



## Tweaked by God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hile the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which “Cynthia” takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

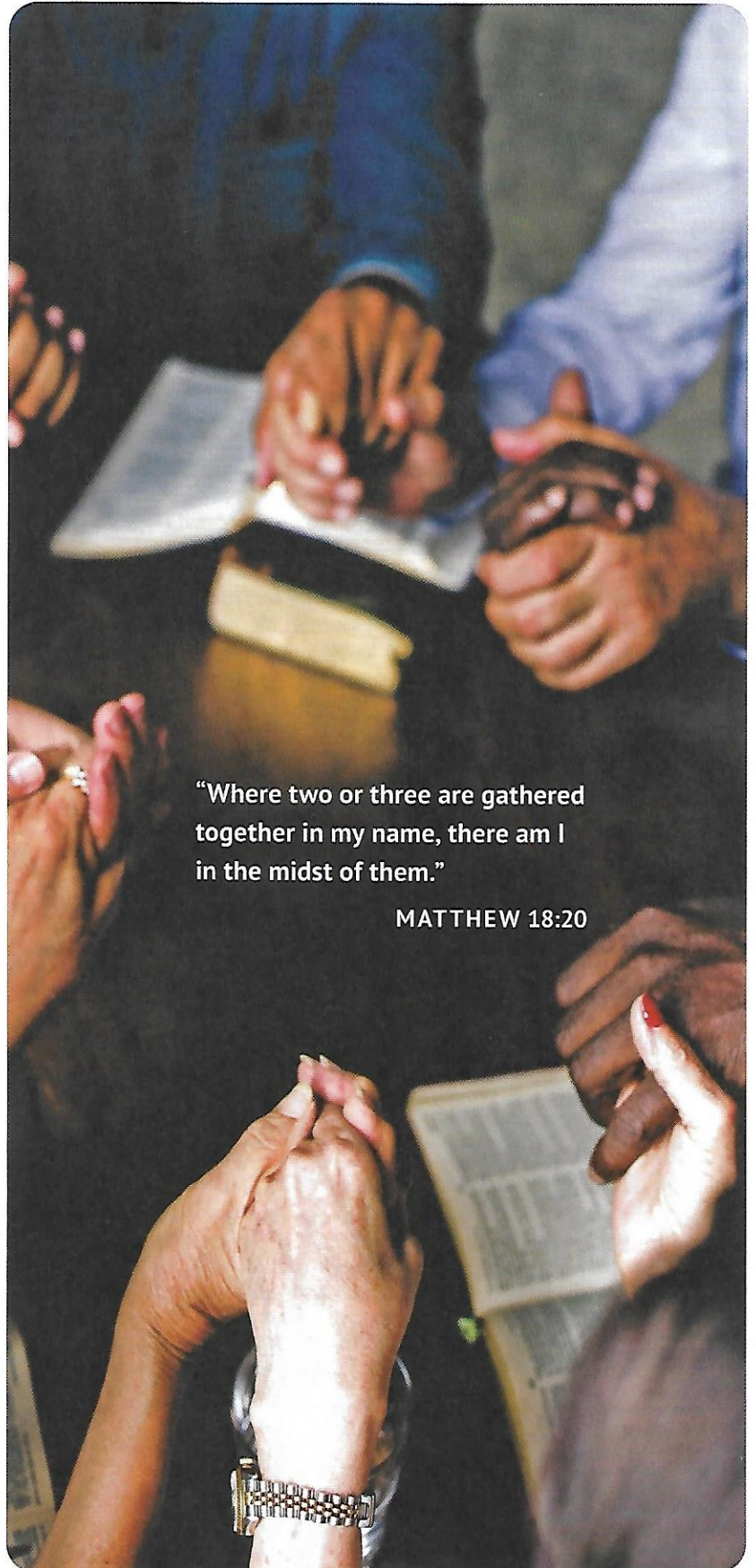
None of us want a “Cynthia” for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the “cake batter.” Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects “Cynthia” thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives. ●

