

19 July 2020

Dear St. Charles Parishioner:

This is my seventeenth weekly letter to you since the pandemic precautions began in mid-March. We indicated in May that we would gradually move the throttle forward and pick up speed. The next step is to **restore the 8:00am Mass on Sundays**. That we will do, beginning on **Sunday, August 2**. I have noticed that attendance has grown at the Sunday 10:00am Mass and a few people have indicated their hope for an earlier Sunday Mass. We will also have some additional priest-help when we welcome the newly-ordained Father Joshua Cochrac (pronounced CORE RACK), who is scheduled to join us on Tuesday, August 4.

Joshua Cochrac was raised in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood of Cleveland. He attended Our Lady of Good Counsel School on Pearl Road at State, (now Mary Queen of Peace) until the family moved to Olmsted Falls. Josh attended Olmsted Falls High School and worked, for a few years, at Giant Eagle Supermarkets (at the Parma Day Drive store for a time!) until entering the seminary. He completed his internship at St Ambrose Parish in Brunswick and his diaconate at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Wickliffe. Josh has been a welcome guest at our Wednesday dinner since his appointment was announced. He has yet to complain about my cooking! Josh and his classmate, Joseph Robinson, will be on retreat next week prior to their priestly ordination scheduled for Saturday, August 1, at St John Cathedral. I have promised Deacons Joshua and Joseph our prayers during their final days of preparation. Having spoken with Josh several times in the last few months, I am impressed.. He strikes me as friendly, outgoing, prayerful, and sincere. I am sure St Charles Borromeo Parish will be blessed with his presence and his ministry!

How are your ticket sales for the St Charles **“Two Step” Summer Raffle**? We will award the fourth \$500 Seller's Appreciation Prize this Sunday evening and there are four more \$500 prizes to go. So that means we are halfway to the Grand Drawing on Sunday, August 16.

Sellers' Appreciation Raffle Winner Number Three, July 12: Deborah Cifranic

We have additional June mailing Number One “white and blue” and July mailing Number Two “ivory and pink” sheets of tickets available at the Parish Office. Thanks for sticking with it!

For every “set” of “blue and white” and “ivory and pink” tickets you buy/sell, you are entered in a *Spectacular Mystery Drawing* with the Prize to be awarded on Raffle Day. That prize is my gift to thank all of you for your generosity with the “Two Step” Raffle.

In addition to our new Hall and Activities Center surveillance/security systems, chromebooks for school, and livestreaming capabilities for our church, the “Two Step” Raffle will also provide new refrigerated drinking fountains, one per floor, for our school buildings.

Thank you for your continued generous support of our parish. Offertory for weekend of July 11-12: \$22,713.25.

