



A Word from Msgr. Gerry

June 18, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am at a loss to express my gratitude for your many notes, cards and comments of appreciation for my sixteen years as pastor of St. Joseph. Without taking away any of the honor you have shown me, I have to say any good or blessing that came to our parish while I was here is largely due to the genuine faith and goodness you parishioners.

Every priest brings his talents, gifts, personality and faith to his vocation. With the grace of God, these form the character of his ministry. It is just as true that the people he serves help form the character of his ministry. Their desire for Christ's sacraments causes the priest to recognize his own need to be united to Christ. Their examples of love and devotion inspire the priest to be loving and devoted to his parishioners. Their prayerfulness and faith cause the priest to be prayerful and faithful. You should know that you have made Christ present to this pastor.

THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to prepare a beautiful Mass for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ and the picnic afterward. Rain moved the picnic inside but, that did not prevent us from having a wonderful parish celebration in a jam packed Memorial Hall.

A special THANK YOU goes to the planning committee who did a lot more than plan. They organized many volunteers and worked hard to put every detail in place for a wonderful parish celebration. When you see them say "Thank you" to ...

***CJ Peters
Brian Stegman
Jerry Sandfoss
Julie Finn
Barb Kling
Roger & Diane Keller
Roxanne Calhoun
Joe Ruwe***

July 11 is the official date of the transfer of pastors. At that time my plan is to take up residence at St. Therese Parish until I can find a townhouse condo to buy. I still have a couple of weeks to make my good byes as your pastor.

You have been extremely generous in your congratulations and well wishes for me. I am truly humbled by all of this and accept them as a testimony of your goodness and the deep faith that resides in this parish community.

*Your pastor and brother in Christ,
Monsignor Gerald L. Reinersman*