### Reflect

***What role does the faith community play in your religious practice and your spirituality?***



**“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”**

**MATTHEW 18:20**



# Dear Padre,

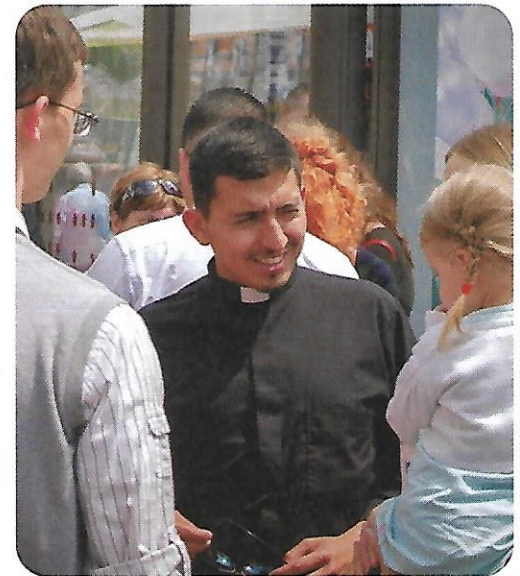
**Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?**

"The laborer deserves his payment" from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being "in the know" (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can't pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org**



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!***

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



### MONDAY

September 11  
Weekday  
Col 1:24–2:3  
Lk 6:6–11

### TUESDAY

September 12  
Weekday  
Col 2:6–15  
Lk 6:12–19

### WEDNESDAY

September 13  
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church  
Col 3:1–11  
Lk 6:20–26  
**THURSDAY**  
September 14  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Nm 21:4b–9  
Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17

### FRIDAY

September 15  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14  
Jn 19:25–27  
or Lk 2:33–35

### SATURDAY

September 16  
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs  
1 Tm 1:15–17  
Lk 6:43–49

### SUNDAY

September 17  
Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sir 27:30–28:7  
Rom 14:7–9  
Mt 18:21–35

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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb-President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Mary Pottebaum, Vicki Parker, Dennis Cobb, & Jack Wells

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

### Mass Intentions

Monday, September 11th	<b>No Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Tuesday, September 12th	<b>No Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Wednesday, Sept. 13th	<b>8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg</b>
Thursday, Sept. 14th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City</b> +Claire Benney
Friday, September 15th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City</b> +Evelyn Pool
Saturday, September 16th	<b>5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City</b> +Vincent & Delores Schimweg
Sunday, September 17th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg</b>
	<b>10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City</b> - Our Parish Family



### Your Gifts to God!

**July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

<b>Church &amp; School Financial Report:</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>July 2023</b>	\$48,471.50	\$67,077.99	-\$18,606.49
<b>Fiscal Year July-July, 2023-24</b>	\$48,471.50	\$67,077.99	-\$18,606.49
<b>Needed Weekly - \$13,753.72</b>			

September 3rd - \$8,667.92-Church; \$7,600.75-ICS/Daycare; \$16,268.67 - Total  
September 10th -  
September 17th -  
September 24th -

**A friendly reminder: That if there is a funeral at any of the two parishes or a school cancellation due to weather, there will be no scheduled Mass.**

*Thank you for your support!*

**Parish Membership:** Call the parish office to register.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Call the office at least six months prior to the date you would like to get married to make arrangements and set a date.

**To Become a Catholic:** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Call for details.

If you are hospitalized or if you have a family member who is homebound, please call the office/rectory at 573-564-2375.

### Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exit in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

### Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Registered in the parish
- Regularly participates in Mass and the sacraments
- Supports the parish financially
- Annually completes a stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form and fulfills that commitment

## Liturgical Ministers for September 16th & 17th

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Vicki Oden	Amanda Arens
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Not During Saturday Evening Mass	Anna Harrell
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Beth Cobb	Tudie Simpson
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Bob Dryden	Jeff & Amanda Arens Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
<b>Servers</b>	Mercer Cothren Reed Pottebaum	Kendra Rakers Keegan Rakers
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
<b>Money Counters</b>	Judy Cobb Daryl Rhoads	Cathy McCormack Pam Schwartz

**Bishop McKnight's  
September  
prayer  
intention for  
our Local  
Church is:**

For the police, fire and EMS workers serving their communities in uniform; may all first responders be preserved from harm as they serve to keep us safe. We pray to the Lord.



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, September 11th	<b>No Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Tuesday, September 12th	<b>No Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Diocesan Priest Wellness Day)
Wednesday, September 13th	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, September 14th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Friday, September 15th	<b>8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b>
Saturday, September 16th	<b>5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Rosary at 4:30 PM)
Sunday, September 17th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg <b>10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City</b> (Rosary at 9:30 AM)

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, September 11th	7:00 PM - RCIA Inquiry Night 7:00 PM - St. Vincent dePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, September 12th	6:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Adoration 1:00 PM - KofC Ladies Aux. Mtg. No Benediction or Devotion to Divine Mercy (Fr. Ernest has Priests Diocesan Wellness Day Program)
Wednesday, September 13th	
Thursday, September 14th	10:00 AM - Ministerial Alliance Mtg.
Friday, September 15th	
Saturday, September 16th	Set-up Day for Parish Picnic at Mont- gomery County Fairgrounds
Sunday, September 17th	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Picnic



### **Wedding Anniversary**

*Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!*

*Brad & Peggy Stahlhuth - 25 years of marriage on Sept. 12th*  
*Mike & Marilyn Peveler - 48 years of marriage on Sept. 13th*  
*Leroy & Betty Hanneken - 62 years of marriage on Sept. 16th*

### **Additional Financial Information**

Capital Improvements	\$ 115.00
ICS Alumni Scholarship	\$ 150.00
8th Grade Trip	\$ 674.00
Harvest Picnic Income	\$ 1,597.00

(This is NOT included in Page 1 totals)

### **Harvest Picnic September 17, 2023**

The picnic is **NEXT WEEKEND!** Thank you for all of the slips that were turned in. We have gotten many volunteers, but there are still slots to be filled. Please check with the list to double check your volunteer time and location. **Gun Raffle tickets** are being sold now! If you'd like to purchase one, please see a committee member as we are only selling 150 tickets. We are still needing more donations for the Country Store, Live Auction, and Paddle Auction. **If you have any auction items, please turn them in by Wednesday, September 13.** If you are **donating cakes**, pies, or any other item, they can be dropped off at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 16 in the morning, after Saturday Mass, or before Mass on Sunday, Sept. 17. You can also contact a committee member to make special arrangements. We have **fun games and activities** planned for the Harvest Picnic for ALL ages. We will be playing water games if the weather permits. Plan on bringing a change of clothes/shoes as you might need them! **Mickey Scott** will be playing live music from 11am-1pm! Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our event! It is going to be a great day of food, fun and fellowship!



For donations or questions contact a committee member: Judy Cobb, Megan Hans, Pat Korman, Julie Worsham, Gina Smith, Dottie Brueggen, Anna Harrell, or Dianne Talley.

### **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today we hear Jesus assure his disciples that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, he is there with them. Our confidence in his promise assures us that Jesus is here with us now as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Aware that God is with us in our midst, let us raise our voices and lift our hearts unto the Lord.

### **Question of the Week**

With whom do I need to reconcile? How can I go about it fruitfully?

### **Virtus Training**



**Anyone who is a teacher, volunteer or work around children is required to take VIRTUS training.** To begin the process of completing your training in safe environment, go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and create an account. Within the Virtus website you will be able to register for safe environment training (in person or online), read and consent to the Pastoral Code of Conduct and consent to the background screening applicable to your role. Once you have completed this training, please let us know. If you have any questions, please contact either the school or the parish office. Thank you!

