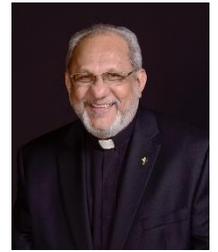


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Beloved People of God,

By the time you receive this communication I think most of you will be back from your well-deserved summer holiday trips, feeling refreshed and relaxed. I hope you can now take advantage of the renewed energy that vacation leaves you with and engage with the world in a more thoughtful, productive, and constructive way. At the same time, we cannot forget the reality that we are still in the time of a global pandemic. When it comes to the coronavirus pandemic, I keep repeating baseball legend Yogi Berra's wise advice that "It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future." That leaves us with only one option provided by the CDC and other authorized sources: to continue to follow the scientific recommendations to protect ourselves and others. As far as our parish is concerned, we have been following safety protocols from the start. Now we are gradually reintroducing past practices that were part and parcel of our faith-community life, while at the same time continuing to consider safety as our priority.

As we look ahead there are some important events coming up as well as some concerns I would like to share with you.

Parish Picnic on September 19. Preparations are underway for the long-awaited Parish Picnic. Do not miss this opportunity for us to gather as a parish community in order to relax with God and one another. The success of this event will depend on your cooperation with the sale of Raffle Tickets and your participation in other activities.

Parish Religious Education Classes 2021-2022. With the celebration of Catechetical Sunday on September 26, we will begin our Sunday Religious Education Program. Words cannot express the importance of the handing over of faith to our children. I strongly believe that Religious Education as taught in the schools will only accomplish the bare minimum in forming our children in faith. That is why I request that parents enroll your school age children in the Parish Religious Education Program, regardless of whether they attend a Catholic or public school.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. This will take place every Sunday during the 10:00AM Mass beginning October 3.

School Year 2021-2022. Our school will reopen on August 25 for another academic year. Despite all the uncertainties due to the pandemic, we hope to have a normal year ahead. Our school is gearing up to face any eventuality. I would like to wish the principal, the faculty and the administration all God's blessings for this scholastic year. I offer a special word of welcome to any newcomers among the staff and students.

Live Streaming of Mass at 10:00AM every Sunday. We have been successfully live-streaming the 10:00 AM Mass for the last several months. Thanks to Jim Radetski and John Hyland who are behind this work, with their good will and commitment. Each live-streamed Mass can also be accessed later, for up to a week. Both the "live" and recorded versions can be viewed simply by going to the parish website

and clicking on an icon. Details of how to access this is found in our parish bulletin. Please help our sick and the homebound to make the best use of it.

Need of more Liturgical Volunteers. This is one of our chief concerns at this moment. I am appealing to all of our former Liturgical Ministers to be available once again as you were in the past. I understand how the few who are now active can be overwhelmed because their turns come too often. The Lord exhorts us with the words; "Harvest is plentiful, but laborers are few." We need **you** to be our Volunteers and Liturgical Ministers.

Pallottine's 100 Years of Ministry in Milwaukee. The occasion will be marked by a solemn celebration of the Holy Mass presided over by Archbishop Jerome ListECKI on Saturday, October 16 at 4:00PM in the St. Vincent Pallotti Church (west). We take this opportunity to express our gratitude for their esteemed leadership in our parish and pray for God's abundant blessings on their future endeavors.

As I conclude, let me thank all of you: our generous volunteers, liturgical ministers, various councils, commissions, and the parish staff who do a tremendous job behind the scenes. A special word of thanks to all who contribute financially and with prayers for the growth of our parish. I promise to pray for all of you, especially for those who are sick and homebound. I request your daily prayers for me to continue to serve you in the Lord. Let's hope and pray that the pain of the pandemic will soon be history and that we will soon be able to come together in full strength and freedom. Until then, take care and stay healthy.

God bless you all,

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