



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope and pray that you are all doing well as we settle into a new school year and as we approach the fall season.

Many thanks to the following: 1) The CCW who have worked so hard on our funeral luncheons in the last several weeks. It is a great work of mercy to provide for families who mourn the loss of loved ones. 2) The Picnic Committee, all volunteers who contributed to the great success of our summer picnic as everyone had a great time. 3) The folks who have worked so hard to get the wood chopping taken care of so that others will be warm in their homes this winter. 3) Bob Yeager and the finance committee for all the work they have done preparing for the proposal of a new HVAC system that, if approved, will pave the way for a capital campaign for a new heating and air conditioning system for St. Richard. 4) The various liturgical ministers who do such a wonderful job of helping in the Masses as well as visiting the sick and homebound. 5) The Cemetery Committee which has done a marvelous job preparing the new addition south of our existing cemetery. You may want to drive by and look at the grounds. The hydro seeded grass, done by Eric and Neil Creighton but doing great with a working sprinkler system. Well done!

I will be taking some time off from September 20th to September 27th to visit a family in the Midwest. Fr. Peter Lyons from *Food for the Poor* will be celebrating Masses on the 21st and 22nd. Fr. David Nix of Denver will be celebrating the Extraordinary Form on the 22nd, at 8 a.m. I'm very grateful for their help.

The annual priest gathering at Fairmont will be from October 14th through the 17th. I'll return on October 18th in the evening.

The following are various liturgy reminders:

- Friday Masses will now be celebrated at 11 a.m. to simplify the possibility of funerals on Fridays, which are usually at 11 a.m.
- Starting October 2nd, Wednesday Masses at 4:30 p.m. will resume for Religious Ed students. Everyone is welcome.
- First Saturday Masses will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in Latin in honor of Our Blessed Mother
- Adoration is on Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Benediction
- Adoration is on First Sundays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thank you for your love of Our Lord, the Blessed Mother, and Holy Mother Church!

Fr Rafter