

Fall 2011

Dear sisters and brothers of our parish family,

“May our God give us peace”

Happy autumn – time waits for no one as we enter our third year in our own home; God is good. We continue to grow and spread the Good News that all are welcome at Jesus’ table. Last Sunday we witnessed a baptism and within the next couple of weeks, we will celebrate two young men receiving Jesus for the first time! This weekend, the last of October, the brothers will be preparing the “goodies” for after our Masses, as we celebrate our 2nd Anniversary at our present location.

Early in the month of October, some of our brothers were in Chicago for the first of our annual Franciscan gatherings as per our Rule of Life. There are many good things happening with our OFR community as there are here among us locally. We have three postulants and one novice and four professed members – God is good!

As we enter the month of November, all of our beloved deceased family and friends will be remembered at each Liturgy celebrated as part of our continuing Catholic tradition. Later in the month – November 12th – we will have our Yard Sale. Many of you have contributed generously and as we have been told, more is on the way. Many thanks!

We are also planning a parish outing to the Ancient Spanish Monastery.

As we give thanks for the many gifts we have – our celebration of Thanksgiving will be on Wednesday, the 23rd of November – please plan on joining with us – a good opportunity to let your friends come and share with us.

The following prayer was part of a world-wide gathering in September, 1986 at the Basilica in Assisi –

God of many names – we gather as people of faith in the Source of all goodness. Peace is so desperately needed in our world and it is up to each of us to give more – as we forgive, to have passion – as we reach out to others in compassion. We are one family, standing in awe at the beauty of your Creation – teach us to take bold steps to further peace on this special day. AMEN!

Pray for me as I do for you –

Fr. Joe, ofr