

From the Desk of Father Ed:

Dear Parishioners,

In order for a company to be successful the workers have to be properly trained. They need to be given the proper knowledge and equipment to carry out their jobs.

In our Gospel this weekend Jesus has a training session for His twelve Apostles. He sends them out two by two into the neighboring towns of Galilee. He sent them out to preach the Gospel, heal the sick, and drive out demons. They were sent without any food, money, or extra clothing. Jesus did this so that they would come to rely solely on Divine Providence.

He did equip them with something very special and powerful to help them in their ministry, that is, He gave them His authority. Often we hear in the Gospels how people were amazed at Jesus' teaching and preaching because He taught them with authority. This authority that Jesus handed onto the twelve was the gift of the Holy Spirit that gave them power over the devil and to preach and heal as Jesus Himself did during His ministry. This authority is still present in the Church and has been given to the successors of the Apostles, that is, the Bishops and the Priests who assist them.

As the Apostles had to place their trust in Jesus when He sent them out with no money, food, or extra clothes, we too must trust in the Lord. We place our trust in our Heavenly Father that He has given us the Church which has His authority to drive out evil, to preach the truth to us, to heal us, and lead us home to the kingdom of Heaven.

Parish Life:

Currently we are in the process of updating our kitchen in the pavilion. The existing kitchen did not have a proper hood for venting and the required fire suppression system. We recently contracted with a local commercial kitchen company to provide us with a new stainless steel hood and fire suppression system. In addition, we have purchased a new commercial gas stove that can now be used in the kitchen along with the existing gas-fired fryers and flat top stove. In the past whenever we wanted to use the fryers and flat top stove we had to wheel them outside the pavilion and manually attach them to the outdoor propane tank. This was not only dangerous but also time consuming and cooking was subject to the outdoor elements.

We are currently in our final stages of the project. Shortly we will have a fully functional commercial kitchen that we can safely use for fundraisers and parish social events. My hope is that this improvement to the pavilion kitchen will benefit the parish for many years. Thank you for your support to make these projects possible. Please continue to be generous in your giving so that we can continue to improve our parish.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us,
Father Ed,
Pastor