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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

***Sunday, September 20***

8:00 am Confession at St Edward

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Donnie Schuelke)

10:00 am Confession at St Eloi

10:30 am Mass at St Eloi (Jean Thooft)

***Monday,September 21***

Mass at St Eloi Convent \**for more Mass times contact Sisters of Mary Morning Star*

***Tuesday, September 22***

12:00pm Mass at St. Eloi Convent(Francis, Delores, Richard & Shirley Sussner)

6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting at St. Edward

7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

***Wednesday, September 16***

10:00 am 10:15 am Confession at St Edward

10:30 am Mass at St Edward (For our Country & all elected to High Office)

12:00 pm Mass at St Eloi Convent (Jordan Bot)

6:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Edward

***3:15 pm – 4:15 pm RELIGIOUS ED for Grades 1-5 AT ST EDWARD***

***6:30 pm – 7:30 pm RELIGIOUS ED for Grades 6-11 at ST EDWARD***

***Thursday, September 17***

7:00 am Mass at St Edward (Corrine Boulton)***\*\*Confession before Mass***

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Dennis Engels)

5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St Edward

***Friday, September 18***

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Jane Hennen)

2:00 pm Confession at St Edward

2:30 pm Mass at St Edward (Orville Hennen)

***Saturday, September 19***

12:00 pm - Mass at St Eloi Convent (Ray Bot)

4:45pm Confession at St. Edward

**PRAY FOR BISHOP LEVIOR**

It is with sadness that we announce that Pope Francis has accepted the early retirement of Bishop LeVoir. Bishop LeVoir is currently away to attend to his physical and psychological health. Please pray for him, and pray for our next bishop. Following is the prayer the Diocese of New Ulm has provided.

**Prayer for a new bishop**

Almighty God,

Who by the Holy Spirit moves the hearts of Your people,

Direct the counsels of those who are appointed to choose a bishop for the Diocese of New Ulm,

That we maybe given a pastor who in faithfulness and wisdom shall lead your peoplein the way of holiness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

5:30 pm Mass at St Edward (Richard & Georegette Moorse)

***Sunday, September 20***

8:00 am Confession at St Edward

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward(For the Parish Family)

10:00 am Confession at St Eloi

10:30 am Mass at St Eloi(George DeSutter)

**Dear Parishioners:**

Special thanks to Ernie Hennen for the gift of landscaping around the front of the Church of St. Eloi in memory of Jane and in honor of him and the family. It looks lovely. You may have noticed that the statue of the Blessed Mother, placed in honor of the Marian year in 1954, was moved to the the section between the Church and gathering area, and really makes that area ‘alive’.

Thursday of this last week, I along with a number of newly appointed pastors gathered at the Church of St. Andrew, Granite Falls, for an Oath of Fidelity. (This was the second of two last week.) Pastors are required to make the oath during a liturgical celebration within a limited amount of time, and usually has been done as part of the installation of pastors. Due to Covid and the retirement of the Bishop, that is on hold. The Oath of Fidelity basically consists of us proclaiming the Creed and declaring that we will teach and act in accord with Church teaching. It is an oath I take very seriously. You have the right to be told the truth of the faith, and we do not have the right to confuse you.

Recently, you may have heard of a declaration of the Vatican that a certain change of the wording to the baptismal formula (“I baptize…”) made the baptism invalid as it took the action of Christ out. This ‘clogged’ up a number of things because the ones who seemed to have been baptized were not actually baptized, and therefore could not receive any of the Sacraments. One of the invalidly baptized included a man who thought he had been ordained a priest, but indeed had not, through no fault of his own. He therefore could not validly celebrate Mass, hear confessions, and in some circumstances celebrate marriage. God does supply in some cases, but now there is a mess to clean up - He had to be baptized/confirmed, then ordained a deacon and a priest. They had to validate the weddings that he presided at if they were not valid. He will have to re-offer all the Masses that he accepted intentions for. Thankfully, God can act outside the Sacrament of Penance. It gets tricky fast, doesn’t it, all for the desire to be inclusive or creative. Again, the Oath of Fidelity is a time for us to remember that we teach and act in accord with the Church.

