

## PASTOR'S CORNER



One of my favorite things about St. Francis is the strong sense of community. There is a genuine ‘family feel’ to this place, which is reflected in the number of events and activities we have for families. Although Covid has sidetracked some of them, a few events with a ‘family feel’ will take place in the coming weeks.

**Picnic To-Go Meal Giveaway, Sunday, October 18.** Because of Covid, we postponed our Parish Picnic from October to May, 2021. Seeing a void in the schedule, the KCs and Men’s Club offered to have a “Picnic To-Go” Meal Giveaway that day – to which I quickly said YES! So, next Sunday, the men of our parish will prepare 500 dinners of red beans and rice, and fried chicken. Meals will be distributed in a drive-through line on Betz Place in front of the school between 11am and 1:30 pm. This is for parishioners only and only for people seated in a vehicle. This giveaway is our way of saying, “We miss you and can’t wait to be all together again.” The Saints aren’t playing that Sunday so consider participating in our Picnic To-Go celebration.

**Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 24.** Trunk or Treat is a safe, family-friendly alternative to trick-or-treating in neighborhoods. Families decorate car trunks or the back of SUVs with a Halloween theme (not too scary). People costume and kids get candy from the car owners. We initially cancelled Trunk or Treat due to Covid, but a group of school parents brainstormed a plan for a Covid-safe walk-through event in small groups with masks, temperature checks and social distancing. Jefferson Parish approved the plan and commended us for the creativity. There will be four time slots for a family to walk through Trunk or Treat. Sign-up is required. There is a small entrance fee and a requirement of two canned goods for our Food Bank. See the flyer in this bulletin for details. Thanks to our parents for salvaging Trunk or Treat for us.

**All Saints Costume Celebration.** Continuing a long tradition, our St. Francis school children will costume as their favorite Catholic saint at school masses on Friday, October 30. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we can’t invite families to attend the masses as we normally do. We will post pictures in our bulletin. We are happy to keep this tradition alive in our community.

Thanks for supporting our family-friendly activities.

God bless,  
Fr. Joe