

The Cost of Discipleship

In 1937, *The Cost of Discipleship* by a German Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was published. The book reflected on the Sermon on the Mount, and the demands it outlined led to Bonhoeffer's arrest and eventual death at the hands of the Nazis. It can be very dangerous to be faithful to Jesus' way of life. This shouldn't surprise us. Jesus' teaching cost Jesus his life.

Though the Gospel reading does not provide us with a program of action, it repeats Jesus' charge to take up our cross and follow him. This cross is different for each of us; it makes very personal demands. We are called to lose our life for his sake. This was true at the time of Jesus; it is true today.

This was true at the time of the prophet Jeremiah as well. He was called to proclaim God's word to his own people. They would not listen. Instead, "I am an object

of laughter; / everyone mocks me" (Jeremiah 20:7). The prophet wants relief from his prophetic responsibility. Who wouldn't? What follows is quite moving. He makes up his mind that he will stop talking about God—but he can't. "It [the word of God] is as if fire is burning in my heart... / I grow weary holding back" (Jeremiah 20:9). That is the cost Jeremiah had to pay. The cross was the cost Jesus paid. And what of us?

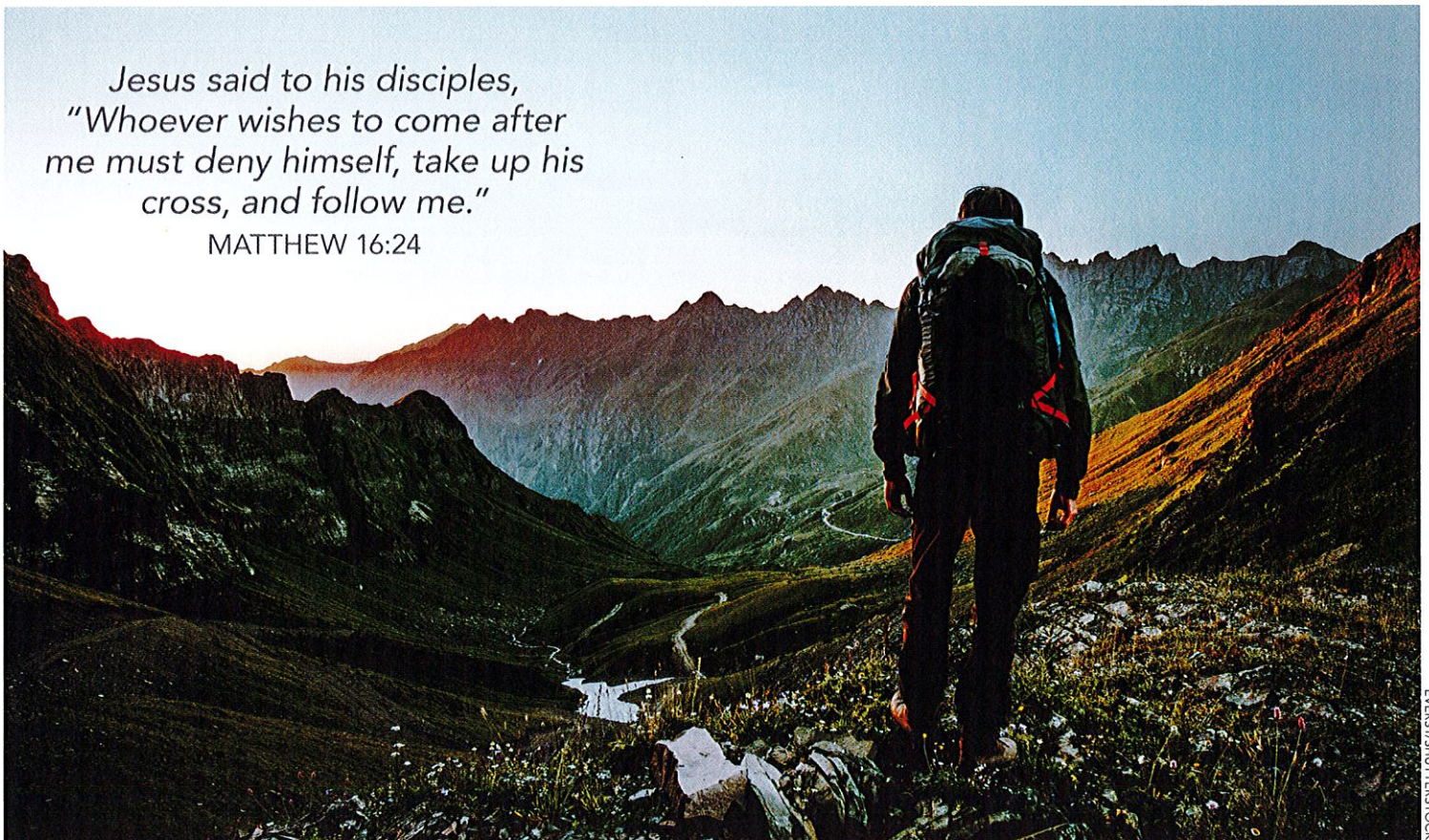
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ What is the cost of discipleship for you?
- ★ What in your life might be the cross you are being asked to bear?

*Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after
me must deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow me."*

MATTHEW 16:24



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Dear Padre,

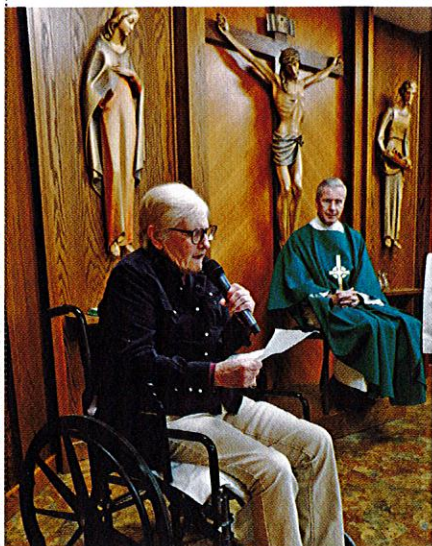
I feel guilty about putting my mother in a nursing home. Have I abandoned her?

Caring for aging, fragile parents is a responsibility that is increasing as people live longer due to advances in medical technology. Accompanying longer lives, however, is often poorer health. Frequently family members conclude that they don't have the wherewithal to care responsibly for their parents. So, they seek a nursing facility where parents may be properly cared for in terms of their physical, psychological, and even spiritual health. Nursing homes with staff that understand the needs of the elderly are a great assistance. They have experience with many elderly residents, while our experience may be limited to our own loved one.

The situation becomes more complicated when parents ask their children to "never put me into a nursing home." As difficult as it is to refuse this request, neither you nor your parent knows how much care will be needed, so a guarantee isn't fair to the family. The best response would be: "We'll look after you as long as we possibly can, and we would only consider a nursing home if your needs become more than we could handle, or if it were the only place where you could be safely cared for."

Sometimes guilt arises when we haven't had the best relationship with a parent, and regret things from our past. The best response then is to learn from the past and move forward. Commit to being more attentive, even though our parents no longer live with us. The worst abandonment would be depriving them of our love and affection.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Homes for the elderly...should be the "sanctuaries" of humanity where one who is old and weak is cared for and protected....It is so good to go visit an elderly person! Look at our children: sometimes we see them listless and sad; they go visit an elderly person and become joyful!

—MEETING WITH THE ELDERLY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

Calendar

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| Monday AUGUST 31 Weekday 1 Cor 2:1–5 Lk 4:16–30 |
| Tuesday SEPTEMBER 1 Weekday 1 Cor 2:10b–16 Lk 4:31–37 |
| Wednesday SEPTEMBER 2 Weekday 1 Cor 3:1–9 Lk 4:38–44 |
| Thursday SEPTEMBER 3 <i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Cor 3:18–23 Lk 5:1–11 |
| Friday SEPTEMBER 4 Weekday 1 Cor 4:1–5 Lk 5:33–39 |
| Saturday SEPTEMBER 5 Weekday 1 Cor 4:6b–15 Lk 6:1–5 |
| Sunday SEPTEMBER 6 <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ez 33:7–9 Rom 13:8–10 Mt 18:15–20 |



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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb- President; Open-Vice-President; Secretary-Open, Dennis Benney, Laura Yelton, Vicik Parker, & Mary Pottebaum

