

Thoughts from the Deacon

Memorial of St Maria Goretti

Many many thanks to **Fr Homer Blubaugh** for his faithful service to our Parish over the last year. As I have said before he is a beautiful example of what it means to be a priest dedicated to his vocation at the service of Holy Mother Church.

Our **Novena for our new pastor** continues this evening., with Holy Hour at 7 pm at St Ann. The schedule for the rest of the nine day novena is: Wednesday July 7 at St. Ann at 7pm, Thursday July 8 after 6pm Mass at St. Mary, Friday July 9 at 7pm at St. Mary and Saturday July 10 after 4:30 Mass at St Mary, Sunday July 11 at St Ann at 7pm and Monday July 12 at St Mary, 7:30pm (will coincide with Men's Holy Hour but all are welcome). Please come and offer an hour to our Lord Jesus Christ for the future of our parish. If you cannot attend please pray the Novena prayer with your family each day.

Novena Prayer for Fr. Schmit

O Mary, Mother of Jesus, you were with Jesus at the beginning of His life and mission. You stood beside Jesus when He was lifted on the cross and gave His life for all. We ask you now to be with our new pastor, Fr. Ryan Schmit who gives himself in service to God's people. Intercede for him that he may grow in holiness; proclaim God's word with courage; celebrate the sacraments with joy; and be among God's people as Jesus, the Good Shepherd, was. We offer this prayer to God the Father, through your intercession, in the name of your Son, Jesus, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

There will be no daily **Mass next Tuesday.**

If you are available we can use help next Tuesday to **help with Fr. Schmit's move.** The time is subject to weather that day but late morning is tentatively his arrival. Please call Martha at the office or my cell phone 740-502-0260 if you help.

Let's give our new pastor a warm welcome: invite him to dinner, or lunch. One common of the concerns I have heard from pastors is that no one invites them over. We are known for being a hospitable parish. Let's live up to our reputation.

Viva Cristo Rey!