

PASTOR'S REPORT - MAY 4, 2021

1. Two Confirmations were celebrated on Wednesday, April 28 with Bishop Whalen as the confirming bishop. The elementary school had 24 for Confirmation and the CCD/Villa group was 12 students.
2. The Life Screening Program was here on Thursday, April 15 and there was a full schedule of about 70 participants. Life Screening will be back in August.
3. The Sports Summer Day Camp will be returning on July 5 until August 20 with a lower enrollment of about 60 students due to the corona restrictions. This program has leased our gym and lower church for this purpose and we have one more year of the lease (2022). The parish receives a rental for this summer use of our facilities.
4. The parish continues to move forward with the Cardinal's Appeal (about 60% of goal has been reached). RENEW+REBUILD continues to have pledges completed. The generosity of the parish is outstanding.
5. ESL (English as a Second Language) and the Senior Program on Thursdays continue to meet in the lower church. Both programs are well-organized and we hope that more people and seniors will join. Thank you to Sister Patty and Liz.
6. The elementary school held its annual Junior National Honor Society Induction on Thursday, April 29. Due to corona restrictions, guests were limited. Thanks to Sister Patricia and Ms. Di Preta for a beautiful induction ceremony.
7. A Holy Hour for the Year of St. Joseph was held on Saturday, May 1 at 6 pm. Thanks to the Spirituality/Liturgy Committee of the Parish Council for organizing this service. Tentative plans are being made for a Corpus Christi Holy Hour and in-church procession for Sunday, June 6. More information to come.
8. First Holy Communion are scheduled for Saturday, May 15 for the elementary school and Saturday, May 22 for the CCD/Villa students. Both are scheduled for 12 noon.

9. Ascension Thursday is May 13 with the Vigil Mass at 7 pm and on Thursday at 8 am and 9 am. The elementary school students will be attending Mass on the holy day at other times due to corona restrictions. Only the children and their teachers will be allowed at these Masses.
10. Still waiting for and “fighting” for funding approval for a new heating and a/c system for the church. The estimate for the project is about \$700,000 and our RENEW+REBUILD funds will not cover the total cost. We have spent about \$50,000 on the project for drawings and specifications and we have about \$140,000 in the RENEW+REBUILD account. We will keep “fighting”.
11. Thank you for your generous response to the Ghana Project of Fr. Robert and Fr. Ricardo. Also, thank you from the Sisters of Life for the collection of diapers and formula.