

June 2019

The "Season of the Sacraments" has come to an end with the celebration of Confirmation this past Saturday. Bishop Jeff Haines challenged our young people to live their faith in new ways that reflect each of their individual gifts and aspirations. Whether it be Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, these celebrations remind us of the great gift that the Sacraments of the Church are for every Parish Community. Even though we might not be participants ourselves, being a part of these moments gives us a chance to renew our faith and energize our commitment to Christ and the Church. Once again, Congratulations and Blessings to all who have received the Easter Sacraments in our Parish!

Memorial Day celebrates all those who have made great sacrifices for our Freedom here in these United States. For us in the Parish, it also means that another festival has come and gone. Many thanks to all who participated, patronized and planned for this event in our parish life. We owe a special debt of gratitude to the Kochanik family for chairing the event once again this year. Kudos to all the great booth captains and their great volunteers. Many thanks to all those who donated prizes and of course those who shared their treasure trying to win a raffle prize. You should all be proud of your efforts.

This year we have again included a forecast of the proceeds in our upcoming parish budget. We will have final figures in the next few weeks after all the bills have been paid. Before then, we only know what we have deposited, not what we have cleared. Part of our merger process is to review and recommend new options for financial stewardship and we will take up the topic as a parish this fall.

This month we will also share more information about our Parish Transition Process and the upcoming decisions regarding our site and the decisions that will be made by our Team and by the Archbishop. This part of our process involves much "behind the scenes" work. When we have more concrete information, you will hear it from Fr. Thomas and Fr. Jeff from the pulpit and then by the other means of communication we employ. Until then, please pray for our leadership, and the combined efforts of many people who are getting the numbers, looking at all the possibilities and praying to discover the will of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Thank You for your prayers and continuing support, and may you know many blessings as Summer unfolds.

Fr. Thomas, Fr. Jeff