

August 30, 2018

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 2018-19 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 Early Childhood Learning Center continues to grow as 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:

- 4-7 The priests of the Diocese will meet for Retreat at Villa Maria.
- 8-9 Beginning this weekend, I will offer a very brief introduction to the various parts of our celebration of the Eucharist before each weekend liturgy. This brief instruction is one of the results of our Parish Survey and the work of the Parish Planning Committee. If there are specific topics you would like me to address, please contact the rectory.
- 9 CCD BEGINS!
- 10 The Divorce Care Program will begin at 6:30 pm in the Blue Room.
- 11 Bible Study with Tom Sauline begins at 9:30 am every Tuesday, unless noted.
- 12 Celebrate Begins! This November we will have our first ever Celebrate Reunion for all who have participated in this important retreat experience from its founding. More information will follow.
- 16 The Growing Families Program will begin after the 9:30 am Mass. The theme for the year is “Listening to God’s Call.” This program is open to all parishioners.
- 20 A Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at 4:30 pm. A light supper of soup and sandwiches sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be shared following the Mass.
- 23 A Meeting for the Parents of our Confirmation Candidates will begin after the 9:30 am Mass in the Blue Room.

As a community of faith, 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