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My dear family,

As you read this update just one day after the celebration of our patronal feast, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I firstly want to thank all of you who helped to make such a great celebration possible. Between the 40 hours devotions, the *Missae Cantatae* leading up to the feast, the many recitations of the rosary, the hours spent by so many in adoration, and the indescribably beautiful Solemn High-Mass, we can be confident that our Blessed Mother's assistance will remain with us amidst whatever the rest of this year might bring. I especially thank Fr. James Richardson for his return and celebration of the Mass. I am grateful for his support and friendship during this time of transition, and may God continue to bless his ministry at St. Ann Catholic Church in Augusta.

Secondly, I want to thank all of you who have generously contributed to our boiler fund. I am very happy to report that we have already reached \$89,240.47 of the \$120,000 goal since the need was announced just three weeks ago. How incredible! I am beyond grateful for your contributions thus far, and ask you to consider whether you can give any more for this need. If we can achieve the entire goal, we will not need to pay interest on a loan, and therefore, will save more money in the long run. As I have mentioned previously, I am aware that the present times may not be the easiest in regard to finances, and because of that, my gratitude is even deeper

Finally, I want to inform you that I will be absent from the parish for the next two weeks (8/17-8/31). When I was assigned your pastor, I wanted to take a retreat to pray for you all and my upcoming responsibilities, but the circumstances did not allow for it. I will spend one of the next two weeks at Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey in Oklahoma doing just that, and the other week will be spent on vacation. Fr. Potter will be taking care of your sacramental needs in my absence. I thank Father ahead of time, and entrust both him and myself to your prayers.

Once again, know of my love and prayers for you all. Let us have great confidence in our Blessed Savior and His Mother. Let us rest assured that they who never knew the corruption of the tomb will abundantly supply us with the graces to attain that glorious state in which they dwell now and forever, the resurrected life of heaven.

In the Love of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Fr. Jose Haro