

January 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are pleased to announce that it is Bishop Ricken's intention to name Fr. Bill Brunner as the administrator for St. Gregory and Holy Trinity Parishes. Fr. Bill hails from the Manitowoc area and is currently finishing six years of military service as a chaplain in the US Navy. Unfortunately, Fr. Bill's release from service to the Navy has been delayed. He had planned to be available on March 1, but that date has been pushed back until July 1.

In the meantime, Fr. John Becker and other priests will continue to fill in until March 1. Then on the weekend of March 6, Fr. Paul Demuth, a retired priest from Denmark, will be named priest celebrant until June 30. Fr. Richard Klingeisen, Pastor at St. Mary's, Clarks Mills, and St. Michael's, Whitelaw, will continue as temporary parish administrator through June 30. On July 1, Fr. Bill Brunner will begin. We regret this delay and the assignment of another temporary priest celebrant, but we look forward to Fr. Paul and then finally Fr. Bill serving your parishes.

Fr. Luke Ferris
Vicar for Clergy & Pastoral Leaders
Diocese of Green Bay

'Let us pray every day for our new priest and those serving during our transition.' Dcn. Gary

GOOD ST JOSEPH

As you led the Holy Family, watch over our parish families. Help our parish families to know and to share in God's love. May our parish families be open and welcoming to God's plan for us, and may we find healing, hope, and holiness through our parish families.

As foster father to Jesus, watch over all who serve as spiritual fathers, and bless our Holy Father, our Bishop, and all our priests. May they follow your humble example in the fatherly care for the people of God, the Church, and our parishes.

With Mary you raised Jesus the High Priest, and you know our need for good and holy priests in our diocese. We also implore you to watch over Bishop Ricken, and ask the Holy Spirit to help our Bishop, and fill him with wisdom, counsel, knowledge, and understanding, to send our parishes the priest that we need to give us guidance, so that we can continue to live out the Gospel of Christ.

May our parishes be warm and welcoming to our new priest, and may we be grateful for him and for all the gifts that Jesus sends us.

Good St Joseph, pray for us!