

We are 2/3rd of our way through the summer break and we still have many unanswered questions about school and our parish for the fall. I wish I had a crystal ball to know what we can expect come August, but no one can really say.

I am sure Holy Family Church and School will do all we can to make this new calendar year which began July 1 to be blessed and successful. God has been good to us for 100 years and I'm confident He will remain faithful. In the meantime life goes on and we are trying to meet the needs of our community. We need prayer as our nation and world are caught up in so much pain and anger.

You should soon be noticing repairs on the AC systems in the Parish Hall and Church, which are way past due. Maintenance is always an ongoing process, so each summer we try to address critical needs prior to the opening of school. We will also continue to provide frozen **free students meals** to be picked up in the Parish Hall parking lot each Friday of July, 9AM-Noon. This is 5 breakfast and 5 lunch meals plus a gallon of milk for any child 18 and under. It is for any child and not just our parishioners. If you know someone who could benefit please encourage them to show up on a Friday in July.

We are blessed by the presence of Transitional Deacon David Dawson, on his journey toward priesthood in May of 2021. Along with Deacon Minos and the rest of the staff are doing all we can to keep Holy Family alive and well. Please encourage family and friends to come home to our parish during this pandemic. Our daily sanitation process probably makes the church the safety place you can go outside of your home. I can assure you the church is more sanitized than a grocery or department store. We are cleaner than the gas station, casino, False River or the beach. Yet I hear constantly people who are out in public say, I'm afraid to go back to church. I don't know if it is safe.

No one wants anyone to be afraid but do not to give up on God or our parish. We have come too far this last decade and shouldn't go backwards. I don't want to be the last resident pastor at Holy Family because of the shortage of priests or the loss of parishioners celebrating Eucharist and prayer filled faith life.

God bless you all and I hope to see you soon at any of our weekly masses. Together we truly are a Holy Family rich in wisdom, age and grace. God bless you.