



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is a double celebration: we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with zeal and courage, and we joyfully celebrate our return to the public celebration of Mass here at St. Andrew. How good it is to be able to assemble as a worshipping community and offer our sacrifice of praise to God, knowing that the Lord Jesus himself is present in our midst. Certainly, our celebrations are smaller and more subdued, and we do have to keep our distance from others and be very careful to avoid spreading the virus. But the possibility of being in church and celebrating Mass together makes all of these sacrifices worthwhile! I hope that the unprecedented hiatus in public masses for the last two and a half months will give us a renewed appreciation for the communal celebration of the Mass. **There is no substitute for the in-person experience of the Eucharistic Liturgy!**

I want to congratulate ALL graduates of the Class of 2020, those graduating from St. Andrew School, those graduating from high school, whether Bishop Watterson, St. Charles, UAHS or other public or private schools, and also those graduating from college. Though we are unable to give you the public recognition you deserve, we offer you our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

As we begin the Summer season, we are preparing for what is being called the "Summer that wasn't" because so many Summer events and celebrations have been canceled. **Among the events that are canceled is The Festival at St. Andrew, which would have taken place August 14 and 15.** This year would have been the 20th Festival at St. Andrew, and a gala celebration was being planned to mark the anniversary. But it would have been foolish and irresponsible in light of the circumstances to proceed with the Festival while the Coronavirus is still a threat and mass gatherings are especially dangerous, and while the Sunday obligation of attending Mass continues to be dispensed. The cancelation of many other Summer events, including the Ohio State Fair, indicates this was the right decision. Our Festival usually brings in around \$75,000 to St. Andrew Parish, but I am not going to fret over that. I know there are many people and families who are suffering because of unemployment, loss of income, and an uncertain future. These are the ones I worry about. Thanks to your loyal, ongoing and generous support, St. Andrew Parish is doing OK. We will survive even without festival income this year. **The Festival Committee is preparing to return in 2021, saving their energy and enthusiasm to make The Festival 2021 a better-than-ever 20th Festival at St. Andrew!**

Have a happy and safe summer!

Your Pastor,
Msgr. Stephan Moloney