

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Last weekend, I announced to you the changes that will take place in the pastoral leadership for our parish. As of July 1, Fr. Michael Grisolano, will become the new pastor of St. Tarcissus. Fr. Grisolano was ordained in 2012, and comes to us most recently from St. Damian Parish in Oak Forest. As my six year assignment comes to an end, I will be moving to St. Philip Parish in Northfield.

I have been asked to be the Parochial Administrator for the parish and join a team of pastors from the neighboring parishes in the grouping for Renew My Church. I will be working with the parishes of St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier in Wilmette and Sts. Faith, Hope and Charity and Sacred Heart in Winnetka. I, too, will begin my assignment on July 1.

As I mentioned at mass, the Archdiocese has identified two pilot groupings to begin this initiative for Renew My Church; one in west Humboldt Park and one in the northern suburbs. For all of us, this is a time of great anxiety, concern, and even some fear as to what the future holds for us. However, I believe it can also be a time of great promise and hope for the Church. As we move forward in this initiative to Renew My Church, I ask us all to remember the words of Pope Francis who tells us "God is not afraid of new things." If God is not afraid of new things, then neither should we. Let this be our prayer and our guide as we all move forward in faith to Renew Our Church.

Also, last Sunday we celebrated St Joseph Day with our annual St. Joseph Table. Many thanks to JoAnn Keto and her numerous volunteers for all the hard work in preparing such a wonderful event for the parish. As you know, many parishes no longer uphold this time-honored and revered tradition to have a day dedicated to feeding those who are poor and in need and making it a special celebration of foods blessed by the church. We are fortunate here at St. Tarcissus to still observe and celebrate this devotion to St. Joseph. As always, the food was abundant and wonderful, and all who attended shared in the fellowship of our parish. There is never a charge for the St. Joseph Table, but the donations received will be given to serve people in need through the mission of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Once again, I am most grateful to all involved who helped make this day such a memorable one.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Mike

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If you would like a copy of your 2016 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call or e-mail me at the rectory (773 763-8228 - jmadura@sttars.org). You may leave a voice mail message if I am not available.

You may choose to pick them up, have them e-mailed to you or have them sent via US Mail. Please feel free to call me with questions. Jim Madura

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Monthly Collections

July 1, 2016 through February, 2017

Year-to-date budget	\$295,631
Year-to-date actual	\$298,252
Y-T-D	\$ 2,621
Year-to-date prior year	\$304,076
Increase from prior year	\$ (5,824)

Thank you for your support.