This weekend, we will have a special blessing for our catechists and Catholic School teachers who assist me in teaching the faith. In reality, aside from Mass, we assist you in teaching the faith, especially parents who are the first teachers of their children. It is a great responsibility, but one that is shared. Thank you to all our teachers and catechists. There are still a few catechists that are needed at the time of this writing - contact Tina if you are willing. Remember, you will learn as you teach, too, and that we do not require you to have it all figured out (who does?) but simply willing to teach the faith to the best of your ability and help the children fall in love with Jesus.

In Christ,   
Fr. Todd

**INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE** - For all whose hearts ache from participating in abortion: may they be strengthened to seek the Lord’s compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**BULLETIN BREIFS** – Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion”

“Trust in God’s Mercy” Prayer



**SUNDAY OFFERING**

A message to all of you during these challenging times. There is no manual for leading parishes through a pandemic, and we are faced with tough decisions every day. That is why I am asking all parishioners, if you are able, please continue your financial support of your parish to help us make up for our loss of Sunday offering. All parishioners of St Edwards can give on-line here: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4628>  . **St Edward and St Eloi** parishionersmay bring in your donation and take it to the drop off box that has been set up in the old mail slot on the west side of the KC Hall by the side door facing Washington Street.  There is a sidewalk that leads to the door.  You can slip your envelope in that slot and it will be collected that way.You may also mail your gift to the parish office.  
I want to especially thank those who are signed up for automatic giving and those who have been sending their envelopes. Your faithfulness is more important than you can imagine. Our parish staff is praying for you during this unprecedented crisis.  Please know that you can contact the parish office if you have an emergency need. We are still the Church, even when we cannot come together.

**Radio Rosary – Week of September 14 – September 20**

Sept. 21: In memory of Gaston and Lena Timmerman and all deceased family members by Madeline Timmerman and family

Sept. 22: In memory of Oscar G. Louwagie by Alice Louwagie and Family

Sept. 23: In memory of Silvere and Marie Boncquet and all deceased family members by Madeline Timmerman and Family

Sept. 24: In memory of Ray and Adeline Meulebroeck

Sept. 25: In memory of Clarence and Margie Lipinski by their family

Sept. 26: In memory of Orville and Conrad Hennen by their families

Sept. 27: In memory of Mary Timmerman by Tom and Janet Vandendriessche

To schedule a Radio Rosary – Call Carol Louwagie: 507.532.6081

Radio Rosary funds/memorials: Checks payable to “Radio Rosary”

Mailing Address:

Radio Rosary, 2894 310th St

Marshall MN 56258

***MASS READINGS & PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS***

***September 20 – September 26***

**SUNDAY, Sept. 20 – Pray for Fr. Todd Petersen, Fr. Zachary Peterson, Dcn. Roger Osborne**

**Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16**

* *What might I do today to open myself more to the life of God present?*

**MONDAY, Sept. 21– Pray for Fr. Germain Rademacher, Msgr. John Richter, Dcn. Ryan Pope**

**Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-5; Matthew 9:9-13**

* *What most prompts me to separate my worship from a commitment to work for justice?*

**TUESDAY, Sept. 22– Pray for Fr. Keith Salisbury, Fr. Bruno Santiago, OSB; Dcn. John Reed**

**Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44; Luke 8:19-21**

* *What might be different if I treated God’s word as a personal letter addressed to me?*

**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 23 - Pray for Fr. George Schmit, Fr. Philip Schotzko, Dcn. Barry Reindl**

**Proverbs 30:5-9; Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Luke 9:1-6**

* *How does my desire for “stuff” keep me from living more like Jesus might today?*

