

April 2-3, 2016

Thoughts from the pastor,

This weekend is the celebration of Divine Mercy. It is also the end of Easter week. As a Church we celebrate Christmas for a day and then have Christmas Season. Easter we celebrate for a week and then have the Easter Season. Easter wins. Without the Resurrection the task of Jesus is incomplete. He had to take on Satan and his biggest weapon, death. The resurrection shows us that Jesus does have power over death so we do not have to fear it, because He includes us in the possibility of resurrection.

Personally it is great to be past Lent. That is a very busy season for priests so it seems more relaxed for us now. When I get relaxed I go back to the tasks that I wasn't able to complete while I was in hyper mode. I am not done with those but I am already starting to look forward to the things that will have to be solved soon. The first one would be the parish elections. As you see we now have our new principal in place to take over St. James/Seton this summer. We will also need to find replacements for those members of the Parish Council who are going off. The same way with the Total Board of Education. Last year we were down to the last minute in getting candidates. This year I am hoping to move a little more quickly. The elections will be 5/21-22, but we are looking nominations now.

We will need five new members for the Parish Council, four for those who have served their three year term and one to replace a person who needs to step out because other commitments have come up. That replacement will simply have a two year term. We will need one person for the TBOE also and I am also hoping to have an extra person on the Finance Committee. If you are interested please contact the parish office to get the nomination form or contact the Council Chairperson, Sam Jizba at 402-707-3496. That is for the Parish Council. If you are interested in TBOE or Finance contact me, at 402-677-1565.

Another project that I hope there is someone to take on for the parish is the raffle for the parish picnic. Rita Dolan has been wonderful enough to handle this seasonal project of many years. She is retiring now, so we really need a volunteer.

While we are celebrating the Easter Season I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who help with the funeral dinners. This service to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one is such a blessing. These last couple months have been very busy ones for that team. I am always amazed how they are able to find the time for this corporal work of mercy.

Now that Lent is over I want to remind people that Lent and Advent are not the only times that people need to go to confession. Going more often is very important if you are trying to stop an addictive sin pattern or if you are really trying for spiritual growth. Many people who can't figure out why they are not growing spiritually are blocked by their unwillingness to have the humility that the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to strengthen. That is why we now have confessions for 20 minutes starting a half hour before every Mass, weekend and weekdays, except Saturday evening where we have from 4-5pm.

God bless you,
Fr. Frank