



From the Pastor's Desk



Thanksgiving Mass - November 23rd - 10:00 a.m.

I look forward to celebrating our 15th Thanksgiving together. Of the many reasons for me to give thanks, you as a parish are one of them. Thank you for your continued growth as people of faith and loving service and for your personal and parish support.

When you come to Mass on Thanksgiving, please remember some food for others and some that you will use in your own Thanksgiving meal. All this food will be blessed and shared. There will be Mass on the Friday after Thanksgiving at 9:00 a.m.

A Faithful Man Dies

Last Sunday, as the Veterans of the Vietnam war was ending, I received a call that Jim Eckstrom had just died at Mount St. Vincent. I went over to offer the first prayers for one who has died. Sandra and Jim have been pillars of faithful prayer, service and support for many years. Jim's funeral Mass will be next Saturday at 11:00 a.m. November is the month when we especially pray for our deceased parishioners, friends and relatives. I was happily aware last Sunday that as people like Jim were moving toward death, so too we have a beautiful beginning of the life journey, with so many new babies. I am calling our parish the church of the urban babies. So much to be grateful for with the cycle of life so evident in our parish.

Surgery This Week

On Tuesday, I will be having another skin cancer surgery. I share this with the hope that many of you will get screened on a regular schedule. Regular screening for the past twenty years has been my salvation. Skin cancer, as with all cancers, grows very quickly. I was checked in June and was all clear, and by November, I have two to be removed. I share this to encourage regular screenings, hats and sunscreen.

Italian Dinner

I didn't realize we had so many Italians in our parish. The enticing smell of great food, the sounds of laughter and friendship made our Italian Dinner a great success last week. The dinner was great, the cause we were supporting even greater - our CYO youth and their sports programs. Thank you CYO for such a fun evening.

OLG Children Singing For Veterans At The Seahawks Game This Monday?

This Monday, a choir from our school will be singing at the Seahawks game in honor of Veterans Month. What an honor for our children and our parish school. Ms. Sager, our parish and school music leader, posted samples of our choir and they were chosen for this honor. I am not sure if the network will show them live, but we will obtain their performance. Congratulations Ms. Sager, Mr. Kramer and children.

Supporting Our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

The St. Vincent de Paul donation envelopes were inadvertently left out of the recent mailing of offertory envelopes to parishioners. However, the need is particularly great this time of year. Donation envelopes can be found in the pews for the next two months. Just put your donation into the basket during the offertory collection. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated so our volunteers can help our neighbors in need.

Fr. Jack