

A NOTE FROM FATHER EICKHOFF

I hate change.

There I said it. Our modern society loves to talk about the wonders of “change” and while I do very much like technological advancements, when it comes to the people around me, I like things to stay the same for as long as possible. It is for this reason that I was very saddened when Jan Mirani, the longtime Business Manager of St. Anne Parish, announced to me that she will be leaving her position at the end of March.

In the year and a half since becoming pastor of St. Anne Parish I have grown in my appreciation in the sheer breadth of knowledge about the parish that Jan has and in her dedication to the life of the parish. Her knowledge of the parish ranges from where the keys that turn on the gas line to the kitchen stoves are kept to the family history of parishioners from thirty years ago. Her dedication to the parish can be best described by her coming early every weekday morning to open the church for morning Mass in every kind of weather or by her taking phone calls from funeral homes on weekends to quickly handle requests for funeral Masses. And these are but a handful of examples that I am sure many people here at St. Anne can add to with just a few moments of consideration.

This is not yet the time for goodbyes. As stated above Jan will be here for two more months. However, it is not too soon for all of us to offer our thanks and appreciation to Jan for her years of service to our parish.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stephen Eickhoff
Pastor