

April 26, 2019

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, June 9. 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. The CCD school year ends on Sunday, April 28. May God bless our students and their families! I look forward to seeing them at Mass throughout the summer!
2. The Parish Mission will be held on Sunday, April 28, and Monday, April 29. The Mission will take place in the Social Hall beginning at 6:00 pm each evening.
3. We are celebrating First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4, 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.
4. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 pm. Candidates from Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of the Lakes, and St. Mary, Mineral Ridge, will be confirmed with our young people. Please pray for our Confirmandi and their families.
5. Thursday, May 9, the Parish Planning Committee will meet in the Blue Room at 6:30 pm.
6. For your planning consideration, the Parish Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 10-14. 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