

May 8, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Once again congratulations to our children who received First Communion over the past week. We again thank the parents, teachers, and catechists for continuing their strong faith formation. It is our prayer that they be in church every week to celebrate the Eucharist and receive Jesus again. Parents, we depend on you.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

In a special way this weekend we celebrate MOM! Living or deceased, we remember all our moms and all those who have played a “motherly role” or “filled in” for our moms at various times in our lives. As I mentioned last week that May is the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, we commend all our “moms” to the intercession and protection of the Blessed Mother. As my father always reminded us growing up -- every day is Mother’s Day.

Over the past 2 months we have invited you to participate in 2 church-wide efforts -- the Synod and the Disciple Maker Index. While the results have not been released regarding the Disciple Maker Index, I thank the 144 parishioners who participated in this survey. I’ll let you know any additional results as we get them.

Our Synod sessions during April involved about 60 participants. I am so very grateful to Alicia Davis, our facilitator, and Maureen Rilling, and the others who served on the Synod Committee and took care of the process. The next step is pulling together the many shared insights and common threads for our parish report, which is due in the coming month. This was a unique opportunity and a unique process that unites us with the entire Archdiocese, our country, and the whole worldwide church. Listening was the key message of the Synod on Synodality, and I pray we will continue to strive to listen to each other, not only in the church, but in all our activities every day.

I pray you continue to share the Easter spirit with your families and those you meet as we continue to celebrate the Easter season. Stay close to God and God will be close to you. Be assured of my prayers, as I depend on yours.

St. Luke, pray for us.

Father Joe Brandt