August 30, 2020 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

| | | |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Monday, August 31st | No Mass |  |
| Tuesday, Sept. 1st | 5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville | |
| Wednesday, Sept. 2nd | 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg | |
| Thursday, Sept. 3rd | 8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City +Marty Ritter | |
| Friday, Sept. 4th | 7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg | |
| Saturday, Sept. 5th | 5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Delores Schmidt | |
| Sunday, Sept. 6th | 7:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg | |
| | 9:00 AM Mass - Martinsburg | |
| | 11:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family | |

(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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| Church/School Financial Report: | Income | Expenses | Difference |
| July 2020 | \$57,475.90 | \$ 53,264.98 | \$4,210.36 |
| Fiscal Year July - June 2019-20 | | | |
| | \$620,379.80 | \$619,757.70 | \$ 622.10 |
| ed Weekly | \$ 11,835.50 | | |
| August 2 - | \$ 19,670.96 | | |
| August 9 - | \$ 10,044.00 | | |
| August 16 - | \$ 13,344.50 | | |
| August 23 - | \$ 5,707.00 | | |
| August 30 - | \$ | | |

Last Week's Envelopes: 51 of 179

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30 to 4:50 PM Saturday or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated during Mass or at another arranged time. Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Austin.

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.

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 exist 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 5th and September 6th

| Ministries | Saturday, 5:00 PM | Sunday, 11:00 AM |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| Lector | <u>No ministries will be assigned at this time.</u> | |
| Children's Liturgy | | |
| Communion Ministers | | |
| Ministers of Hospitality | | |
| Servers | | |
| Gift Bearers | | |
| Money Counters | | |

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

For our parish and school communities, that we may be bound by a spirit of unity to work together for the common good during the pandemic.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Father Austin's Weekly Calendar

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|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday, August 31st | No Mass 7:00 p.m. Society of St. Vincent DePaul | Monday, August 31st | <i>Father's Day off</i> |
| Tuesday, September 1st | 5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville | Tuesday, September 1st | 5:30 PM Mass - Wellsville |
| Wednesday, September 2nd | 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg | Wednesday, September 2nd | 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg |
| Thursday, September 3rd | 8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City | Thursday, September 3rd | 8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City |
| Friday, September 4th | 7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg | Friday, September 4th | 7:45 AM Mass - Martinsburg |
| Saturday, September 5th | 5:00 PM - Mass - Montgomery City | Saturday, September 5th | |
| Sunday, September 6th | 7:00 AM - Mass - Jonesburg 9:00 AM - Mass - Martinsburg 11:00 AM - Mass - Montgomery City | Sunday, September 6th | |

Wedding Anniversary



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

Harold & Sharon Pottebaum - 47 years of marriage on September 1st

Additional Financial Information

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|--------------------------------|----|--------|
| Capital Improvement | \$ | 190.00 |
| Capital Campaign (Cornerstone) | \$ | 200.00 |
| Special Collections: | | |
| Religious Retirement Fund | \$ | 70.00 |
| Assumption | \$ | 36.00 |

Congratulations/Welcome

Welcome to Jayden Nicholas Green, Jaelyn Nichole Green, and Jace Robert Green who were baptized on Saturday, August 22, 2020. They are the children of Jeremy and Jessica Green who have recently moved to Montgomery City.

New Parish Council Members

We would like to welcome our new Parish Council members, Vicki Parker and Mary Pottebaum! They have replaced Michael Auchly and Julie Beck who have completed their terms. Thank you to these people for their commitment to our parish family!

Parish Picnic



Watch the bulletin for news on the upcoming Parish Harvest Picnic scheduled for September 25, 2020.

Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting

The Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at Kim Dryden's house. Please plan to attend!

RCIA Inquiry Night

There will be a RCIA Inquiry night on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the church. This meeting is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Please invite anyone you know who has expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic Faith to join us.

Confirmation Meeting

There will be an informational and registration meeting for confirmation on August 30, 2020 at 6pm at the Knights of Columbus hall. Students being confirmed this year will be those in 7th, 8th and 9th grades. One or both parents need to attend, students are welcome as well. If you have any questions contact Deacon Wayne at 564-8709.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus and American Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive at the Knights of Columbus building on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. The KOC Ladies Auxiliary women are needed to work the table and hand out snacks and drinks provided by the Red Cross only. Please wear your masks and social distance during this time.



