**Week Behind/ Week Ahead**

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

Date: November 13, 2021

**Week Behind**

**Arts and Crafts Bazaar** – Last Friday and Saturday the Women of St. Joseph hosted the Annual Arts and Crafts Bazaar in Dillon Hall. It was a great event featuring handmade items made by Tri-Cities and Northwest artisans. I was really impressed by the many people who came to the event and by the warm and friendly atmosphere provided by the vendors. Thanks to the Women of Saint Joseph who donated their time and talent in the organization of the event. Furthermore, I thank all the people who came. Your support helps many local charities.

**National Vocation Awareness Week --** The Catholic Church in the United States celebrated the 45th Annual National Vocation Awareness Week from November 7-13, 2021. During this week, we hold events to foster appreciation for vocations and prayed specifically for those discerning a call to ordained ministry and consecrated life. In our parish and school, Father Cesar and I visited classrooms and shared our vocation stories with the students. There are always good questions. One of the students asked me, “Do priests do anything they want for recreation and fun?” I answered, “Yes. The only limitations that a priest has is that his hobbies must be in accord with the Gospel and his position as a priest. Priests enjoy the same hobbies as everybody else: sports, music, theater, opera, plays, outdoor activities, and the list goes on and on.” I had a great time with the students!

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast --** On Sunday, November 14, 2021, the Knights of Columbus once again organized and hosted a Sunday breakfast in Dillon Hall. Their breakfasts are great for building parish community. As the priest gives his final blessing at the end of Sunday Mass, you hear your stomach grumbling, “What’s that delicious smell coming from Dillon Hall?” You hardly need to think twice for the answer: “It’s the Knights of Columbus preparing light, fluffy, delicious pancakes, bacon and eggs.” Come and join us Sunday after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses.

**Visiting Priests --** On Thursday, November 11, the parish community celebrated the life of long- time parishioner Mary Houston. I thank Father Richard Sedlacek who celebrated a beautiful Mass for Mary. Thanks to all the parishioners who attended the Mass. May Mary rest in peace.

**Annual Catholic Appeal for the Diocese of Yakima 2022 --** Thank you to all the parishioners who have pledged or given to the Annual Catholic Appeal 2022. If you have not participated yet, please prayerfully consider giving this year. Your donations go to help seminarians in their education as well as furthering religious education in our parish and Saint Joseph Catholic School. They help families in need and fund many other ministries. In making your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart and guide your generosity to shine. This year, our parish goal is $136,575.00. Your financial support will assist us in reaching that goal. All funds collected beyond our goal will be returned to our parish for use in our building fund. My hope is that every household in our parish will make a pledge or gift this year. Thank you so much for your generosity.

**Week Ahead**

**Magnificat Classes --** On Friday, November 19, the Diocese will be offering a workshop on Safe Environment via Zoom from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm with Msgr. Siler and Diana Aparicio. There is no registration needed prior to joining the workshop. Members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, School Commission, and anyone in leadership positions in the parish are welcome to participate in the workshop. Although the focus is on parish leaders, others not in leadership positions are welcome to participate as well. *Magnificat* classes for catechists will resume in the spring.  I am thankful to all parish and school leaders for sharing their time and talent and for learning more about their roles as leaders.

**Zoom Link:**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89087235167](https://email-mg.flocknote.com/c/eJwVjcEOgyAQRL9GjmR32bpw4NCY-h9UodqimKpp0q8vncxc3mHe6AUNCavZExDWALYGUDRqR610nbNIN0THfcOQchleazmiHsqiJp-EhAwyIJmQLNOQIGAMYYyGg2OV_XQc296Ya0N97bkDfeJdf0tZ9LlX8qyzDmz9uWAr6u3TduZ5LFh9jyXM-e_6AYgcLvU) **Meeting ID:** 890 8723 5167

**Men’s Retreat with Bishop Tyson** – On Saturday, November 20, Bishop Joseph Tyson will once again be giving a Men’s Retreat for the Year of Saint Joseph, beginning at 12:30 pm in the Parish Office building (upstairs meeting room A). The first retreat was a great success, and the bishop wants to do it one more time. The retreat will be based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and it will conclude with the parish Mass at 5:30 pm. All men from the parish and the Tri-Cities area are invited. Please find the retreat registration forms in the church foyer and return them to the Parish Office or drop box by Wednesday, November 17. Retreat in Spanish will be from 2:00pm -7:00pm in the Parish Office building (upstairs meeting room B) If you have any questions, please call the office at 586-3820.

**Message from Father Felipe Pulido --** Dear Parishioners, I want to let you know that I am taking a few days off to visit my Aunt Louisa who lives in San Diego, California. I will leave Monday, November 15, 2021, and return Saturday, November 20, 2021. I am traveling with my mother Cristina who is very excited about the trip. Please keep us in your prayers.