

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH AND SCHOOL – JANUARY 21, 2018

## **Dear Parishioners and Families,**

Last Sunday the Church settled down liturgically as we entered Ordinary times. This is just the Church's way of talking about Sundays that are not related either to the Christmas Season or the Easter Season.

At the end of this month both the Finance Committee of this parish and the Parish Council will meet to view the status of the church and school today and look ahead to tomorrow.

Last Sunday the Youth Group took possession of their clubhouse, the former Grotto Store. Thirteen young people attended and Mrs. Melissa Campbell provided the adult presence. The youth are very pleased to have their own space. I thank all the men and women who worked in the Grotto Store for so many years and did so much good. However, changing store patterns inclined us to move to a greater need, a center for the youth. Their **next meeting of the youth is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:30 AM Mass. I hope many more will join.

## **Immigration Toward the Catholic Faith: New Sessions Begin**

Twice a year I try to present a set of sessions called Immigration Toward the Catholic Faith. This is a directed reading course and it is covered in 4 sessions. These are all scheduled on a Saturday beginning at 10:30 AM and going to 12:00 noon. The dates are February 10<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and March 24<sup>th</sup>. This ends in time for those who wish to become Catholic by Easter Sunday.

The sessions are useful for those who are considering entering the Catholic Church, for couples who find themselves poorly instructed, or for individuals who simply want to come and see. This year the sessions will take place in the rectory because the rectory room for meeting has been renewed and is now gracious. If you would like to join this group, it would be helpful if you let me or my executive assistant Sandy know. Thank you for considering this opportunity for growing toward the Catholic Faith.

## **Advertisement Searching for the New Principal of St. Joseph School**

Included in this bulletin is the advertisement for the search for a new principal. We have been so fortunate to have Miss Beth Frank as Principal for a good number of years. Now we must discover another superior person to lead the Pre-School and School to even higher levels. I encourage you to read the notice of the Administrative Opening for Principal because it will give you some idea of the school and its very positive agenda. If you happen to know anyone who has the proper credentials and is looking for an opportunity, please have them reply to Mr. Randy Rair.

Five persons have been chosen to review the applications. These people are the following: Randy Rair, Assistant Superintendent for Catholic Schools. John Czaplicki, parishioner and Principal of St. Matthew School in Ellett. Mary Wells, Parish Council Chair Person. Lisa Saltsman, a parent of 3 children in the school and head of Home and School. Nick Gambone, parishioner and active in many parish activities.

It is our hope to have a principal chosen by the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19<sup>th</sup>. May God be with us.

## **Registration for Pre-School and Grade School**

Registration for St. Joseph Pre-school and Grade School is now open to all our parishioners, to all the students and their siblings. Since positions especially in pre-school and some of the early grades fill up, it is important that you make the decision quickly. Reserve a spot for your child now.

The State of Ohio through the EdChoice Program makes our education readily affordable for those who are of limited means. Shortly after February 1<sup>st</sup> when the application time opens, we will have a session for all parents who believe they might be eligible for an EdChoice Scholarship. The EdChoice Scholarship generally pays for the entire tuition of the school.