

From The Pastor's Desk – Week of September 5th, 2021

It is hard to believe that when one sees this, Labor Day 2021 has passed, and we are into the ninth month of the calendar year. Wow! School is well underway, days are growing shorter, and the harvest season is quickly approaching. It will be Christmas before we know it.

Two weeks ago, at St. Maria Goretti, we said goodbye to Nancy Robison, our parish secretary for 26 years and 3 months. We wished her well in her next chapter of life. Thanks to all who helped with her retirement party and for those who were able to attend her reception. It was a good send off for a job well done by Nancy

I am glad to introduce the new secretary at St. Maria Goretti, Laurie Bonjour. She has been training alongside Nancy for a couple of months and is learning (and there is a lot to learn) every day and excited to be part of the parish. At one time, she was involved with the parish Social Concerns Committee and many may recognize her. We welcome her aboard and will support her.

We had a very successful Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) last year with both parishes surpassing their respective goals and receiving a rebate. Good job! Now, the ADA is upon us once again starting this weekend. The theme for this year's ADA is "All in the Name of Jesus". It is derived from the scripture passage from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:17; "Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Jesus Christ must remain the very heart and soul of everything we, as Catholic Christians, know and believe. Your support of the ADA is your faithful response to Jesus alive in the Church. Please support the ADA. Making a pledge does indeed support and help the parish. Thanks.

As we shift into the fall calendar year, please register your children for religious education at one's respective parish. Also, it is that time of year to invite those who are interested in becoming a Catholic through RCIA to contact the parish office and let me know.

The parish mission mentioned last time is beginning to take shape. Father Pete Schavitz was here recently and met the mission team. Please mark your calendars for the week of January 8th through the 13th, 2022. This is a joint mission as we come together and share the journey.

Enjoy the "fall-like weather", stay healthy and stay safe.

In Christ,

Father Tony