

August 26, 2016

Dear Members and Friends of St. Joseph Church,

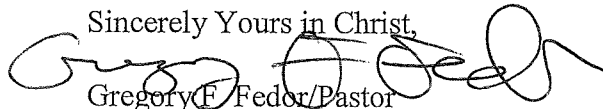
I hope each of you is in good health and you are enjoying the blessings of summer. As we face September, I am surprised how quickly time has elapsed. We are in the midst of new beginnings in many areas of our lives. The 2016-17 School Year is starting: That means teachers and school personnel are busy at work and the students are leaving vacation behind and "hitting the books." Our new Early Childhood Learning Center begins on September 1 with a Parent meeting. This is a very exciting development for our parish. Fall sports are underway; especially my favorite one that involves "pigskin." There are many reasons for excitement, optimism and high expectations.

The following is a highlighting of some of the activities this September:

- 1 St, Joseph Parish Night at the Scrappers game.
- 3-4 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be this weekend, due to the visiting Missionary the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of September.
- 8 The Mass of Anointing of the Sick begins at 4:30 pm. Soup and Sandwiches follow Mass.
  - The Parish Council will meet at 6:30 pm in Lyons Hall.
- 10-11 A Missionary Priest from India will preside at the Masses this weekend!
  - CCD begins!
- 13 Bible Study with Deacon Jerry at 9:30 am every Tuesday, unless noted.
- 14 Celebrate Begins!
- 17-18 3:00-6:30 pm Photos for the Directory on Saturday.  
The Knights of Columbus will have their delicious Hoagies and Sausage Sandwich Dinner after the 4:30 Mass. They will also be showing the OSU vs OU game on the big screen!  
10:30 am -1:00 pm Photos for the Directory on Sunday
- 18 Our new program, "Growing Families" will begin after the 8:30 am Mass!
- 21 The Women of Faith Meeting will begin at 9:30
- 25 A Meeting for the Parents of our Confirmation Candidates will begin after the 8:30 am Mass.
- 30 The last day for purchasing tickets for the St. Joseph Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner that will be held on Saturday, October 8.

As a parish we have a wonderful future together. I encourage each of you to consider how well you are using your own time, talent, and treasure as a steward of God's gifts. Praying that God blesses each of you with the rich harvest you need, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Gregory F. Fedor/Pastor