

ST. JOSEPH PARISH AND SCHOOL – MARCH 11, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Families,

Pete Kline, a model in our parish since 1922, has passed from human hands into God's loving embrace. He and so many others who have passed recently are the foundation of our parish since the early 1900's. His passing is a sign for all of us, especially his family. God blessed him with a devoted wife and mother, 7 children and a cadre of progeny representing several generations. The peacefulness of his passing reflects his personal belief in God and our ultimate home in the Heavens.

Each one of these special people reminds me of the heritage that we all received from our parents, our loved ones, and those around us. I find it disheartening at times when progeny of such great parents then journey off and say they have found a better way. One judges the peacefulness and grace of Pete's passing. There is no better way.

Certainly the signs he gave touched me. May the signs he gives to the parish touch the parishioners. But most especially may the signs he gave those to those who surrounded him in his last days inspire them that his way is worth emulating and following for it leads into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Laetari Sunday and Nicodemus

It appears that in Christ's public life, one of the chief members of the Pharisees and probably a member of the Sanhedrin, recognized the signs that Jesus gave and came to see him by night. Night can mean many different things. It may be that he could not present himself in the day time, because he was not quite ready to go public. It can also have a second meaning. The Pharisees often use the evening hours to study and Nicodemus was coming in these hours to study and learn from Jesus. The lesson was a deep one.

Nicodemus would come fully out in the light at the crucifixion of Jesus because it is there that he declares himself a follower and true believer. (John 19: 38-39). May we progress in belief in Jesus as the chosen one and the person who is the way, the truth, and the life.

The Bishop's Appeal

Again I ask all the parishioners families to make a contribution to the Bishop's Appeal. We have always met our goal. However, the number in our parish who have contributed is significantly below the active families in our parish. Please take an envelope from the end of the pews if you have not already been solicited or made a gift. Fill the envelope out, place a gift, and drop it in the collection. God shall reward you.

St. Joseph Feast – Monday, March 19th

The Search Committee is on target for announcing the new principal of St. Joseph School on the weekend of March 17/18th. The announcement will come essentially in the frame work of the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19th. I believe it will be possible for a new principal to quickly relate to Principal Beth Frank during her final two and a half months. Principal Frank has been a principal of excellence and school growth.