### **RCIA Inquiry Night**

RCIA Inquiry Night is on Monday, September 11, 2023 @ 7:00 PM at church. Parishioners are encouraged to personally invite anyone who may have expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith to attend the "Inquiry Night". For more information, please call Sue Kyle 573-564-3221 or the parish office at (573) 564-2375.



**The Parish Directory is still coming! Currently it is in the "Building Stage"!**

## Immaculate Conception School News



To read about the exciting things going on at ICS, please see the enclosed Newsletter from our principal, Ms. Dana Schroeder!

### Support For Maui

On behalf of our Catholic faithful, the Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, is directing the diocese to send \$10,000 in financial assistance to the Diocese of Honolulu as it seeks to aid in the recovery following the tragic fire on the island of Maui.

This gift is made possible by the Catholic stewardship practiced by the faithful of our diocese and their collective sharing of God's gifts with the individual parishes across our diocese.

If you wish to make a donation, the Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, has asked for gifts to be made to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation which will support relief efforts for community members affected by the Maui wildfires. Gifts can be made at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>

*Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

Matthew 18:19-20

When we gather together as a parish family to celebrate Mass, we come together to grow in relationship with God and each other. God has created us to love one another so that we can journey together towards heaven.



### Pick-A-Prize Winners!



May 1st - Nicole Hines - Lottery Jackpot (\$250.00 in lottery tickets and \$250.00 cash)  
May 15th - Rachel Rakers - \$500.00 Visa Gift Card  
June 5th - Paige Oden - \$500.00 Sam's Club/Walmart Gift Card  
June 19th - Donald Grimes - Bass Pro & Cabela's Gift Cards (\$250.00 each)  
July 3rd - Samuel Madrigal - Bundy's, Subway, Papa B's Wing Shack, 2nd Place, and Dos Primos - \$100.00 each gift cards  
July 17th - Dana Schroeder - BP \$500.00 Fuel Card  
August 7th - Paul & Kim Flake - Mystery Prize (\$250 in cash & \$250.00 gift card to Tractor Supply Co.)  
August 21st - Julie Worsham - Pit Boss Navigator 550 Wood Pellet Grill  
**September 4th - Don & Sandra Oaks - \$500.00 Gift Card to Bratcher's Market**

Congratulations to these winners!

## Events Around the Community (See Flyers if available in the church vestibule)

**September 8th** - Fried Chicken Dinner at the KC Hall in Martinsburg from 5:00PM-8:00 PM.  
**September 10th** - Fall Pilgrimage at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg. Starts at 10:00 AM. Mass at 2:00 PM.  
**September 12th** - Second Tuesday Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg. Mass at 12:00 Noon  
**September 17th** - Immaculate Conception Harvest Picnic - 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds.  
**September 24th** - Fall Festival at Our Lady of Help of Christian Parish in Frankenstein, MO from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

### Thank You!

Thank you to Fr. Ernest and our Parish Family for the Anniversary Blessing, the beautiful rose, the cards, and the wishes we received when celebrating our 50th Anniversary. Your outpouring of love and support is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered!

Harry & Sharon Pottebaum

### Youth Ministry Program

The members had their first planning meeting on Sunday, August 27th. They shared pizza provided by a generous parishioner. As their first activity, the members will help with the games at the September 17th Parish Harvest Picnic. The next meeting will be on Sunday, September 24th after 10:00 AM Mass in the school basement.



### Head Count for September

September 2nd - 82	September 3rd - 110
September 9th -	September 10th -
September 16th -	September 17th -
September 23rd -	September 24th -

### Grand Total for September -

Please keep in your prayers the following people:

**Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care Center,** Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 - Susie Ryan, Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, and Ida Kopf.