**THURSDAY, Sept. 24– Pray for Fr. Paul Schumacher, Fr. Mark Steffl, Dcn. Steven Spilman**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Luke 9:7-9**

* *What most keeps me from recognizing and welcoming the poverty within me?*

**FRIDAY, Sept. 18 -Pray for Fr. Joseph Steinbeisser, Fr. Bernard Steiner, Fr. Anthony Stubeda, Dcn. Kenneth Stalboerger**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144:1-4; Luke 9:18-22**

* *What most keeps me from allowing Jesus to show his loving care and concern for me?*

**SATURDAY, Sept. 26 – Pray forFr. Craig Timmerman, Fr. Paul Timmerman, Dcn Michael Thoennes**

**Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Luke 9:43-45**

* *How has Jesus’ love for me most changed me and my behavior this year?*

**SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

* **Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Becoming Catholic** –

Call the church office: 872.6346

* **Eucharist to Shut-ins**:

St. Eloi – Sandy Nuytten 829.9690

St. Edward – Call the church office 872.6346

* **Baptism Prep:** To set up a baptism date, call Caren at the office. Check the church website for Godparent Requirements.
* **RCIA:** Jesus Christ came to reveal the fullness of God’s love for us and we continue to celebrate that love through praise, sacraments, service, and community. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our church or in learning more about the Catholic Church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot 507.828.7012.

**POPE FRANCIS’s PRAYER TO OUR LADY FOR PROTECTION DURING covid-19 Pandemic**

Pope Francis composes a prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

In these days of trial, as humanity trembles at the threat of the [coronavirus] pandemic, I would propose that all Christians join their voices together to heaven.” – Pope Francis

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain,with steadfast faith.You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.We are certain that you will provide, so that,as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.Help us, Mother of Divine Love,to conform ourselves to the Father’s willand to do what Jesus tells us:He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

**SCRIP NEWS**- Scrip will be sold again after Masses beginning Sept. 12th.  Please remember to social distance when buying scrip along with wearing masks.Don’t forget you can preorder scrip on the scrip website.  Forgot to pick up your scrip before going shopping? There is also a new app to add to your phone you can upload scrip right at the national chain stores.

Have questions contact Caren at the Church office or Julie Pohlen.

**NOVENA FOR LIFE**

To help our church, community and country establish a culture of life for all nations, the Knights of Columbus and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life from conception to natural death.

To help promote this reverence toward life the Knights will have a Novena, nine days of sustained prayer. The Novena will be from Mar. 21 to Mar.29. We will be saying a prayer at all the week-day and week-end masses during this time. We will also be saying several rosaries during some of the masses and in private. We ask all parishioners to join us for this most spiritual event. Consider attending daily masses and saying an extra rosary for this noble cause.

Life is a very special gift; let us pray to protect it for everyone.

***TMIY***

Men mark your calendars! We will be restarting TMIY on Friday September 18 at the Knights Hall for those that are comfortable meeting in person. We will also have an online option for those that choose not to meet in person. Doors will be open at 5:45for fellowship &breakfast, we should be wrapped up shortly after7:00this is open to all men even if you have not participated in the past. More information will be forthcoming or contact Brian Timmerman 507 829 5490

***KC MISSION***

The Knights of Columbus have initiated an Adopt a Parish Program for Christians in Iraq. Christians there have been persecuted for many years and are in great need of assistance to help them recover. Our Minneota council is 1 of 4 that have been selected in the state of Minnesota to help with this initiative.

