



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR PARISH FAMILY

Has spring finally come? I just spent ten days helping out at San Pedro parish in North Port, Florida. Down there the temperature was almost always double what Michigan had to offer. While I don't know if I can take credit for bringing warmer temperatures back with me, I hope we can put winter behind us for another 6 or 8 months.

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES

Please pray for Marie Stein. I anointed her on Holy Thursday, and she passed away just before Easter Weekend. Please remember her in your prayers, and please pray for the consolation of her family and loved ones as they mourn.

MOVING FORWARD

We received approval from the diocese to start the repair of our sidewalks, and add handicapped parking, improved ramp access, and lighting at the front of our church building.

I sent out an appeal letter asking for your financial support so that we can move forward with this project.

We hope to start once school has let out. Your help is very important to the success of this endeavor, so, please help in whatever way you can!

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary. On May 1, we had a May Crowning with our school students.

Another event honoring Our Lady is the annual May Rosary Triduum in Bay City. It will be at St. Stanislaus on May 17, 18, 19 at 7:00 pm.

On the back of this letter is an outline for praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary according to St. Louis Mary de Montfort.

He was a 17th century French priest whose writings are considered the first modern codifications of Marian Theology and Devotions. He was canonized in 1947 by Pope Pius XII.

During the month of May, please consider making the Rosary part of your daily prayers.

VERY PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS

While I was away, I missed out on the sports banquet for our school athletes. Congratulations to all of them. It was a lot of fun watching you play during the year. Thank you to all of the volunteers and helpers whose efforts allow our school to have a sports program.

On Friday, May 1, our 8th graders participated at the Cathedral at a special Mass for Catholic School students who are graduating from 8th grade. Bishop Cistone presided, and I had the opportunity to concelebrate.

FIRST COMMUNION

Next week our students who were confirmed by the bishop two weeks ago will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 9 at the 5:00 evening Mass. Please pray for these

children as they prepare to receive Jesus Christ, in His Most Sacred Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Please join us on Sunday, May 10 at the 10:00 am Mass as we pray for all Mothers – living, deceased, and for those who are expecting.

Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, after a three-year campaign by Anna Jarvis to create a special holiday honoring all mothers.

By the 1920s, candy and greeting cards were the most popular gifts – much to the disappointment of Anna Jarvis, who wanted the holiday to be of a more personal nature.

Whether you give a card or candy, make a phone call, say a prayer, or send an email or a tweet – make sure to show your love for your mother.

MEMORIAL DAY

On Monday, May 25 at 9:00 am, we will have a special Mass for Memorial Day on our cemetery grounds (bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on). In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held in the church.

Memorial Day commemorates those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives while serving in our nation's armed forces.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH

Please pray for me and for each other! God bless you!

Fr. David



ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT: THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

OPENING PRAYER

I unite with all the saints in heaven, with all the saints in Heaven, with all the just on earth and with all the faithful here present. I unite with Thee, O my Jesus, in order to praise worthily Thy holy Mother and to praise Thee in her and through her. I renounce all the distractions I may have during this Rosary, which I wish to say with modesty, attention and devotion, just as if it were to be the last of my life.

We offer Thee, O most Holy Trinity, this Creed in honor of all the mysteries of our Faith; this Our Father and these 3 Hail Marys in honor of the unity of Thy Essence and the Trinity of Thy Persons. We ask of Thee a lively faith, a firm hope and an ardent charity. Amen.

Apostles' Creed, Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be to the Father.

1. The Annunciation

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this first decade in honor of Thine Incarnation in Mary's womb, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through her intercession, a profound humility. Amen.

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be to the Father, O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Annunciation come down into our souls. Amen.

2. The Visitation

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this second decade in honor of the Visitation of Thy holy Mother to her cousin St. Elizabeth and the sanctification of St. John the Baptist, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, charity toward our neighbor. Amen.

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be to the Father, O my Jesus.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Visitation come down into our souls. Amen.

3. The Nativity

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this third decade in honor of Thy Nativity in the stable of Bethlehem, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and

through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, detachment from the things of the world, contempt of riches and love of poverty. Amen.

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be to the Father, O my Jesus.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Nativity come down into our souls. Amen.

4. The Presentation in the Temple

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this fourth decade in honor of Thy Presentation in the Temple and the Purification of Mary, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, purity of body and soul. Amen.

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be to the Father, O my Jesus.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Presentation in the Temple come down into our souls. Amen.

5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this fifth decade in honor of Mary's finding Thee in the Temple, and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through her intercession, the gift of true wisdom. Amen.

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be to the Father, O my Jesus.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Finding of Our Lord in the Temple come down into our souls. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Hail Mary, beloved Daughter of the Eternal Father, admirable Mother of the Son of God, faithful Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Temple of the most Holy Trinity! Hail, sure refuge of sinners, Our Lady of Mercy, who hast never refused any request. Sinful though I am, I cast myself at thy feet and beseech thee to obtain from Jesus, thy beloved Son, contrition and pardon for all my sins, as well as the gift of divine wisdom. I consecrate myself entirely to thee with all that I have. I choose thee today for my spiritual mother. Listen to the sighs of my heart that desires to love and serve God faithfully. O Immaculate Virgin Mary, defend me, nourish me, hear me, teach me, and pray for me. Amen.

