



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DEAR PARISH FAMILY

October has come and gone! We are less than a week away from November.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the families who helped spread mulch to refresh our playground. An ENORMOUS thank you to Lara Wagner and all of the helpers for the Soup Supper. It was a rousing success!

Thank you, as well, to those folks behind the scenes who make everything we do at St. Elizabeth possible. Our staff, our teachers, and our volunteers are an indispensable part of the parish and contribute to our mission to spread the Gospel.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Some years when Holy Days of Obligation fall on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation associated with the holy day is waived. This year, the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1, is one of those days.

We will have Mass at 8:30 am, Saturday, November 1 for All Saints Day. However, this is not the same as Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass. The Saturday morning Mass will only count for All Saints Day.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

November is the month when we remember the Faithful Departed - especially our own beloved dead. If you want to remember a deceased family member or friend with a photo, a dis-

play will be set up in the back of the church for the duration of the month.

Sunday, November 2, is the Feast of All Souls. We will be commemorating all who have died in the past year at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. For those families concerned, you should contact the parish office to have someone to hold the candle during the ceremony.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Earlier this month, I blessed and used a chalice that was donated by Tony and Dolores Kern in memory of their deceased sons. This new chalice will be used at special Masses throughout the year. Thank you Tony and Dolores for your generosity.

Memorial gifts are a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one as well as to support the parish's needs. As we remember our departed during November, please consider the possibility of a memorial gift in memory of a deceased loved one.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING

Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm we will join with area church pastors for an evening of scripture, prayer, and music to give thanks to God for our blessings throughout the year.

WELCOME FRIENDS

I continue to meet people who find themselves 'between parishes' at weekend Masses. Please consider making St. Elizabeth your parish home either temporarily or permanently.

For anyone visiting St. Elizabeth, we're happy to have you! Thank you for worshipping with us!

AROUND SCHOOL

This past month, I've been interviewed by the school Media Class, gave a dramatic reading of *The Book With No Pictures*, found myself up in a tree without a paddle, learned how to bake corn cakes, taught a brief class on Japanese, and played various sports in the gym with our students.

We have a real gem with our Little Bloomers Program, Pre-School, and Area Catholic School. I've spoken with other pastors across the diocese who want to learn the secret to our success!

BLESSINGS

If you are scheduled to go into the hospital, have a chronic illness; if it's your birthday or anniversary; if you're traveling; or if you just need a spiritual shot in the arm - I'm always available to give a special blessing after Mass. Just stop and ask. For the homebound who might want a home visit, please contact the parish office, and I'll do my best to come by during the month.

MISCELLANEOUS

Please pray for each other and for me. We need to pray daily to foster our relationship with God, but we also pray to support each other.

God bless you for your generous gifts of prayer, as well as time, talent and treasure.

Fr. David