We have adopted Mart Shmoni Chaldean Catholic Church in Perka Village, Dohuk, Iraq. Our council`s goal is to reach at least $2500 by June 30, 2020.We would like to give as many people as possible to the opportunity to help with this noble cause. If you would like to make a donation, make checks to: `***Knights of Columbus`.*** In the memo put `Adopt a Parish`.You can put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked *`Minneota Knights`* or send to:

***Brad Hennen***

***2243 330th ST.***

***Ghent, MN. 56239***

Thank-You,

Knights of Columbus council 14420

**RELIGIOUS ED (CCD)**

We are in need of catechists or helpers for each of these grades:  3rd, 4th & 5th.  On Wednesdays, grades 1-5 meet from 3:15-4:15 and grades 6-11 are from 6:30-7:30pm. **If we don't get a catechist for a grade, we will not be able to have in-person class each week for them.**

Catechist responsibilities will include:

* Look through weekly online lesson
* Communicate with families what the lesson will be
* Be available to answer questions regarding the lesson for those not coming to in-person class
* Follow through with class assignments (RE Coordinator will help also)
* Prepare activity/discussion for in-person class time
* Communicate with RE Coordinator if there are any concerns/issues

*RE Catechists receive free RE tuition for their children.*

All catechists and helpers must be VIRTUS Safe Environment trained or complete the free training within the first month of beginning.

**Upcoming VIRTUS trainings:**Monday, Sept 28 via ZOOM 6-9pm / Saturday, October 3 at St. Anastasia, Hutchinson - 10am

For all RE information, please visit the AFC website, [www.goodteacherafc.com](http://www.goodteacherafc.com/)

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**SCHOENSTATT GIRLS GROUP**

Schoenstatt Girls Group will meet by Zoom this fall (date to be determined) and hopefully move to in-person later in the year. Please let me know as soon as possible if your daughter/daughters are interested in attending.  It has been a difficult year but hoping Schoenstatt can bring girls together if it is by Zoom or in-person to lean on our Mother Mary for strength and wisdom as well as the girls giving support to each other.

Schoenstatt Girls Group is for all girls ages 6-16.  The Schoenstatt Girls' meetings include games, crafts, and songs; they provide an opportunity for girls and you women to grow in their faith, their love for God and Mary, and to share this experience with other girls their age.

For more information about Schoenstatt please visit the website at:  [www.schoenstattmn.com](http://www.schoenstattmn.com/). For more information about joining the girls' group, please contact Jean Callens, [jcallens91@aol.com](mailto:jcallens91@aol.com) or 507-828-3472 or Sr. M. Josephine at 507-794-7727 or [schgirlsyouth.mn@schsrsmary.org](mailto:schgirlsyouth.mn@schsrsmary.org).

**APPLES WANTED**

The Pie Ladies are looking for apples to make their delicious pies!! If you have any to spare, please bring them to the St Edward Church basement on or shortly before September 22. Thank you and God Bless!

***THRIFT STORE***

Our hours are Wed. – Fri. 11:00 - 5:00 pm& Sat. 10:00 am -3:00 pm. We are currently taking donations again.

Please consider helping our school and parish through your work at the store. Your time and help will be very much appreciated.

***THANK YOU***

Thank you to all of you who are giving back to God some of your

Time, talent, and finances that God has given you. Our churches

and their mission and ministry would not exist without your

giving.

***ST. ELOI NEWS***

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED | | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $1,040.00 | $2,294.90 | | -$654.90 |
| Loose | $67.01 | $146.15 | | -$51.53 |
| Commodity |  |  | |  |
| Easter |  | | |  |
| Year-to-date | $29,248.49 | | $21,593.38 | -$2,334.33 |

**ST ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE**

***Sunday, September 27th, 10:30 AM***

*Sacristan:* Darla Timmerman

Altar Servers:

Lector: Steve Hennen

Musicians: John Rabaey and Family

*Eucharistic Minister:* Dan Sik

*Ushers:* Ron Sussner, Tim VanKeulen and Corey Kack

***SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR NEWS***

St. Eloi Convent Masses: Call 428.3919 for times.

