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Morning Briefing

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Supreme Court lacks interest in Catholic Worker's free speech argument

Minn. archdiocese to reveal accused priests' names -- The archdiocese said 92 parishes have had at least one accused priest assigned to them at some point. That's nearly half of the 188 parishes in the archdiocese.

Fast-food strikes return amid push for wage hikes

OPINION: Pope Francis Is the Catholic Church's Obama - God Help Us by Adam Shaw

Francis gives other denominations a case of 'pope envy?'

Wagin, Australia -- **St. Joseph Catholic Parish held its annual Christmas barbecue after a 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday.** The event was made possible by Father Matt, who changed the normal Mass time to allow for the barbecue lunch to follow the Mass.

Did you see the competing columns on priestly celibacy? NYT's Bill Keller wrote about it: **Sex and the Single Priest.** Jesuit Fr. Jim Martin replied: **Beware: Non-Celibates Writing about Celibacy**

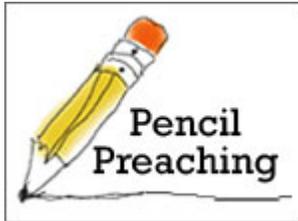
The Group of 8 Cardinals meeting -- **Vatican: Cardinals' group expects curial reform to be long process**

Archbishop Pietro Parolin, who took over as the Vatican's secretary of state Oct. 15, speaks to press, **says change will come to his office**

Zimbabwe's bishops say country more polarized than before elections

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