

Dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As we enter the summer months, I hope each of us can find time for rest, recreation, and renewal. As another school year ends, ethnic and parish festivals begin throughout the city, our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary, and our own parish festival is just around the corner. There are so many blessings to celebrate! While I often look forward to the slower pace that summer can bring, parish life rarely slows down completely—and that is a good thing. Our parish remains vibrant and active throughout the year, filled with opportunities for community, discipleship, and faith.

I would like to acknowledge the faculty and staff of our outstanding school and congratulate them on the successful completion of another academic year. Catholic education plays a vital role in the life of both the Church and our local community. Here, our young people learn not only academic excellence but also the beauty and richness of our faith. They come to know not just about Jesus, but to know Him personally. I am deeply grateful to our teachers and staff, who make daily sacrifices in service to the students and families of our school.

We also congratulate the Class of 2026 as they embark on new adventures in high school. May God continue to guide and bless them in the years ahead. Congratulations, graduates!

As I mentioned above, parish festival season is now in full swing. I invite everyone to join us for our parish festival on July 10, 11, and 12. If you are able to volunteer in any capacity, your help would be greatly appreciated. Our festival is made possible through the dedication and hard work of our Festival Committee, chaired by Dave Lownik and Bobby Coleman, along with the many volunteers who generously give their time and talents. I know it is a sacrifice to spend part of your weekend serving food, helping with setup, or assisting with cleanup, but your generosity is what makes our festival both possible and successful. Thank you to everyone who contributes to this wonderful parish tradition.

Finally—and most importantly—June is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus and His Most Sacred Heart. We will celebrate our annual Corpus Christi procession following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 7. It is truly one of my favorite events of the year as we literally take Jesus into the streets of our community. There is something profoundly moving about seeing people waiting on their front porches as the Blessed Sacrament passes by. I encourage you to participate in the procession if you are able, or to join us prayerfully from your home as the procession passes.

It is from the pierced Sacred Heart of Christ that the Church was born. From His side flowed blood and water, and from that outpouring an inexhaustible fountain of mercy was opened for the world. During this month, I invite all of us to spend time praying to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and learning more about this beautiful devotion that has nourished the faith of countless Catholics throughout the centuries.

There are truly so many good things happening in our parish and in the Church. I give thanks and praise to God for the many ways He continues to bless us. May we dedicate not only this month, but also our hearts, our thoughts, and our prayers to the Precious Blood of Jesus and His Most Sacred Heart.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Aaron R. Laskiewicz

Pastor