Masses on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Vespers: 6:15 pm Adoration: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

***ST. EDWARD NEWS***

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|  | ACTUAL | BUDGETED | DIFFERENCE |
| Adult | $2,700.00 | $4,829.92 | -$2,348.92 |
| Youth | $0 | $5.69 | -$5.69 |
| Loose | $5.00 | $153.85 | -$148.85 |
| Online Giving | $400.00 | *\*Added to the adult envelope total* | |
| Commodity | $1,283.50 |  |  |
| Easter |  |  |  |
| Year-to-Date | $41,686.11 | $56,295.49 | -$14,609.38 |

**ST EDWARD FALL FESTIVAL**

Due to the uncertainty caused by Covid, it was decided not to have the Carnival and dinner this year, but to have just the raffle. We will have Holy Mass at 6:30 Pm on Monday, October 12 with the pulling of the raffle tickets following, with location to be determined. Prizes are being collected and tickets will be printed and distributed shortly.

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Our general intention throughout the year is for world peace and an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. July is for blessings on America and our families. We need, and welcome, new members to complete our roses. If you have any questions and/or would like to join, call Judy Bot (872.6525) or Marian Laleman (872.6807).

**ST EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE**

*Saturday Sept 26, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Margrit Rabaey

Servers: Kaci Callens

Lector: Eriann Faris

Eucharistic Minister: Dawn Vlaminck

*Sunday Sept 27, 2020*

*Sacristan:* Diane Hennen

Servers: Hope Beisler

Lector: Fran Sturm

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kampa

**ONLINE GIVING**

Online giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot attend Mass. This helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacation times. Go to our parish website and get started today. [www.stedschurch.com](http://www.stedschurch.com)

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

* If you know of anyone who is sick or new to the parish, please call Marlene Polejewski at 507-872-6042.

**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL OR ASKING FOR PRAYERS** – If you know of anyone from our parish who is sick or has had surgery recently or is ill and would like to be remembered in prayer during the weekend Masses; ask them to contact the church office. The Parish Secretary will add their name/names to the petitions.

**THANK YOU!!!**

**We want to thank all of the parish members and Knights of Columbus for the wonderful roofing jobs done on the Rectory and Knights Hall.**

**\*\*Thank you Ed Laleman for taking time to level out the mound of dirt around the Parish Office parking area.**

**THANK YOU!**

**We also would like to thank all you ladies who have come in these past few months and have done extra cleaning in the kitchen, church, and school. May God bless each and every one of you for your generous donation of time and energy!!!**

**HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?**

Remember to check out our Facebook page (St. Edward Catholic Church) or the website ([www.stedschurch.com](http://www.stedschurch.com)) to keep with updated information.

**GARDEN GOODIES**

ST EDWARD’s SCHOOL would like to thank everyone who has been so generous so far this year with their garden donations!! We especially thank Seth and Teresa Myhre for cucumbers& tomatoes, Neal Bot for sweet corn,and Jan Bot &Mary Schreiber for tomatoes. Everything has been delicious and very much appreciated!! We are continuing to look for anyone who may have any excess of garden goodies that they are willing to donate!! Please contact Cynthia Moorse at 507-872-6391 or send an email to [stedsbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:stedsbulletin@gmail.com). Thank you so much!! God bless you all!!

**CONCERNED CITIZENS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

Dear Friend,  
   
I am pleased to announce that the FDA recently approved Sanofi Pasteur’s request to switch from using an aborted fetal cell line (MRC-5) to using an ethical animal cell line to produce its polio combination vaccines Pentacel and Quadracel. The drug company has also chosen to discontinue production of its stand-alone polio vaccine, Poliovax, which also used MRC-5 for its production, and to retain another stand-alone polio vaccine, IPOL, that is ethically produced. Furthermore, Sanofi-Pasteur’s ongoing effort to develop a vaccine for COVID-19 also does not rely on cell lines linked to elective abortion.  
   
As you may already know, the only vaccines readily available in the United States for some contagious diseases (e.g., rubella, chickenpox, and Hepatitis A) have been manufactured using fetal tissue from induced abortions. This creates a problem of conscience for some parents.  
   
