

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

First, I want to thank all of those willing workers in our parish who made our last community dinner of the school year such a big success. It was really encouraging to see so many people from the parish and school together enjoying themselves together. A number of young people even took the opportunity to discuss the plans for the movie that they hope to make this summer. Now that's Holy Name creativity!

Secondly, I want to congratulate the members of last Saturday's First Communion class and their parents. It was a blessed opportunity for all those who shared in the occasion. As I said at the Mass, it is now the responsibility of the parents to make sure that their children build on Saturday's experience of the Lord by making sure that they are present for each Sunday's celebration of the Eucharist. First Communion is the second of the sacraments of initiation. Baptism brought these young people into the Church. The Eucharist will sustain and strengthen their faith. Confirmation will eventually offer them the seal of the Spirit and the final stage in their sacramental initiation.

Third, I want to thank Anne Phillips and other members of the parish who have taken an interest in the front yard of the parish center. Mr. Mike Marino, director of our parish plant, has done an excellent job in making the front of our building look more presentable.

Last of all, I want to encourage parishioners who want to contribute more to the life of this parish to consider offering their names for possible membership on the parish pastoral council. We need people on the council who will be willing to devote as much time to its affairs as they would to serving on a board of directors, individuals who will be willing to serve as chairs or as members of various committees of the council. Please read the material from Jim Lamy, chair of the nominating committee, in this edition of the bulletin as you ponder your course of action.

As we move toward the end of the Easter season, we realize that we have much for which to be thankful at Holy Name. I am very grateful for your participation in all these aspects of parish life; I promise you a remembrance at Mass and in my prayers.

In our Lord,  
Donald A. Hawkins, S.J.  
Pastor