



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR PARISH FAMILY

Well, it has certainly been a busy month of July!

Please pray for the repose of the souls of both JoAnna Grzemkowski, and Claire Budry whose funeral Masses were offered at St. Elizabeth this past week. Also, please pray for the consolation of their families during this time of loss.

Vacation Bible School was this week as well. Every night we had a great group of kids! Thank you to Lou Pierce and the awesome team of helpers. Special thanks to Pastor and Mrs. Senge and the folks from Christ Lutheran. It was a huge success!

FINALLY SETTLED IN

It seems like it's taken forever, and my back is certainly thanking me. I'm finally not only moved in, but settled in. Aside from a couple of "what in the world is this" boxes, I'm unpacked. And about half of my clothes is in drawers and closets. The other half is for the winter - which I hope is mild and short.

The good news is that Reese feels like 'home,' and it's been that way since I arrived. Thank you for your continued warm welcome and your patience with your new priest.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

I keep meeting (and re-meeting) people as I try to piece together all of the relationships and names and faces. Please keep reminding me as my brain

works to assimilate all of this new information.

On the back of this month's newsletter is a family tree of my own family. I'm the middle kid, with all that that entails, or maybe not.

CONFESSION

Fr. Jose left me an awesome luxury confessional. It has lots of nice features. I moved the times for confession up 15 minutes so that I wasn't rushing to get ready before Mass. I hope that hasn't messed up anyone's weekend schedule. Confessions are from 4:00 to 4:30 pm on Saturday, and 8:00 to 8:30 am on Sunday.

St. Alphonsus Liguori admonished priests to be a Lion in the pulpit and a Lamb in the confessional. I promise not to bite ... or to bleat!

WELCOME

These past few weeks I've met a lot of very nice folks from Munger, Saginaw, Essexville, and Bay City who are shopping around for a parish as people work things out with the recent realignments in the diocese.

Please considering inviting folks to make St. Elizabeth their parish home. In my short time here, I've found the parish to be welcoming and friendly.

BLESSINGS

Last year at a priest's conference one of the speakers exhorted the priest attendees to make sure to use our power of blessing as often as possible.

I've incorporated that into the Mass by always using the Solemn Form of the final blessing on weekends.

Also, if you are going into the hospital, or have a chronic illness; or if you're healthy and going on a trip, if it's your anniversary or birthday, or if you just need a spiritual boost - I'm happy to give you a special blessing after Mass. Just stop and ask.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

I am the first priest in 20 years that is assigned 100% to St. Elizabeth parish. While that is good news, the bad news is that we have to cover 100% of the cost in salary, benefits, and expenses. I promise to be thrifty, and to always give you my very best. Your help in this is appreciated.

MISCELLANEOUS

Please know that it is never a 'bother' for me to visit the sick or the homebound. And while I am on a special diet for diabetes, it's simple: no sugar, no starch. Simply put, it means meat and green things. I can always find time to visit and get to know you!

Please pray for each other and for me. As a parish family, it's important that we support each other in prayer.

Priests promise to pray the Divine Office every day for their parishioners; and you are always in my prayers!

See you around town, and in Church! God bless you!

Fr. David



The Jenuwine Family Tree

