



**Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception and  
Saint Frances Cabrini Parishes  
Mid-Year Parish Update  
July, 2023**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Since I began my new assignment as your pastor several weeks ago, I have been so grateful for the warm welcome that you have shown me. As you can imagine, there are a lot of practical things for me to learn about how these parishes operate, but my immediate priority is getting to know you! To that end, do please introduce yourself to me and tell me about yourself. It's a joy for me to get to know you!

As I begin, I am also very grateful to Father Reesman for pastoring our parishes for many years. I'm honored to follow such a faithful and hardworking priest, who daily spent himself out of love for God and His people. I'm also thankful to Father Harmon for administrating our parishes in the interim.

As I said in my first homily at each parish, my number one goal is to help us get to heaven, which is something that we should not take for granted. I don't presume my own salvation, and I don't presume your salvation either. Each and every day, inspired by divine grace, we must choose to lead holy lives of faith, hope, and love. In this way, the Lord will sanctify us, fill us with charity for our neighbor, make us beacons of light in the world, and prepare us for everlasting life in heaven.

It's customary for the pastor to give you some updates in this mid-year letter. There is no shortage of things happening at the parishes this summer! I'm still learning about all the ongoing projects myself; however, I can provide you with several general updates.

**Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception**

- The new parish offices are complete! Stop by the old school to say hello to our staff and see the new offices. They look great!
- The rectory remodel should begin this fall. Because there is significant work to be done, we expect it will take some time before Father Harmon and I can move into the renovated priest digs!
- The steeple steps, foundation re-grading, and concrete projects are still ongoing. These improvements are projected to be completed by this fall.

**Saint Frances Cabrini**

- The roof project is nearing completion. While we are hopeful that these repairs fixed the leaking roof, we are still awaiting a good thunderstorm to find out!
- As you have noticed, the new church and chapel pews are installed. They look great! The next phase of the church renovation will begin just after Labor Day. We hope to have the entire project completed by the beginning of Advent.
- Renovation of the second set of school bathrooms started in June and will be completed before the children return for the 2023-24 school year. The first set of bathrooms were completed last summer. Both projects are included in our Love One Another Campaign.

- I also would like to say a word about our parish theme for the upcoming year – **“Do This in Memory of Me.”** Of course, this is the mandate Jesus gave to his Apostles as he began to experience his Passion. It is a command to continue offering the Mass throughout the ages until He comes again. By faithfully heeding our Lord’s words, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is made present for us, the grace of this saving sacrifice is applied to our lives, and the unconditional love Christ showed for us on the Cross fills our hearts in the Most Holy Eucharist. Of course, this theme ties in well with the National Eucharistic Revival, which has now been underway for some time.

In Christ,

Rev. J. A. S. A.

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