

## Pastor's Corner

*Welcome to Visitors, Coming Attractions and Thank-Yous*



We warmly welcome all visitors to our Church this weekend as we host the Medjugorje visionary, Ivan Dragicevic. We know some of you have come from quite a distance. Let us know if we can help you and welcome to our St. Francis Parish Community.



Next Saturday (Feb. 8), we will have our Quarterly Anointing of the Sick immediately after the 4 pm Vigil Mass. Anyone who is seriously ill or significantly weakened by age may receive the anointing. The weekend after next (February 15-16), at all the masses, we will have a Blessing of married couples who celebrate wedding anniversaries in the months of February, March and April. Join us as we pray for God's blessings on married couples. And mark your calendars for upcoming spiritual enrichment opportunities: Dinner and Devotion (February 14); Men's Day of Prayer (March 7); and our Parish Lenten Mission (March 9-11).

## A THOUSAND THANK-YOUS

About 200 parishioners attended our Volunteer Thank-You Party on January 25. It was a grand event. Special thanks to those who made the celebration possible, including David McDonald and friends for the amazing food; Carol Pritchard, Jessica Welty, Susan Murphy, Phyllis Jeandron and others for the terrific decoration of the Auditorium and the LSU Parade; Kathy Calder and Philip Giroir for the excellent slide show of parish and school events; Jack Siciliano for the beautiful flower arrangements; and our Parish Staff (Bessie, C.J. and Mona) for their many labors. And again, thanks to our wonderful St. Francis volunteers for the ongoing gift of your time and talent to our parish and school.

The Daughters of Isabella hosted an outstanding Luncheon, Production and Fundraiser at the Metairie Country Club on January 26. Thanks for the creativity of the entertainment, games and skits, and thanks for awesome prizes. I won't soon forget the sight of Fr. Thien gliding atop a surf board in an inner tube! It was such fun. Thanks to all the patrons who attended and helped the Daughters raise funds for their Scholarship Fund for Catholic girls.

God bless,  
Fr. Joe