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My dear parishioners:

As I have mentioned to you in the recent past, the Diocese of Beaumont is preparing for a major change; Bishop Guillory has turned 75 years of age and has followed the dictate of the Code and Canon Law and submitted his letter of retirement to Pope Francis. Though it will take some months for the Holy See to go through the process of naming the next bishop, the change in bishops will mark a new chapter in the life of the diocese and one for which we must begin to prepare.

In anticipation of this change in episcopal leadership for the diocese, Bishop Guillory hosted in August a Convocation for Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in the Diocese of Beaumont. Every parish participated in this convocation by having in attendance clergy and laity. From our parish I was joined at the convocation by five parishioners, each representing an important area of parish ministry: Lynn Stacy (liturgy), Billie Matthews (stewardship), Diane Sanderson (children faith formation), Annette Faircloth (youth faith formation), and Maureen Peltier (adult faith formation). Together we listened to the convocation speakers and then attended small group workshops on diverse issues impacting Catholic life in the Diocese of Beaumont.

Recently the bishop sent out a letter to all pastors identifying some specific issue he wished for pastors to discuss in their parishes in order to continue the dialogue on the transition of the diocese. At our last meeting, the parish Pastoral Council members received a copy of the letter and we had our initial discussion on how to address some of the issues raised by the bishop. We will continue to discuss these issues over the next few months. The reason for my bringing this to your attention at this time is to encourage you to discuss your thoughts and perspectives with Council members so that they can bring your wisdom to the Council's discussions.

The fundamental issue we are being asked to reflect upon as a parish is regarding our parish "landscape". By this term we are to address the present situation of both our parish and the community within which our parish is located. Some of the questions we are to ask ourselves regarding our parish are: What is the make-up of our parish? Are some of our parishioners no longer active, and if so, why? How has our parish been changing over the years? What do we anticipate our parish will look like in 5 years, 10 years, 20 years?

After reflecting on the landscape of our parish, we are to reflect on the landscape of our community. Some of the questions we are to ask ourselves regarding our community are: What impact is our parish having on the community around us? How does the community regard us? Are we attracting non-participating Catholics to our parish? Are we attracting non-Catholics to our parish?

Once we have some deeper sense of our "landscape" we can begin conversations about how to address both the intra- and extra-parochial response to our situation. In these areas we would talk about what we can do as a parish community to encourage deeper participation in the parish life by all Catholics in our area (county). And what we can do as a parish to reach out to the community around us to both give testimony of the vibrant Catholic presence in Tyler County, and to welcome non-Catholics to a deeper knowledge and, hopefully, appreciation of the Catholic faith.

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October 13—October 21, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 13 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 14 9:00am—Mass
 Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/
 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, October 15 4:30pm—Mass
 Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/
 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 16 No Mass
 Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 17 4:30pm—Mass
 Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday, October 18 8:30am—Mass
 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Friday, October 19 9:30am—Communion Service
 Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 20 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12

Sunday, October 21 9:00am—Mass
 Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/
 Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 90)

Adult Faith Formation Classes
Sundays after Mass
New series beginning October 7, 2018
Everybody Needs to Forgive Someone
 Led by Madeline Arnett

I would encourage all parishioners to give this some thought. You each have a unique experience of being Catholic in Tyler County. You each have insights and perspectives that are important and thought-provoking. The members of the parish Pastoral Council would love to hear from you. The present members are: Justino Jaimes, chairman, Erasto Baeza, vice chairman, Jerry Dean, secretary, Jerry Pekar, and Dorothy Jacobson.

The parish of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church belongs to each and every one of us. We are the Catholic presence both in our parish and in our community. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to be at work in us, so that through us we can bring the love and presence of Christ more fully to the people within our parish and within our county.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Sun. Oct 14 <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation after Mass</i>	Mon. Oct 15 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Oct 16 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Oct 17 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. Oct 18 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Oct 19 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Oct 20 <i>All day—Hispanic Women's Retreat</i> 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. Oct 21 <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation after Mass</i> 2:30pm—Hispanic Women's Retreat Mass	Mon. Oct 22 4:30 pm—Mass	Tues. Oct 23 6:30pm—RCIA	Wed. Oct 24 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE	Thurs. Oct 25 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	Fri. Oct 26 9:30am—Communion Service	Sat. Oct 27 <i>3:45-4:15pm—Confessions</i> 4:30pm—Bilingual Mass 5:30-9:00pm—Halloween Party

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Rosemary Urban, Don Watt, Ed Sanderson; Bob Sandison, Bobbie Broussard, Earl Odum, Cody Walton, Willie Frazier, Jesusa Bisua, Helen Vedros, Mary Ann Fourniquet; Annette Walles, Madison Walles, Heather St. Marie, Easton Peterson, Nancy Rollins, Darrell Lange, Trey Miller, Betty Hindsley

Repose of the soul: Heather Williams; Katherine Monk, Glenda McClellan

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

Online Giving
 If you would like to give electronically, visit our website www.ourladyofthepinescatholicchurch.com and click on **Donation**.

Halloween Party
 October 27, 2018
 Bilingual Mass 4:30pm
 Party 5:30pm-9:00pm
 Come dressed as a Saint.

Upcoming Events

October 21: 25th, 50th, 50+ Anniversary Mass, St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX
 October 27: Halloween Party after 4:30pm Bilingual Mass 5:30pm-9:00pm
 November 1: All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation
 November 2: All Souls Day

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!!

The Kolbe Retreat Team has asked for our help for the prison retreat at the end of the month. **We need a lot of cookies!**

Deliver brownies or cookies (homemade OR store bought) to the PARKING LOT of the STAGE STORE no later than 10:00 A.M. on the morning of Thursday, October 25th. The St. KOLBE trailer will be parked there.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
 HOMEMADE cookies & brownies MUST BE in CLEAR (see through) gallon bags, WITH THE 2 LOWER CORNERS CUT OFF!
 STORE BOUGHT cookies MUST BE IN as clear as possible packaging OR put in gallon bags WITH 2 LOWER CORNERS CUT.

DO NOT TAKE THEM TO THE CHURCH.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Would you like to deepen your Catholic faith?
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Family Center
 We invite you to come, learn, ask questions and grow in your knowledge and love of God and his Church.

Weekly Stewardship

October 6 & 7 Weekly Offering	\$ 4,669.75
Average Weekly Cost	\$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	\$ 1,517.75

Thank you for your generosity.