As recommended by the Pontifical Academy for Life in 2005 and reiterated in its 2017 Note on Italian Vaccine Issue, a long-term solution lies in working to ensure that future vaccines and other medicines are not based on cooperation with practices that demean human life. The 2005 statement noted that physicians and parents “have a duty to take recourse to alternative vaccines (if they exist), putting pressure on the political authorities and health systems so that other vaccines without moral problems become available.” This applies to products with a connection to abortion, such as vaccines, as well as to projected therapies from destruction of human embryos for their stem cells.  
   
This move from Sanofi Pasteur is an encouraging indicator that for-profit companies creating vaccines are beginning to recognize there is no need to use cell lines derived from aborted children.  
   
One important step we can take to ensure the production of ethical vaccines is to recognize and thank drug companies, like Sanofi Pasteur, when they move away from unethical vaccine production. We can hope that, with some encouragement, other vaccine manufacturers may consider creating other morally acceptable vaccines.  
   
Any motivation to create additional, morally acceptable products will certainly be strengthened if we can show a market demand for ethical sources.  
   
**Please (**<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/77153/Respond>**)  to thank Sanofi-Pasteur and to encourage others to do so as well.**  
   
Thank you in advance for spreading this good news and for sharing your own gratitude with the manufacturer. We welcome these opportunities where we can illustrate the Church’s eager embrace of scientific advancement when it upholds the dignity of the human person and the precious gift of human life.  
   
In Christ,  
   
Greg Schleppenbach  
Associate Director

***ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS***

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks

Office: 872.6391

At least once a day I am asked “How is school going?”  My response is, “We are still here!”  COVID and the recommendations brought by it keep our systems in a state of flux.  **Please read school e-mails**to keep abreast of these changes.  Also, please check RenWeb to make sure that we have your latest contact information.  If there is an urgent change needed, I will send out a school-wide voice or text message.

**Thank you** everyone for being diligent about keeping our school a healthy place.  I have been in conversations recently about COVID and spread prevention.  Some studies are indicating that loss of smell (and taste) could be an early indicator of infection.  Watching for this at home could prove helpful.  Make a game of smelling spices, essential oils or citrus fruits.

I am including a **survey** today.  It covers the topics of hot lunch, flu clinics and MEA.  Please take a few minutes to fill out these 10 questions.   It is important that all parents and staff members reply.  [Here is the link.](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2RML883)

Due to some changes in the national hot lunch program, as of Wednesday, Sept. 16:

1. **Every student will receive a free hot lunch each school day.**
2. There will still be fees for extra milk (at lunch) and seconds.
3. This program (SFSP) will offer free meals until Dec. 31, 2020 or until the funding runs out.  We will keep you posted.
4. It is extremely important for families to fill out the free and reduced lunch applications by October 1, 2020 as this helps to keep our hot lunch costs down through commodities and other benefits.  It also brings more Title I dollars to our school which helps the children educationally.

Tomorrow will be another turn in day for marathon pledges.  Each student turning in a pledge tomorrow will receive a bookmark and a chance to win a set of earbuds.   So far we have collected **$3,350**   Great job everyone!   Keep up the great work!

Our next **school Mass** is Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 10:30am.    The 1st and 2nd grade students will be leading us.

We will be having a **guardian angel lunch outside (weather permitting)**on Thursday, September 24th. The menu for that day will be changed to a “picnic lunch”.

[*The parable in Sunday’s Gospel tells us about the fairness and generosity of God.  We tend to think the landowner is unfair in not paying more to the laborers who had worked all day or less to those who had worked only a small portion of the day.   But the landowner has chosen to be overly generous to his workers, just as God is with each of us.  Are we being generous with each other, not just in monetary terms?*](https://youtu.be/EFUJopAqv0w)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFUJopAqv0w&feature=youtu.be>

May God Bless,

Jaci Garvey, Principal

