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As we celebrate the joyous season of Easter, I am filled with gratitude for each one of you, my cherished flock. Easter is not merely a time of renewal but a profound invitation to embrace the new life that Christ's resurrection brings. Just as Jesus triumphed over darkness and death, let us also rise above challenges and adversities with unwavering faith and hope.

I am so grateful to each one of you for making our Easter celebrations so special. Throughout the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday, we were touched by the wonderful liturgy and the joyful participation of each one of you. A special thanks to all our team members and volunteers for making our liturgical celebrations so meaningful and spiritually uplifting.

Easter season is also a wonderful time to celebrate our faith as we welcome new adults and children through baptism. At Easter Vigil we welcomed three adults and two children into our faith. We have had 10 baptisms of children this season. 19 children are receiving first communion this year on May 4th. We have 6 confirmations of young adults, and 5 adults are being confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. Let us keep them in our prayers and thank God for each one of them and their families.

With the arrival of the Sisters in our parish community, we want to focus on our young families to help our children grow in faith. Sr. Vita, our Faith Formation Coordinator, is reaching out to all our families with children to explore ways to improve our program for next year. Let us all put all our efforts to form our children in the gift of faith we have received. As we conclude this year's faith formation program, I thank all our teachers who are so dedicated in guiding our children.

Sr. Lincy, our Pastoral Ministry Coordinator, started visiting our homebound parishioners with the help of our wonderful ministers of communion. We recognize that there are many whom we have not yet reached. Please call our office or drop a note in your envelope and Sister will contact you and make plans to visit with you.

As I wrote in my last letter, our parish festival is coming back, and you should have received the raffle tickets already. Share them with your children, friends, and neighbors so that we have great participation and success.

May this Easter season be a beacon of light in your lives, guiding you towards love, forgiveness and compassion. Let us extend our hands to those in need, showing them the warmth of Christ's love through our actions. As your shepherd, I am here to walk this journey of faith with you supporting and encouraging each step on the way. May the Risen Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit bless and guide us.

With Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI
Pastor