

From the Pastor's Desk:

We continue to move forward. The new boiler in Holy Rosary has been fired up and is working, and the stoves in the hall have been converted to less expensive Natural Gas from the old Propane system. We are moving towards our parish Bazaar which will be held next weekend. Many people have been involved in preparations, and it proves to be a great family event for all. Please join me and many others who will attend.

The Pastoral Council is beginning to "gel" and we will be exploring parish goals and looking at the development of a mission statement. There are a couple new members who are to join. When the group is settled, we will be making the names available so that you can give them your feedback and suggestions to be brought to the meetings. We are also exploring new means of communication with parish members, and ways to get the word out about our school and the great education it can provide.

As I enter my third month as Pastor I am feel we are making strides. The core group of dedicated parish leaders, and those who regularly worship and participate in parish life, are eager to have others join them. We are part of a larger family, a family that we all joined at our Baptism - a family that we must welcome here at Annunciation. Parish staff and volunteers are continuing to work to soon provide opportunities for youth and adults to have a place of learning and involvement - and by extension, a deeper participation in the life of Jesus Christ. This is a life of discovering the Father's will, praising the Father in worship, reaching out to heal and nourish the world, and accepting the blessings given by our loving God. The world is God's vineyard - and we are the heirs to the inheritance, we must be faithful stewards with Jesus of this world and the blessings God has given us.

This is a path that fills in all the gaps that we all experience in our human life; it is the great cure from hopelessness, loneliness, injustice, fear, and regret. As I see God working in my life, and in this parish, I give thanks to God for all the blessings God has given me, and I give thanks for the privilege of serving you as Pastor as we travel together.

God's peace be with you.

Fr. Steve