
Pastor's Journal...
Fr. William P. Felix



20 August 2023 + Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This past week I was taken back a bit as a yellow bus pulled up to some neighbors at about 7:20am and children got aboard. I thought I missed a couple of weeks of summer! I forgot that Stanley-Boyd has an early start this year because of an early dismissal next summer do to construction. I want to wish those in school a good year. Our St. Joseph School begins on Wednesday, August 30, which is right around the corner as well. I guess summer is coming to an end. I want to congratulate Russ Jensen, our principal, who finally completed his certification this summer, and is ready to go as we begin the new year. It is official!

This weekend, Fr. Emmanuel is making his mission appeal at St. Charles Borromeo and St. Peter parishes. Next weekend, August 26-27, he will be making his appeal at all of the Masses in our parish. As a reminder, Fr. Emmanuel is pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish in the Diocese of Kiyinda-Mityana, Uganda, Africa. Fr. Emmanuel has been ordained 30 years and is in charge of 42 outstations in his parish. He normally tries to visit each remote outstation in the jungle 3 times each year, along with the 3 priests who assist him.

With permission from his ordinary, Bishop Joseph Anthony Zzwiwa, Fr. Emmanuel will be raising funds to restore the rectory, which was built 120 years ago by Bissonet Missionaries. The building is in terrible shape, with the roof collapsing during the day last March. Providentially, the priests were away at the time with the pastoral work. Fr. Emmanuel will describe the project in more detail, but please be as generous as you can to allow him to restore the rectory and parish center. He will provide envelopes for you to make your contribution next weekend, or to drop in the following week's collection. **Remember to make checks out to our parish, All Saints Parish, with Uganda Mission in the memo line.** The funds will be forwarded to him through our Missions Office in the Diocese of La Crosse.

Having been to Uganda several years ago, seeing the incredible work he does in very harsh circumstances, I can attest to his good use of money for essential and important projects. Every time he comes for a visit, I am reminded of the universality of our Catholic Church, especially the fraternity among all priests, no matter where we are from. While the conditions we work in is different, the struggles and difficulties are the same. He is amazed at all we have done in our parish in just the five years since his last visit. I only wish our dollars would go as far as they do in Uganda. His whole project is just over \$50,000 USD. This same project for us would be well into the hundreds of thousands. You will get a "big bang for your buck." Help him as much as you can.

Blessings and best wishes,