

A NOTE FROM FATHER EICKHOFF

This is a quick and short bulletin article since I have but a little amount of time to write it before I must leave to attend the Diocese of Joliet Priests' Convocation. I would like to highlight some upcoming events here in the parish that you may not know about.

The first is the traditional blessing of animals that is held in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. The feast day of St. Francis is Wednesday, October 4. However, our blessing of animals will take place on a more people friendly Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 AM. We will meet outside the church adjacent to the bell tower. So, bring your dogs, cats, snakes, birds, and wallabies to the blessing. Although you might want to keep a close watch on your pet wallaby so that he doesn't escape. The last part is a bit of humor. A family who lives near my previous parish lost and then later found their pet wallaby (which is sort of like a miniature kangaroo) last week. It was in the news throughout Chicagoland.

The second is the healing Mass that is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 at 11:00 AM here at St. Anne Parish. During the Mass everyone present who desires the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be able to receive the sacrament. It is always proper to ask the Lord for assistance during times of sickness or injury. Furthermore, it can be good to come together with the people of the parish and pray together for each other. So those people who need healing and their caregivers and family should come. There will also be a free luncheon held in the parish hall after the Mass. There is no need to make reservations to either the Mass or the luncheon.

The third item is the first part of the Presence presentation that St. Anne Parish will be holding in support of the Year of the Eucharist. The first part of the presentation will be held on Tuesday, October 3. There will be two identical sessions on that day, and you can attend either one. The first session will be at 9.30 AM and the second session at 7:00 PM. Both sessions will be held in the parish hall.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stephen Eickhoff
Pastor