

May 19-20, 2018

Thoughts from the pastor,

This Friday is Bill Cremers' ordination to the Diaconate. You are all invited to the ceremony at St. Cecilia's Cathedral at 7pm. He will have a Holy Hour in Thanksgiving in the chapel at SEAS the next day at 1pm, Saturday, 5/26. Come and join him in this time of prayer. Since he will be the only one to be ordained a priest this next year, it might be a good time to increase our prayers for more young men and women to answer the call to priesthood and consecrated life.

Here are a couple other things to put on your calendar. The Lincoln priests are going to play the Omaha priests in softball again. The game is on Father's Day, 6/17, at 6pm, at Haymarket Park in Lincoln. Tailgating starts at 1pm and the gates open at 4:30 so you can get a good seat to see the fast action of slow pitch softball with all these unwed Fathers. Since Fr. Tom Weisbecker from St. James and I are now both 65 years old the pitching will be even slower. Pray for us. We will hopefully have a couple young priests on our team since we have three ordinations this year. Maybe this fourth time is a charm and we won't just be close but win.

The following weekend, 6/24, there will be another concert to raise funds for our last and tenth stained-glass window from St. Patrick's, formerly in South Omaha. This last window will be installed in the cryroom. I have named it, "Jesus gives Peter the keys to the cryroom." Of course it is actually the keys to the kingdom but don't tell that to the kids who are misbehaving. The Santos family will be providing the entertainment. It will start at 2pm.

This time of year we would usually have elections for the Parish Council and Total Board of Education. For the last few years we have not had to vote, because we had interested people but only enough to fill the slots. I am still looking for someone who could be on the TBOE and one more person for Parish Council. We have three of the four we need for PC. It is a great way to get to know the workings of the parish and our education programs, which include, P.R.E., SJS School, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, home school, youth ministry, adult education and others. Let me know if you are interested. Parish Council meetings are usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month and TBOE are usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

As you probably noticed, Hannah Keisling has decided to take a position at another parish that needs her expertise. So we are currently looking for candidates for a part to full time position for youth minister for SJ and SEAS. If you know someone or are interested, contact me. The job would start as soon as we can get someone lined up.

We just had graduation for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders from SJS School. I would like to congratulate them and all the graduates from the parish. Each step, whether from kindergarten, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or beyond, is important in their reaching their goals in life. I consider it a special blessing that our parishes have, in that we have 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation right after Confirmation. Confirmations are held at different times of the year for other parishes. For us to have them together is something I think is a blessing because 8<sup>th</sup> graders know that they have more steps to go to reach their goal. Those who are confirmed should know that reaching the goal of heaven is the same way. So I will be praying that both goals are reached.

God bless you,  
Fr. Frank