

A NOTE FROM FATHER EICKHOFF

In this bulletin article I want to highlight several ongoing or upcoming events in the parish.

First, Vacation Bible School will start on July 24th and run through July 27th. You can find more information about VBS and sign up your child on the parish website. We are also looking for volunteers to help run VBS. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Religious Education Office.

Second, the feast day of our patron saint is coming up on Wednesday, July 26th. To celebrate we will have a special Mass on Wednesday, July 26th at 7pm. After Mass we will have a reception/picnic outside in the back parking lot and adjacent grassy areas under the trees. Don't worry about the lighting. Sunset is at 8.15pm that day and there will still be indirect sunlight for another 30 minutes after sunset. Not to mention the artificial lighting we have in the parking lot. The parish will be supplying snacks, drinks, and frozen custard for refreshments. I encourage you to bring lawn chairs.

Third, starting on the last weekend of July we will start having families once again bring the gifts forward to the altar during the weekend Masses. If one of the ushers approaches you before Mass, please don't run in the other direction. Having parishioners bring the gifts forward symbolizes the people bringing their offerings to the altar of sacrifice just as in the days of the Old Testament or like Mary and Joseph in the Gospels.

Fourth, please mark your calendars for the St. Anne Parish Pig Roast to be held on Sunday, September 10th from 12pm to 3pm. More information will be coming out about the Pig Roast later this summer.

Fifth, I want to point out that St. Anne Parish is very close to meeting our goal for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Our goal amount is \$109,300 and the total amount received to date is \$102,072. Please continue to fulfill your pledge amounts and we will meet and then exceed our goal very soon. Please keep in mind that once we reach our goal that 70% of the money over and above the goal amount is returned to St. Anne Parish.

Finally, I want to offer a note of congratulations to Fr. Jacob Toma and his family. Jacob was baptized here at St. Anne Parish in 1997. Last month he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Duluth.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stephen Eickhoff
Pastor