

Thoughts from the Rectory ...

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

Last week's Open Houses were a joyful encounter of family, friends, parishioners and parents. Thank you to all who visited and enjoyed a walk-through of our "In the Beginning" Pre-School classrooms and conversation with our director, teacher, and volunteers. While our children find themselves in the midst of our weekly summer programs highlighting God's wondrous Creation, saints around the world, and more, it is to the autumn opening of the school year that we are especially focusing on.

In a special way I ask that you consider supporting our parish in an exceptional act of trust. Each week St. John's is blessed by the regular and active giving of so many, whether they be on a fixed income, retired and involved, or hard at work early each day. This regular support goes to the regular care and function of our parish and its upkeep. With exceptional giving, we can do still more exceptional work. Each of us can, from what little we may have, give for the benefit of so many. In so doing, we participate in the Lord's work of feeding the multitudes and effecting His miracles. Yes, God's grace is at work in our efforts, and most especially, in those profound acts of trust.

At the beginning of this month, our *In the Beginning* Pre-School ministry has found its home in our permanent classrooms. We have welcomed a new teacher, Isabel Dunn, as well as new volunteers. Children have already been learning so many exciting things. Families have already been supporting these efforts with their own tuitions and contributions. With your exceptional gifts we can continue to strengthen the foundations of our ministries and build for a reliable and eager future.

Thank you for your prayers and considerations. Thank you for working tirelessly to grow our parish. Thank you for sharing in the miracle of the Lord who, raising His eyes and giving thanks, shows us the power of trust and His divine will!

St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!

Fr. Pierz