



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## DEAR PARISH FAMILY

I was thinking we were finally getting close to summer, and then it drops into the 30s again! Although, the weather has been pleasant, we're having a rather cool spring.

## PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Jesionowski. His funeral was last week. We offer our condolences to Sally and their family. Please pray for them as they mourn.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The fundraising for our sidewalk, driveway, and handicapped parking project has slowed down a bit. We are to the point where we can make a down payment, but we still need your help if we are going to be able to pay in full. Construction starts June 15!

If you haven't been able to make a contribution as of yet, please consider doing so. Even if you are young and spry, the sidewalks and driveway are crumbling after 40 years. Please help us make our goal

## MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the third Friday after Pentecost. There are many liturgical and devotional activities connected to the Sacred Heart throughout the Church

Viewed in the light of Scriptures, the Sacred Heart of Jesus denotes the whole mystery of Christ: Son of God,

uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The Sacred Heart of Christ shows the infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

The last ten days have seen multiple graduation ceremonies. First our pre-schoolers graduated. This past Wednesday saw our Kindergarten graduation. This weekend our Masses are for 8th grade and 12th grade graduates.

Whether you are in school or out of school, you never stop learning. Eleanor Roosevelt said that when you stop learning you stop living. So, remember to learn something new every day!

## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Starting next weekend, our Mass schedule will include a 7:00 am early Sunday Mass for farmers, workers, and travelers. This is in addition to our usual Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am Masses.

During the week, we will have daily Mass on Thursday at 8:30 am through the end of July. In August we will resume daily Mass on both Wednesday and Thursday. And in September, we will have our usual 3 weekday Masses on Tuesday through Thursday.

## DEBT RETIREMENT

Someone asked me why we have a spot on the envelopes labelled for

debt retirement when we don't have a mortgage. The reason is because Sunday collections don't always meet our budgeted needs. Please help us pay our past-due bills and our employee's salaries and benefits!

## FATHER'S DAY

Next Sunday is Father's Day. Please join us as we pray for all Fathers – living, deceased, and for all future fathers.

## VOCATIONS AND SEMINARIANS

This past Thursday, two seminarians came to speak with our students at the school. Please pray for seminarians and those discerning vocations. It is a long road toward ordination – requiring a bachelors and masters degree, as well as pastoral training and internships. And don't forget to pray for bishops, priests, deacons, religious and all who serve our Church.

## THANK YOU

As we wrap up the school year and the fiscal year, we extend our thanks to everyone who made all the wonderful things that happened possible. Employees, volunteers, parishioners, and visitors. Thank you! God bless you!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Please pray for me and for each other! Summer vacation is not a vacation from God. Prayer and Mass are year-round opportunities to grow in your faith!

*Fr. David*



# A HISTORY OF THE SACRED HEART DEVOTION

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh; he asked for acts of reparation, for frequent Communion, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour.

When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, she did not base her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine - it is the Heart of God.

There are two things that must always be found together in the devotion to the Sacred Heart: Christ's Heart of flesh and Christ's love for us. True devotion to the Sacred Heart means devotion to the Divine Heart of Christ insofar as His Heart represents and recalls His love for us.

In honoring the Heart of Christ, our homage lingers on the Person of Jesus in the fullness of His love. This love of Christ for us was the moving force of all he did and suffered for us -- in Nazareth, on the Cross, in giving Himself in the Blessed Sacrament, in His teaching and healing, in His praying and working. When we speak of the Sacred Heart, we mean Je-

sus showing us His Heart, Jesus all love for us and all lovable.

Jesus Christ is the incarnation of God's infinite love. The Human Nature which the Son of God took upon Himself was filled with love and kindness that has never found an equal.

He is the perfect model of love of God and neighbor.

Every day of His life was filled with repeated proofs of "Christ's love that surpasses all knowledge" (Eph 3:19). Jesus handed down for all time the fundamental feature of His character: "Take My yoke upon your shoulders and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of Heart" (Mt 11:29). He invited all, refusing none, surprising friends and rivals by His unconditional generosity.

The meaning of love in the life of Jesus was especially evident in His sufferings. Out of love for His Father He willed to undergo the death of the Cross. "The world must know that I love the Father and do just as the Father has commanded Me" (Jn 14:31).

The love that Jesus bore toward us also urged Him to undergo the death of the Cross. At the Last Supper, He said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13)

The Heart of Jesus never ceases to love us in heaven. He sanctifies us through the Sacraments. These are inexhaustible fountains of grace and holiness which have their source in the boundless ocean of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

