



Joy, hope, prosperity, and cheer – traditional, time-honored sentiments for Christmas and New Year holiday celebrations. “Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day,” wrote Henri Nouwen, priest, professor, writer, and theologian.

An intentional focus on joy during the holiday season reminds us to live life more fully, to connect more genuinely, and

to care more deeply throughout the coming year.

In their four years of theological studies St. Michael’s students are encouraged to find authentic joy in their own lives as they reflect, explain, and expand upon how Christ calls us to live as disciples and servant-leaders.

Author G.K. Chesterton once noted that “Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian.”

Why would that be so? “Because” as speaker and author

Fr. Mike Schmitz writes, “true joy is not illusory or conditional. True joy is based on a foundation outside of the individual. It is the abiding and pervasive sense of well-being.”

As we head into a new year with fresh hope, along with our community, we take time to appreciate the everyday gifts and small joys. Through the last few years we have all been reminded of what a true gift it is to look forward to reunions and festive,

relaxed gatherings with family and friends. Cooking, baking, decorating all become more enjoyable, and that pickup game, caroling, or family dinner more poignant in light of feeling truly joyful.

St. Michael’s Catholic Academy wishes West Austin News readers and our own extended community much joy this holiday season with all the love and warmth of the spirit of the season.



Wishing our community

**joy, peace, and**

**continued blessings**

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Pictured above right are the Jabour “Twins” at Jabour’s Package Store in the 1940s. In February of 1982, present-day third-generation sibling owners and operators, David Jabour and Margaret Jabour, took the family business into their hands and began operating a small 700-square-foot liquor store at the corner of 7th and Red River in downtown Austin. This store was named “Twin Liquors” in honor of Theodore Jabour, who was one of the original twins of Jabour’s Package Store.



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