouble, is alone walking out through the door. The search, the journey was framed by many shifts



in emptiness from bitterness and hatred and despise and finally to love, relief and compassion.

But the search for the niece did not seem to be about the reestablishment of relationship.

Perhaps for some, the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and the close of the Holy Door is like that parting shot in The

Searchers. We have accomplished our goal. We have prayed for the Pope, sought reconciliation through penance and taken our pilgrimage. We frame our emotion and feel the transition through the Holy Door. What comes next?

In a very real sense the celebration this weekend of The Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe is a transition, a transition from one liturgical year to the next and a transi-

tion from the Jubilee Year of Mercy to an ordinary year. It is also the transition from "Ordinary Times" to the time in which we anticipate the coming of Christ into our lives in a very special way.

Unlike the character of Ethan Edwards who was left alone as he walked through the door having finished his search we begin again renewed by the grace of God's Mercy. The Jubilee Year of Mercy reminds us that God's great gift of salvation is undeserved. We receive forgiveness and love because of who God is and not because of anything we did to deserve it.

We have not finished our search. Let us use His great gifts to nourish on our own search, on our own journey to find and reconcile with the lost one's in our life and to bring them to the doorway of the Lord's open heart.



Advent Cookie Markt

to benefit Guadeloupe Workers



Calling all bakers, bread makers, and candy makers...please consider donating your Christmas baked goods to aid this pro-life organization and help moms and their babies. **The sale is Dec. 10-11.**

Drop off your baked goods beginning Friday Dec.10th in the Parish Hall or in the tent before the Masses.

Please stop by the tent for your Advent Cookie Markt selections.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Old St. Patrick Ladies Society