



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter Christ is risen! I hope and pray that all of you have a joyful Easter Octave (remember, we celebrate Easter for eight days). There is a Greek tradition in Easter, where one says “Christ is Risen” and the other person responds with “he is truly risen!” (Greek pronunciation: Christos Anesti; Greek Language “Χριστός Ανέστη.”)

I would like to thank the staff, volunteers, CCW, and K of C for all that they do at St. Richard Parish for the greater glory of God. Colleen and Angie have been working hard in the office and combine humor and a great work ethic. Madonna, Kathy Wright, Holly McKenzie, and Chad Cincis teach the young about Christ and his Church. Mary and the choir provide beautiful music so that we can “pray twice.” Andrew Bartel leads our soldiers for Christ in serving Mass. Tyler Ament coordinates the Latin Masses by preparing for them Saturday evening here and providing servers. The Latin Mass choir make the church sound as if angels are praising Our Lord and Lady (for those of you who haven’t attended Latin Mass, it is a beautiful representation of “ever ancient, ever new.”) Our Sacristans, Harriet Mize, Bev Dewell, and Char Launer as well as those who wash and iron sacred linens are invaluable.

The Yeagers have spent many hours early morning and at night working hard preparing and arranging the sanctuary floral arrangements as well as providing “hidden physical plant” work making sure everything is in order to keep us warm and comfortable. Also, Kathleen, Hanna, and Laura sing at our First Saturday Masses, adding sublime beauty to Holy Mass. Emma Gulko does a lot of work behind the scenes keeping the church clean and beautiful as well as adding her friendly presence to everyone she encounters.

Thank all of you for your love of our Lord and the Light of Christ that you are to the world.