

Dear Holy Family parishioners,

Welcome to the fall! It was a blessing to meet with all the heads of ministries at our very active parish and school in August. I can tell you that ministry is still happening encourage you to participate as an act of stewardship.

Stewardship of time, talent and treasure is a way of life and is how we give back to the Lord and God's people from the many blessings we receive. I thank you for your ongoing generosity and invite you to engage in a new way this fall. COVID-19 precaution guidelines are followed, requiring masks for indoor ministry, encouraged for outdoor ministry and some ministries are meeting online.

There are opportunities to grow in your prayer life through ministries like our prayer line, Lighthouse, and Upper Room prayer ministry. Regular access to the sacraments, adoration chapel and other devotionals are readily available as well. Sacramental preparation continues through baptism classes, first reconciliation/communion, Confirmation (happening in October with the Archbishop for roughly 60 of our teens!), RCIA, and marriage preparation starting in October.

Various community building opportunities exist as well through the young adult group, Café, adult open gym basketball and volleyball, men's ministry, CYO sports for youth, Knights of Columbus American Heritage Girls, Scouts and Forever Young group.

If you desire to grow in your knowledge of the faith, engage in a bible study, Alpha, Edge and Lifeteen youth groups, seek enrollment for your children in our Catholic School, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (faith formation for K-5), and access great resources in our parish library.

Lastly, consider being of service to others by becoming a liturgical minister, cleaning the pews, preparing meals and sandwiches for those in need, joining St. Vincent de Paul, volunteer at New Bethlehem house, join the shared blessings meals ministry for other parishioners, make quilts and rosaries, join the Respect Life committee, assist our sister parish in Malawi, mental health ministry, handbells, Prepares, and our thanksgiving community meal.

The parish staff is happy to help coordinate engaging in ministry, see the helpful contacts in the narthex. If anything, continue to pray, reach out to one another individually and engage in your faith and service through your family, friends, work, and parish as you are able. The Holy Spirit continues to move in and through you!

Your servant in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi