

Pastor's Corner

May Day was Special



Photos from Parish Work Day, May 1; see additional photos on page 5

Saturday, May 1 (also known as May Day), was a beautiful day in our parish. It was the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. Pope Pius XII created the Memorial to counteract the Communist Worker Day Marches on May 1 in the 1950s. The Pope was saying, “We labor not for the glory of the State, but for the glory of God – like St. Joseph.”

We began May Day in Church with Morning Mass followed by the recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph and Act of Consecration to St. Joseph. Many participated. Afterwards, we gathered under the Port Cochere for the start of our Parish Work Day. As a priest, I never know how a planned event will turn out: will it be well-received or will people not be interested? Happily, the former was true. We had over 75 people who came out to help on Work Day – members of parish and school ministries, parish and school staff, families, seniors, Scouts, teenagers and school children.

God delivered a picture-perfect weather day with low humidity and a pleasant breeze. We prayed together then began the work of painting, pressure-washing, raking, mulching, sweeping, mopping and cleaning. Since I have a broken foot, I was relegated to the role of cheerleader and water boy!

At 12 noon, we called it a day and gathered in the Auditorium for roast beef po-boys from Radosta's, chips and drinks. Two comments I heard after we ended have stuck with me: “We should have another work day soon; it was fun,” and “I'll work anytime for a Radosta's po-boy.”

Thank you, SFX family and coordinators C.J. Rowden and Wayne Wetzel, for your love of our community and for your labors on the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker.

God bless all,
Fr. Joe