

## PASTOR'S CORNER

*The Busy Month of October*



The worst part of the hurricane season usually is over by mid-October, when we typically have cooler weather as well. By cooler weather in Louisiana, we mean no more temps in the 90s! Even with Covid, we have a number of activities scheduled for first half of October, and I take this opportunity to review them with you.

**October 1. Boosterthon “Jaguar Fun Run.”** This is a School fundraiser and a very enjoyable day for the St. Francis school children. Families and friends are invited to make a flat donation or pledge an amount for every lap a child runs. The funds raised will go towards upgrading the school campus – the gates, the windows, the gym. Please make a check payable to ‘St. Francis Xavier School’ if you wish to donate to the event.

**October 2. SFX Old Metairie Golf Tournament** at Stonebridge Country Club in Gretna. Singles and foursomes are welcome. Parade of Prizes. For sponsorship, registration and info, email [OldMetairieGolfClassic@gmail.com](mailto:OldMetairieGolfClassic@gmail.com).

**October 3-4. Sign-up Weekend for 40 Days for Life.** Sign up after weekend masses to cover an hour of prayer against abortion at the Delta Women’s Clinic on October 11.

**October 4. Drive-by Pet Blessing.** Sunday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a traditional day to bless pets. Fr. Joe and Fr. Thien will bless your pets while you remain in our car on Betz Place (in front of the school) between 4 pm and 5:30 pm.

**October 6. Intercessory Prayer Group Meeting.** Meeting at 7 pm in St. Joseph Hall.

**October 7, 14, 21 and 28.** Parish Program, “The Search,” at 7 pm in St. Joseph Hall (Already Booked Up).

**October 10. Fatima Rosary March.** Outdoor Eucharistic Adoration on the front steps of the church. Marian Procession along Metairie Road with Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Jambalaya Reception follows outdoors.

**October 11. 40 Days for Life Prayer** at Delta Women’s Abortion Clinic, 7 am – 7 pm.

**October 18. Picnic To-Go “Give Away.”** This was to be the date of our Parish Picnic at Pontiff Park. Due to Covid, we have rescheduled the Picnic for May 2, 2020. Instead, the KCs will give away free meals after the 10 am and 12 noon masses.

From these offerings, I hope that everyone can find something of interest at St. Francis during the month of October. Enjoy the cooler (ahem!) weather and seasonal activities.

God bless,  
Fr. Joe