

From the Desk of Father David Jenuwine

Dear Parish Family,

Has it already been one year? Where did the time go? As most of you know, this is my last Mass as Sacramental Minister at Holy Family. Next weekend, I'll be at my new assignment at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Reese as the Parochial Administrator. This is a step up for me from worker bee to management. My year at Holy Family has been a great blessing for me, and I feel especially blessed to have met all of you and been part of your lives for these past 365 days. I am certainly going to miss everyone!

The good news is that I've been packing. I have books and bookshelves, desks and typewriters, computers and clothes to move. Some of it I've staged in the garage at St. Elizabeth, and the rest is waiting in my suite at the Cathedral. The summer should be mostly calm, and in the fall the excitement begins when school opens. It's been three years since I've been at a parish with a school, and I'm looking forward to the joyful chaos that comes with having a parish school.

I want to extend a great big "Thank you!" to everyone who has sent me

greeting cards, gift cards, gifts, as well as the many kind words spoken to me one-on-one. I've tried, unsuccessfully, to keep up with sending Thank You cards. So, I pray this will suffice. God bless you! Fr. David



July is the month of the Most Precious Blood. The Blood of Christ is precious because it is Christ's own great ransom paid for the redemption of humanity. Jesus not only offered his life for the salvation of the world, but gave up his own life - poured out his blood for the sake of all humanity, regardless of religion or belief, atoning for every form of human sin.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel - July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid 13th centuries. They built a chapel in the midst of their hermitages which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the place." Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is the patron saint of Chile.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been related with Purgatory from centuries ago. In some cases, she is shown accompanied with angels and souls wearing Brown Scapulars, who plead for her mediation.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel was seen in the apparitions at Fatima to Lucia dos Santos during the miracle of the sun and also appeared to St. Simon Stock to whom she gave the Brown Scapular.

Today, the Carmelites encourage

devotion to Mary's prayerful assistance for souls beyond death, especially her aid to those who devoutly wear the Brown Scapular, and commend devotion to Mary on Saturdays.



Farewell Blessing

All powerful and loving God, you extend your mercy toward those who love you and are never far away from those who seek You. Remain with us on our holy pilgrimage and guide our way in accordance with Your will. Shelter us with Your protection by day, give us the light of Your grace by night and bring us safely to our destinations. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

-Amen.

My new address is: 12835 E. Washington Rd.Reese, MI 48757



Blessed Junipero Serra - July 1

Miguel Jose Serra was born on the island of Majorca on November 24, 1713, and took the name of Junipero when in 1730, he entered the Franciscan Order. Ordained in 1737, he taught philosophy and theology at the University of Padua until 1749. At the age of thirty-seven, he landed in Mexico City on January 1, 1750, and spent the rest of his life working for the conversion of the peoples of the New World. He founded twenty-one missions and converted thousands of Indians. The converts were taught sound methods of agriculture, cattle raising, and arts and crafts. In 1784, worn out by his apostolic labors, Father Serra was called to his eternal rest. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988. His statue, representing the state of California, is in National Statuary Hall.