

**Column051423**

**Companions on the Journey**

May 21, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the interest of using as many opportunities as possible to inform and remind about the events of the next several weeks I replay the following:

I know you know that my Jubilee Mass celebration is scheduled for June 11 at 1:30PM in our church. There will be additional people present because I have invited extended family and friends. There are a few things you need to know early on about the celebration so that you may make any necessary adjustments to your usual weekend schedule.

After the Jubilee Mass we will have a picnic outside on our parking lot. On the Friday before the event, a large tent will be erected, and tables and chairs moved in. This means that there will be **no parking lot parking available** for confessions or evening Mass June 10 and no parking on the lot available on June 11 for the 815 Mass.

In order to accommodate having our picnic onsite **there will be no 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday June 11**. Just Mass at 8:15 and 1:30PM. In effect I am moving the 10:30 Mass to 1:30 just for that day.

I realize that this causes disruption to your customary Sunday schedule, but it is a rare occurrence and I hope that you will understand and not be dismayed. I do ask you to help us to spread the word to other parishioners or friends who are not going to be reading this column so that they will be informed. We will be using all the parish social media vehicles to spread the word. The spirit of the day is joy and gratitude to the living God for his care of his people.

On that Sunday afternoon we will have a variety of food trucks available, and you will be able to choose the kind of food you most enjoy, including ice cream and cupcakes. I look forward to seeing you and celebrating the Eucharist with you on that Sunday. The following Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> is my final Sunday here at Saint Anthony's. I will leave that Monday morning and the new pastor will arrive that same day.

The Most Precious Blood Chapel of Perpetual Adoration will be open and available to parishioners the first week of June. For that first week there will not be a need for each person to have his or her personal digital code because the Chapel will be opened and unlocked. This will provide time to assign codes to all those who apply for them. The Chapel will be open for Adoration beginning on June 9 around 9AM. I am encouraging all of you to make an effort to come and spend a half hour or an hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

My thought is to have three days of daily adoration from 9AM until 9 PM each day (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday—June 7, 8, 9) and four hours of Adoration on Saturday June 10. This would total forty hours of adoration culminating in a blessing of the Chapel at 3pm that Saturday. Do some thinking about how you can participate in this mini-forty hours devotion. We will be providing sign up sheets in the Narthex. On the weekends beforehand.

Peace,

Msgr. McHenry