

April 27, 2018

Dear Members and Friends of St. Joseph Parish,

Happy Easter! I greet you this way as a reminder that we are called to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection throughout the Fifty Day Season of Easter. We will continue our focus on the gift of Easter until Pentecost Sunday, May 20. With our beautiful Easter decorations it is easy to be thankful to God.

By accepting God's blessings with gratitude, we are called to be faithful stewards of all that is entrusted to us. Throughout the Easter Season and the entire year, we are called to share our gifts and live out our baptismal calling.

1. Please come to the Pancake and Sausage breakfast on Sunday, April 29, after the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses. We are honoring Deacon Jerry Savo for his 30 years of service as an ordained Deacon and his retirement from active ministry here at St. Joseph Church. The Parish Life Committee is sponsoring this event as a Thank You to Deacon Jerry and his family.
2. The CCD school year ends on Sunday, April 29. May God bless our students and their families! I look forward to seeing them at Mass throughout the summer!
3. The Parish Mission will be held on Sunday, April 29, and Monday, April 30. The Mission will take place in the Social Hall beginning at 6:00 pm each evening.
4. We are celebrating First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 5 at the 4:30 Mass. I hope you recall the day and festivities that surrounded your own First Communion. Please include our First Communicants and their families in your prayers.
5. Wednesday, May 16, the Parish Council and the Planning Committee will meet in the Blue Room at 6:30 pm.
6. Wednesday, May 23, Our Lady of the Lakes Parish will celebrate a Mass of Anointing at St. Catherine Church in Lake Milton at 4:30 pm.
7. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Festival begins on Wednesday, May 30. Please pray for good weather for our neighboring parish!
8. For your planning consideration, the Parish Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 4-8. Mrs. Jennifer Hlasta, one of our ECLC (preschool) teachers, will be heading this program with assistance from Mrs. Linda Landers, our CCD Coordinator.

Praying that our loving God continues to bless you in countless ways, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ's love,

Rev. Gregory F. Fedor, Pastor