

Dear members of Saint Clement,

As we embrace the arrival of August, it is with great joy and enthusiasm that we extend a warm welcome to all the new members who have joined our spiritual family. This monthly column serves as a platform to express our gratitude, highlight our achievements, and share exciting upcoming events with our members.

As we reflect on the past months, we cannot help but celebrate the tremendous success of two of our recent events: Theology on Tap and Wine Down Wednesday. These gatherings have provided a platform for engaging discussions, fostering connections, and deepening our understanding of faith. The overwhelming attendance and positive feedback from the community have been truly inspiring. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers and staff as their unwavering commitment and hard work have allowed us to host hundreds of people on our campus every single week. We are immensely grateful for your selfless service and dedication to our spiritual family.

I also would like to express our appreciation to Nicole Zenner, our Chief of Staff & Strategy for her exceptional leadership in our community. Additionally, we warmly welcome Katie Bak, our new Sr. Director of Admin & Facilities, who has already made a significant impact by spearheading the transformation of our storage spaces, leading our summer renovation and maintenance projects, and preparing both school and office spaces for fall programs.

With the start of a new academic year, we eagerly await the return of our faculty and staff at Saint Clement School and our catechists for our Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs. In the spirit of fostering a sense of belonging, purpose, and identity, we invite all members of our parish to join us this August for a short three-week series called [ever wonder?](#). This series will delve into these fundamental aspects of our lives, providing a unique opportunity for meaningful conversations, engaging discussions, and personal growth. By participating, we can deepen our understanding of ourselves and strengthen our sense of community.

Furthermore, we highly encourage everyone to consider participating in one of our parish anchors: belong, pray, learn, serve, and share. These anchors serve as pillars of our community, guiding us in our journey of faith and service. Whether it is joining a small group, engaging in prayer and worship, attending educational programs, volunteering for community service, or sharing our blessings with others, each anchor offers a unique opportunity for personal and spiritual growth.

As we embark on these endeavors, let us remember our parish purpose: growing God's kingdom. Together, we can create a vibrant and inclusive community where all are welcome, supported, and encouraged to live out their faith. Let us continue to embrace new beginnings, celebrate our achievements, and eagerly anticipate the growth and blessings that lie ahead.

With much gratitude,

Fr. Peter Wojcik, *Pastor*