

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Vacation Update; School begins; Upcoming Evangelization and Prayer Opportunities

**Vacation Update:** My summer vacation with family is over. Thanks for your prayers. My family still is speaking to one another, I got some needed rest and refreshment, and I didn't get sunburned – thanks, God, for sun screen with high SPF. I remain the family champion at putt-putt and Scrabble, but I got drilled at cards, so the next time I go on vacation, I will ask for your prayers for winning cards! Now it's Fr. Thien's turn for vacation. He will be away from August 10-17. We wish him a safe and enjoyable time.

**School begins:** If the State and Jefferson Parish don't prevent it, St. Francis School will open for in-class instruction on Thursday, August 13. Each home room will be self-contained. The children will study, eat and have recess with their class – not with other children or other classes – so if there is a case of the virus, it will affect the children in that home room but not the whole school.

There will be daily temperature checks on arrival at school. Teachers, staff and students in 3rd grade and above will wear masks. There will be hand-sanitizing every two hours and continuous cleaning of the school building. There is an at-home learning option for parents who prefer to keep their children home.

Please pray for God's protection of our school (and every school), on administrators, teachers, staff, students and school families as we all step out in faith into the deep.

**Upcoming Evangelization and Prayer Opportunities:** A series of talks on forming one's conscience for voting begin on August 26. A new intercessory prayer group starts on September 1. A parish-wide evangelization program entitled "The Search" (which will run on 7 successive Wednesdays) begins on September 23. Stay tuned for further details on all these opportunities for prayer and spiritual growth.

God bless,  
Fr. Joe