

November 2020,

Dear Parishioners,

*Peace and all good things to you!*

I hope that all of you are healthy, safe, and filled with a sense of purpose. So many people are suffering from some form of depression during the pandemic. Please pray for them and for your families that everyone is filled with God's gift of peace and comfort. It is the Lord of life whom we serve and adore. Let us be glad for his presence among us.

Thank you for your very generous response to our request for money to help defray the costs for the repair of the lighting system in our church. You contributed more than the amount that is required for this repair so the overage will be directed to the replacement of HVAC units for our school classrooms.

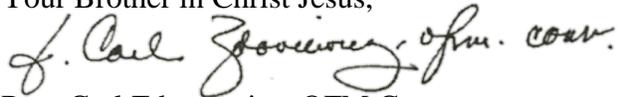
I hope that everyone who is eligible to vote will exercise their civic responsibility. Whomever wins this election, it is our duty to support the president and the other legislators in their capacity to govern these United States of America. I hope that our country will become more united in its way of seeking out the common good. For too long we have been ashamedly separated by ideologies and personal views on how to come to a compromise on major issues. Please continue to pray for our elected that God's Spirit of wisdom and courage may be given to them as they begin the official terms of office.

Our weekend Mass schedule will be changed due to the increase of Latino attendance. Beginning on November 1, 2020, we will have two Spanish Masses. The times will be at 12:30 PM in the church proper and the other Mass will begin at 12:45 PM in the school cafeteria. The school cafeteria will hold about 50 people. These are ever changing times and we will continue to adjust our Mass schedule as the numbers increase in our church.

The month of November is dedicated to many different events and remembrances. We begin with All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We pray to our patron saints for their guidance and help during the coming year. November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Soul's Day and is a special day for our Latino families known as "Day of the Dead". It is interesting to read on the internet about this feast. We will celebrate this feast in a special **Spanish Mass on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM** to commemorate our deceased brothers and sisters. Many people bring out pictures of deceased family and friends to help them remember and pray for the dead. **November 6<sup>th</sup> is First Friday** with devotions to the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is from 9 AM – 2:30 PM and will end with a Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. The month of November is also a month to give thanks and remember the hungry in our local community. During the entire month, parishioners are asked to bring canned and non-perishable items for our local food banks and community services. You can also drop a donation in our lower parking lot 'drive-by' on **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, between 10 AM and 2 PM**. Volunteers from the Outreach

Committee will be there to take the food from your cars. **Thanksgiving Day is on the 26<sup>th</sup>.** A special Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM in the church to give thanks for the many blessings and to petition God's grace to help us all during this pandemic. On **Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, we begin the joyous Advent season of hope.** I ask that parishioners take time to research Advent to deepen their spirituality. As St. Francis of Assisi said, "Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible... If God can work through me, he can work through anyone." It is once again a month filled with so many special blessings to celebrate together as a Christian family.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Carl Zdancewicz, OFM Conv." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rev. Carl Zdancewicz, OFM Conv.

Pastor