

# FROM THE PASTOR'S PRINTER

## ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT IGNORANCE (With Apologies to Smokey the Bear)

This week there will be a special collection basket for the Barbara Zeik Scholarship Fund. Barbara was a dedicated parish secretary whose wisdom, compassion, and dedication to St. John's enriched our parish until her fight

with cancer took her from us and into the heavenly parish. Her love for our school brought about this scholarship. Your generosity will continue the spirit she brought to our parish.

## ...AND THEY'RE OFF AND LEARNING

I am happy to announce that St. John the Baptist School is open and had a smooth start despite COVID 19. This is due to the days and hours of preparation by our principal and teachers throughout this summer to cover every exigency that can affect the health and learning of our students, teachers, and staff, and by extension their

families. At the end of the first day I saw a mother with her two little students, and she said that they said, "It was the best first day ever!" Obviously, they are in the lower grades, so that is why it was the best first day. Nonetheless, I am so glad they were happy and flexible with mask and math, science and spacing.

## HOWDY NEIGHBOR!

This past week has seen the grand opening of LifeSpring Community Center next door. We heartily welcome them.

Except for atheists, I think area homeowners will see their presence and ours as a plus to the neighborhood.

## PENSING AND DISPENSING

Earlier in Covidtime when Mass attendance resumed, I stated that the dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continued at least until August. It continues until further notice, which will be given a significant time before the dispensation ceases. St. John's has been exceptionally careful about safety measures at Mass and continue our commitment to everyone's safety.

returning to Mass if you have not already, AS LONG AS:

- ❖ you do not have any symptoms of the COVID 19
- ❖ you have not been around anyone who has any symptoms or who has the disease itself
- ❖ you are not at high risk of the disease or its complications
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While not obliged to attend Mass, I urge you to consider

If you have doubts about any of these, it is best to stay away from Mass or any gatherings.

## LABOR DAY MASS AT 9 AM

Need I say more?

"OKAY, EVEN IF I ACCEPT YOUR STORY THAT YOU DUG UP THIS ANCIENT BIG CHIEF TABLET FRAGMENT WITH 2ND CENTURY CRAYON TEXT, I DON'T BELIEVE JESUS WAS EVER RECORDED SAYING, 'PARENTS, BUY YOUR KIDS WHATEVER THEY WANTETH.'"

