

From the Pastor's Desk

Whew! What a marvelous Holy Week we just celebrated. It was one of the best ever.

I want to send out a big thank-you for everyone and all who made the celebration of the Triduum very moving and touching. Everything was well done, good crowds, a real joy to be a part of. Thanks, many thanks.

At the Vigil we were blessed to bring 3 adults and a 7-year-old into the Catholic Church.

Herb Smith, Jr. Brian Miller, and Stephanie Jacobs along with her son Charlie. Garrett Jacobs also made his First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all and a job well done and welcome.

It is hard to believe we have reached the final weeks of the school year. As we look forward to summer vacation, there are several things to put on the calendar.

Please make a note that CONFIRMATION WILL BE SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023(NEXT SATURDAY) AT 5:30 in Orion. All are welcome, just a head's up. Also, First Holy Communion is scheduled for Saturday May 6, 2023 at Mary Our Lady of Peace Orion. Again, all are welcome, just a head's up.

I also want to acknowledge all those who enhanced our Lenten journey, leading the Stations of the Cross, providing the simple suppers, and of course for the Shadow Stations which is always a good way to conclude the Stations of the Cross for the year leading into Holy Week.

On the business side of things, the ADA continues. St. Maria Goretti has surpassed its assigned goal and will receive a rebate of almost \$500.00. At Mary Our Lady of Peace the quest goes on, working towards our goal. At the moment we have improved and continue to do so, we are at \$26,380 pledged working toward a \$29,852 goal, \$3472 yet to go. If one has yet to make a pledge, please consider helping the parish out. Thanks to all for your generosity. It is very much appreciated.

The Diocesan Pastoral Plan: "Growing Disciples" is in full swing. I hope one has taken the time to follow along and be informed on what the diocese plan is all about. There are many resources on the diocesan website: cdop.org/pastoral-plan.org

One more thing--thank you to those who remembered me at Easter. Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated.

Before I sign off, I know planting season has/is arrived--be careful out there and good luck with the planting and growing season. May we have an abundant harvest come fall.

He is Risen, Alleluia!!!