**Resident of Oak Point Nursing Home in Warrenton,** 700 Forrest Avenue, Warrenton, MO 63383 - Judy Topel.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



**Please pray for:** Tony Wessel, Sr., Ed Torbeck, Donald Oaks, Brad Ellis, Bill Dryden, Rae Jean Rhoads, Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Marla Daniels, Matt Brumagin, Don Zerr, Kim Dryden, Ingrid Keller, Laverne Wessel, and Margaret Van Beek.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



**Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces.** Corey Stulce, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, Daniel Lohmann, and Donnie Wisdom.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!





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*Isaiah 49:15*



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Mass will start at  
5:30 PM.



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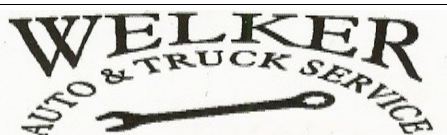
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August 31, 2023

## Message from Ms. Schroeder

*We have had a super successful first few weeks of the 2023-24 school year. ICS Information Folders are being handed out today for each family PK4-8th grade. Please go through the folders and return on the next school day. We will use these folders to keep all families informed of all the amazing ICS news!*

*Please fill out the Free and Reduced Milk forms and return them to the office by September 8. The more students we have that qualify for free/reduced milk means the school is allocated more money for Title I, II and IV by the state of Missouri. Title money helps pay for after school tutoring, small group instruction literature sets, math manipulatives, online learning programs, etc. Every little bit helps! The form is in the information folder, so please fill the form out and return it to the ICS office.*

*The IC Harvest Picnic is on September 17 from 11am-4pm at the Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds. Home & School is helping with games during the picnic. This is a great time for you to get your volunteer hours completed for the semester. Please attend the Home & School Meeting on September 6 to receive all the information and sign up to help! Please remember that IC parish helps pay for your child's education, and they are the reason why our tuition is very affordable.*

*Parents, please make sure you have completed the the Virtus training, submitted a background check, and signed the Pastoral Code of Conduct. See the ICS Parent/Volunteer Requirement page in the information folder to check your status. Please have all requirements completed by September 8. If you have any questions please call the office, or visit Virtus.org.*

*Grandparents' Day is a HUGE deal to ICS! We plan on celebrating on September 22, 2023 from 10am-3:30pm. Please check out the flyer and information sheet for more information.*

## Important Dates:

**Sept. 6- Home & School Meeting 6pm @ school**

**Sept. 7- Prayer Partner Mass 8am**

**Sept. 8- Free/Reduced forms are due**

**Sept. 17- Harvest Picnic**

**Sept. 22- Grandparents' Day**

**Sept. 27- See You at the Pole-7:15am**

**Oct. 3- Dr. Vader will visit ICS**

**Oct. 5- Prayer Partner Mass**

**Oct 17- Protecting Young Eyes for K-8 (more information to come)**

**Oct. 27- Little Bit of Heaven 9-11am**

**Rooster's Farm Field Trip PK4-8th 11:15am-3pm**

## \*\*\*\*\*2023-24 Mandatory Volunteer/Work Hours\*\*\*\*\*

After many long hours of discussion with the School Advisory Committee, Home and School, and Parish Council/Administration, each family is now responsible for **5 volunteer hours & 2.5 work hours** for the school per semester (10 volunteer & 5 work hours per year). Each family will write two post-dated checks to Home & School for \$250 apiece, Home & School will hold those checks until your work and volunteer hours are completed. Once you have completed your semester work & volunteer hours, your check will be given back to you. If your hours are not completed, Home & School will cash the checks. We will have several opportunities for work days to attend to help receive the hours. Those days will include outside and inside work which may include painting, yearly maintenance, playground work, deep cleaning, etc. Volunteer hours may consist of committee hours, volunteering at school/classrooms, attending and helping with classroom parties, helping at H&S and school events, etc. We are a family and a family works together to ensure everything is working and running properly. Please do your part to show ownership and pride within our school.

**Winter Work Days: TBD at the 9-6-23 Home & School Meeting**