



My Dear Parishioners,

Praise be Jesus Christ! With the arrival of August, we have to bid adieu to Ryan, our seminarian. He leaves us this weekend for some well-deserved time off prior to returning to St. Charles Seminary. I'm grateful to Ryan for his being with us during this Pandemic Summer. Over the course of these two months, Ryan reached out to parishioners via phone calls and visits; his Adult Education Series on Fridays provided an opportunity for parishioners to learn of his travels and love for the faith. His column in the bulletin and his reflections on YouTube showed forth his creative love for the Church. Ryan will return to us for the Thursdays during the school year and God-willing will be ordained a deacon this coming May. Our prayers for him and all seminarians studying this year at St. Charles Seminary.

Usually at this point of the year, we have a Mission Co-op Sunday with a missionary priest visiting us from a foreign country and sharing his particular work in the Mission Field of the Church. This year, because of the pandemic, the priest scheduled to visit us is unable to be here, but a close friend of his, Dr. Joseph Woodring is here and will be with us next weekend. We welcome him next week to our parish as he speaks about the JESUS IN THY NEIGHBOR MINISTRY.

Five months now into this pandemic time, we are getting used to a new-normal. Planning is underway for the Fall Activities with all the CDC precautions and requirements in place. This includes all our normal activities of Adult Faith Formation, Parish Religious Education Program as well as our Socials and Activities. In the coming weeks, more details will be made known but I'm grateful to all our parishioners for their charity to others and their patience in this time. Our Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils as well as Building/Facilities Committee are set to begin meeting this month as the Mission of our parish continues to advance. This year a few new things are already on the horizon:

- 1) Parishioners Jeannie Astifan, Ed Zaloga and David Bolten will all join us as new members on our Parish Pastoral Council. I thank them for their willingness to represent our parish in this role.
- 2) Development of our Family Formation Team.
- 3) Just in time for the new social distancing guidelines for our parish gatherings, a new kitchenette is being installed in our parish school building. Just outside the first floor meeting room, this new area allows for a greater use of our meeting space to include food/drink/ sink/microwave and fridge.

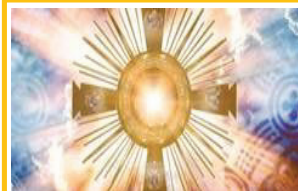
May God be with us in this coming year.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of August 2, 2020 for Margaret Lutz, requested by Carl and Frances Tuinstra.



First Friday Adoration

After a pandemic postponement, our First Friday Adoration makes a return this week, August 7 at 7-8:30 in the Church.

All are welcome for this time of Praise, Worship, Contemplation and Devotion.

The affairs of God are accomplished little by little and almost imperceptibly. The Spirit of God is neither violent nor hasty.

St. Vincent De Paul

JESUS IN THY NEIGHBOR MISSIONARY APPEAL



Jesus in Thy Neighbor cares for the lives of poor children by providing them daily food, education, medicine when needed, caring for disabled children and spreading the belief that disability is not inability. They also provide

homes for leper families and increase the growth of bore-holes and spring water development so that the poor communities can enjoy the basic need of having potable water, and will continue to work relentlessly with the various projects to care for the lives of the poor.

Speak to Him often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears-of everything that concerns you.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori