



## From the *Pastor's Desk*



### ***New Principal To Address Parish***

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Anton Kramer, our new school principal, will be speaking at all the Masses on the weekend of August 19-20. Mr. Kramer has been diving into the tasks that will help him understand our parish community and our school. I have been very pleased to be working with him during July. I have known Mr. Kramer for many years and I know him to be a man dedicated to youth, family and faith. I encourage us to welcome him on the weekend of August 19-20. Welcome Mr. Kramer.

### ***Debt Elimination. Where Are We In Pursuit Of Eliminating Our Debt?***

During the many weeks when we were trying to meet our Annual Catholic Appeal goal, we did not focus on debt elimination as we would have liked. Pledges and gifts slowed down during this time. Currently, if we can assume payment of the outstanding pledges we have received to date, we are \$450,000 still owing on our Archdiocesan loan. We have come so far and every gift and pledge paid goes to paying the principal. We have placed the Debt envelopes in the pews and I am asking all of us to make pledges and gifts to help us meet the goal by the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December. More info coming as we move into September.

### ***Annual Catholic Appeal***

Thanks to those who made a commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity proves my theory that you are the most important part of the parish. Many prisoners, students, hospital patients, people needing counseling are grateful for your generosity.

Fr. Jack

### ***Alice Says***

Listen to Alexa and Siri but give some time to God as well.

Twilight, when sun fades and night swells.  
That's the spirit-moment  
when we close our day's work  
and without much thought, begin to engage  
the marriage of day and night.

It is a moment when angels call  
and invite us over the brink  
of the possible to the impossible.  
Standing at that threshold, not in, not out...  
we hear the call and catch a flash  
of precious insight.

It is yesterday. It is tomorrow.  
And right now, the spirit angels have slid  
through our reality and let us know  
that our simple, everyday tasks  
are pregnant with the eternal.  
Angels to that.

The ordinary is shot through the shining.  
The ordinary is extraordinary.

- Gertrud Mueller Nelson, 2017  
Author, Artist, and Lecturer  
On Myth and Ritual

### ***Fr. Jack Gone Missing***

I will be away from the parish from August 21st until August 28th. You will have visiting clergy for the weekend of August 26-27. When I return, the school staff will be in preparatory meetings for the upcoming school year. Please contact the parish for any of your pastoral needs.