

Thoughts from the Deacon

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Today's Gospel is about it being easier for a camel to pass through the eye of needle than for a rich man to make it to heaven. It is about not hoarding our possessions and money. I want to take time to thank everyone for their continued generosity. We have again surpassed our goal in the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and despite the economic downturn, our collections have continued to meet our bills most weeks. Our expenses are fixed for the most part. In a time when many parishes are struggling financially, we are blessed to have such caring people.

PSR News: PSR will begin in a remote format beginning Sunday, September 13, 2020 until at least the end of October. There will be no orientation meeting or gathering at this time. Please pick up a registration form in the rear of the churches so teachers can begin to put together some family materials and resources. Teachers will be providing students with some weekly lessons to continue building on the faith that parents are already teaching their children. The activities will be simple, yet provide some fun ways to explore new concepts about our faith and can be picked up after Mass on Sunday. Please return registration forms ASAP so teachers can begin gathering and compiling their lessons. Updates will be provided as we receive guidance from the diocese. Continue to pray for each other, our leaders, and our world!

Sacraments: Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of October 11, 2020. It will be the priest here at our parish, as the Bishop has given dispensation to the priests to perform Confirmation this year. If your child is to be confirmed please contact Ali Smeltzer (ali.smeltzer95@yahoo.com). **First Communion** scheduling is in the works. If your child is to receive First Holy Communion please contact Linda Bice (lindalucillebice@icloud.com).

Just a reminder if you have receipts for Rural King from Aug 2-15, log them on to the website (ruralking.com/churchweek) or put them in a collection basket or bring them to the office. Tools for Schools continues to collect school supplies for needy school children.

Viva Cristo Rey!