

## Pastoral Message



During March, in addition to the holy season of Lent, the Church also lives the month dedicated to **Saint Joseph**. The Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19 is one of the highest feast days of the year (it counts as a day off from Lent!). Many countries have traditions of having a **Saint Joseph's Table** which include food and offerings given to the poor. We will have a special St. Joseph's Day Mass here at St. Mary's on **Saturday, March 19, at 8 am**. Please consider coming with your families! We continue to entrust the future of our parish, school, and property to the intercession of Saint Joseph.

Next week Blue Design Group of Hortonville will be here to speak after all the Masses to share their **analysis** of our present needs and **recommendations** for our future development. Blue Design has been hired to do a six-month consultation for our parish. We remain free to do whatever we want with their advice and recommendations. I hope that their thoughtful observations will enable us to continue to have a **vigorous conversation** about our future vision for the mission of St. Mary's: How will we embrace our call to proclaim the beauty and mercy of Jesus to all the people of Greenville in the coming decades?

I want to assure everyone that St. Mary's **will not go into debt** to fund any possible future building project. Diocesan regulations require us to raise almost all of the needed funds before any construction would begin. As I see it, if we decide we need to expand our facility, a large part of the referendum on it will occur when people are asked to freely give in support of the development. If and only if we raise adequate funds, we will proceed with expansion.

I am confident **God will provide** us with more than we need if we keep entrusting this whole undertaking to his Providence through the intercession of Saint Joseph. Thank you for your continued daily prayer for this intention!

Come, Holy Spirit!

*Fr. Peter*