

Dear brothers & sisters,

I would like to thank everyone at St. Charles & St. Anne's that have helped, are helping, and continue to help to make things happen.

At St. Anne's, the first person I would like to thank is Angela Michel for her many years of service at St. Anne. As I came to our cluster, she was very welcoming to me and showed me everything that I needed to see at St. Anne's when it came to the bookkeeping and record-keeping at the parish. And in the last year and a half it has been a great joy to work with her as I came and settled in as Pastor. I know many of you have offered her well-wishes as you knew the time of her retirement was getting closer. So may God bless her on her new adventures and let us continue to thank her for all she has done.

At St. Charles, I would like to thank all of those men and women who have helped with their time, talent, and treasure for the outdoor landscaping. The church grounds look beautiful and I know improvements will continue to be made as time goes on. It is a joy for me personally to walk around on campus and see these things take place.

Back at St. Anne's, I would like to thank everyone who helped to move every piece of furniture, wall-hanging, cabinet, chair, etc., during the painting project prior to Easter. When I sit and pray and think about that undertaking, it truly amazes me. The interior of the church and hall look so beautiful with the lighting and paint - a nice, new, fresh look to honor St. Anne, our patroness.

Also, let's not forget all who helped in moving the classrooms and other various things to the new school at St. Charles; classrooms, books, boxes, desks, chairs, etc. It was awesome to see over that two-day period how many things were moved for the good of the school and community.

I would like to thank the Usher's Club as well at St. Charles, for their generous gift in reclaiming the baptismal area. This project, if all continues to go well, should be done by the first week of August, if not sooner. It is nice to see the stained glass window of St. John the Baptist baptizing Jesus, before each Mass begins. It reminds me, and hopefully you as well, that we need to act like Christ in all things of the mind and heart that will lead us to do the Will of the Father by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

At St. Anne's I would also like to thank all of those involved in the Feast Day celebration for the 23rd of July. It is great to see everyone coming together so that we can have such a beautiful event. One of the highlights that I hope you've all seen is the Chinese Raffle. I always get fascinated by those types of things. I've got my eye on a couple things - I'm going to have to get my tickets this weekend so I can hopefully win one of the baskets!

I would also like to thank all at St. Charles for hitting the CSA goal that the diocese has provided for us and for all to realize that what we raise from this point forward will not be taxed the standard 7% and will go towards the new flooring in the sanctuary and the tuck-pointing of the exterior walls of the church. We still have three more sides to do.

Again, thank you to everyone for all of your generosity of time, talent, and treasure that has enabled our cluster to accomplish so many great things. May God's good work continue in all of us!

God bless,
Fr. Anthony