

Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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Week Behind

Parish Yard Sale – Thank you, Women of Saint Joseph, for the enormous work you do every year during our two parish Yard Sales. The Fall Yard Sale took place on Friday, September 17, and Saturday, September 18. I also thank all the other volunteers who helped set up and clean up and who worked during the Yard Sale. This event is a great fundraiser that benefits our parish and promotes community with our neighbors. This fall the Yard Sale made \$23,500.00. Many thanks to all the workers and those people who have been donated items throughout the year.

Father Felipe's Health Update—This coming week I am going to have further tests: an echocardiogram, an ultrasound of my carotid arteries, and a stress test. I am feeling OK for the most part, but when I walk a few yards, I get a little dizzy and my energy levels are low. As they say, "Growing older is not for sissies" but it is part of human existence. Thanks for your care, concern, and prayers.

Magnificat Faith Formation Program— Bishop Tyson extends a warm invitation to join him for the *Magnificat* faith formation program during the month of October. At Christ the King Parish Hall in Richland on Saturday, October 1, the bishop made a presentation on the Church's Social Doctrine. On **Saturday, October 22, Bishop Tyson will again be at Christ the King Parish Hall teaching about Morality for a two-hour block from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.** For those who are not able to attend in person, there is the option to participate via Zoom--
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84116935317> We hope to see you this year at the *Magnificat* program of faith formation. Please share this invitation with others who may be interested in participating. **If attending in person, perhaps you could bring a treat to share with others.**

Alumni, Friends, and Family--On Saturday, October 1, we hosted our first Saint Joseph Catholic School Alumni Dinner. Close to 100 people came to the event. I am very happy that Father Richard Sedlacek and some of the sisters who used to administer and teach at our school came to the event. It was a night full of fun and surprises. I want to thank Billie and all the people who organized the event. All proceeds will benefit Saint Joseph's School endowment.

Week Ahead

Saint Joseph Catholic School—The annual Fun Run will take place on Sunday, October 2, at Kennewick High. We are hoping to have an amazing event! All our students have collected pledges and will participate, running to raise money for the school. This money directly helps teachers in their classrooms with technology and other classroom expenses. It helps families who need financial aid, and it supports PTO activities. Thank you, Perry Kelly, school principal,

and the school staff, for organizing this fundraiser. Thank you—parents, relatives, neighbors, friends, and parishioners—for supporting our great school through this yearly event.

Blood Drive—On Tuesday, October 4, Knights of Columbus Council 8179 members will be hosting our quarterly blood drive in Dillon Hall from noon to 5:00 pm. We need more donors! Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to schedule appointments. Your donation, a very personal gift of charity, may save a life!

Priests' Convocation—The annual Yakima diocesan Priests' Convocation will be held Tuesday, October 4, through Friday, October 7. The theme of this year's Convocation is *Liturgy: Our Synodality in Christ*. Our featured speaker, Deacon Owen Cummings from Mount Angel Seminary, will be speaking about *Desiderio Desideravi*, Pope Francis's most recent document on liturgy. Please keep Fathers Felipe, Riccardo, Vogl, and Reilly in your prayers.

Religious Education— On Wednesday, October 5, we will begin our Confirmation classes in English this school year. I thank Doris Rosenow and Maria Rodrigues and all the volunteers who donate their time and gifts to the religious formation of our youth. It is the generosity and kindness of these two wonderful women and their teams that make possible the different programs of Religious Education in our parish. The Lord has blessed Saint Joseph with the support of Doris, Maria and the volunteers who teach our youth and children.

In-Service Day and Diocesan Mission Congress— On Friday, October 14, the diocese will hold its Teacher Excellence in-service at Holy Family Catholic Church in Yakima. I am grateful to the many teachers and SJS principal Perry Kelly who will join other Catholic school staff members to learn about faith infusion resources and about Catholic social doctrine. In addition, on Saturday October 15, our Religious Education teachers and coordinators will attend the Diocesan Mission Congress.

Called and Gifted— I invite you to prayerfully consider participating in an initiative that will be offered in our parish by teachers from the Catherine of Siena Institute: The *Called & Gifted Discernment Process*.

The process begins with a one-day workshop on Saturday, October 8, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the second-floor rooms of the Parish Office. Once the workshop is completed, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a personal gifts interview as well as to join a group of parishioners exploring more deeply what charisms God has given each of them. We have 20 people registered now. We need to have at least 50 people. The \$25 fee includes a workbook and lunch. If, for any reason, you cannot pay the fee, please come anyway. We have scholarships.

Deacon Bill and a member of the Parish Council will be in the foyer this weekend after Masses to answer questions and register parishioners for our *Called and Gifted* program.

I hope you will seriously consider taking the first step in learning about your particular call from God: attending the workshop. Please call or e-mail Deacon Bill, 509-586-3820, or Deaconwilliammich@stjoseph-kennewicki.org for more information and to register. I hope to see you at the workshop! Thank you.

