



Caring & Sharing

Dear St. James the Less Church,

I'm touched by this photograph, one of the few taken on Christmas Eve at in person church. Among all the hubbub required just to pull the pageant off on the second pandemic Christmas, we didn't think to assign a photographer. Still, the photo captures well a part of the key mission at St. James the Less: caring and sharing.

Look at all the caring and sharing in this picture: there are angels sharing the good news of Jesus's arrival. There are Mary and Joseph sharing their baby with the world, as God shared his only Son, Jesus. This photo shows a baby doll representing God come in human form to show us what divine care looks like. See the adult in the photo showing deep caring to a child in the role of an angel. The child's stepstool went missing at the last minute, and help was needed. The boy playing Joseph had to step in at the last minute to cover for another child who had originally been cast as Joseph but then had to quarantine on Christmas Eve.

This is St. James the Less. Caring and sharing. Filling in where necessary, seeing needs and meeting them. Helping others shine. Adults sharing the good news of God with the parish's children and youth, and in turn, the children sharing the good news of God with the adults. Caring for our land, for our neighbors, and for fellow Christians abroad. Sharing our gifts.

It's now time for more caring and sharing: not just time for more feel-good feelings, but time for making tangible financial pledges to keep this mission of Jesus going. The next scene in the Christmas Pageant brought the Star leading the Wise Ones, bearing their gifts, to the baby's crib. Wise ones at St. James the Less are those who understand that the money we each contribute, shared in collective, is enough to shine that bright light of God's divine care, to our corner of Northfield and beyond.

Please pledge, and give, generously!

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