Cornerstone Campaign
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Capital Campaign Committee Update

The Capital Campaign is pleased to say the roof of the church will be replaced in September. The work should begin mid-September and we are excited to see it! The tuck pointing is complete and we are ready to move on to other projects. Our total in collections and pledges is \$194,316. We appreciate your prayerful consideration in our process.

NO PARKING



Please do not park in the street facing the MFA gravel lot during the week. Trucks hauling grain need room to maneuver on and off the scales.

Bob and Kim Dryden will be outside collecting MS Bike-A-Thon 2020 donations after Mass on Saturday, September 5th and Sunday, September 6th.

Immaculate Conception School News



School started on August 26, 2020! Welcome back students! We hope you have a wonderful year and enjoy your new air conditioning!

ECLC Happenings

There are currently openings in the ECLC. If you are interested or know of anyone who may want to enroll their child, please contact Mrs. Peggy Brower at (573) 564-2679.



IC Scrip Program - IC Scrip Program - Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. The percentage will vary from one company to another. There are a few ways to obtain the cards. **You may go on line to www.ShopWithScrip.com Enrollment code: 676419AC74L7, purchase them at the school office or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. If you have any questions, you may call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**



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8th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

The eighth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be recognized on Sept. 12, at a 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Father Anthony Viviano, diocesan pro-life moderator, at St. Andrew Parish in Holts Summit. After Mass, a brief prayer service will be held at the St. Andrew Memorial Stone for a short prayer service. Please wear a mask and observe social distance during the Mass and prayer service. For more information, contact Kathy Forck, St. Andrew pro-life coordinator, 573-821-5130.

Covid-19 Update

Whereas the Department of Health and Senior Services of the State of Missouri and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States federal government continue to recommend the observance of social distancing and the use of face masks when in gatherings; that persons 65 years of age and older, as well as those with certain medical conditions, avoid public gatherings as much as possible; and the practice of frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizers; and

Whereas the common good demands that the public health requirements and recommendations of the state are to be observed whenever possible; and

Whereas having received the recommendation of the Presbyteral Council to extend the current norms with regard to the pandemic;

I therefore declare, as the diocesan bishop, the following:

1. All the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City, and those who are present in the territory of the diocese, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until 27 November 2020, provided that for days of precept they do one of the following:

- Prayerfully participate in the Sunday or holy day of obligation Mass livestreamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, the Vatican, or of any Mass of the day celebrated in communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Parishes are highly encouraged to livestream Masses for Sundays and holy days of obligation indefinitely.
- Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or holy days of obligation, and recite the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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

Octoberfest - Sunday, October 4, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish Grounds in Martinsburg, MO. For more information see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.



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NAPM Conference Sessions

The Jefferson City Diocese Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) is hosting video conference calls via Zoom on four Wednesdays at 7 p.m. to share video sessions from the national convention. This is open to all music ministers, DREs, priests, and anyone else interested from our diocese. To receive the Zoom invitation, please email: npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com

- Wednesday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m.: The Sacraments: Assessing Our Parish Celebration of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, by Michael Ruzicki

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.: Choosing Liturgical Music of Theological Savvy, by Emily Strand.

The RETURN

Saturday, September 26, 2020, at Reach Church in Montgomery City, While the event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., people are welcome to drop in during that time.

The RETURN is a movement, an appointed time, and a specific day set apart for one purpose – the return to God, that there be a coming before His presence in humility, in sincerity in prayer and repentance, that there be intercession for America, for each other, and for oneself, for God's mercy, for salvation, for healing, for revival, for restoration, and for the fulfillment of God's purposes for America and all who dwell within it.

Totus Tuus at Home

A fun, prayerful, and catechetical resource for your parish kids and families. Taking inspiration from the 2020 curriculum, Totus Tuus at Home offers an array of child-friendly videos exploring the 10 Commandments and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. The videos were created, filmed, edited, and produced by our 2020 missionary team. We hope these videos might be a resource in parish families seeking some solid faith-formation for their kids at home. And for those kids that may have missed out on Totus Tuus this year, we pray this will bring a little bit of the Totus Tuus spirit into their lives in a fun and socially-distanced way! Totus Tuus Maria!

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 - Susan Ryan.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: John Goodwin, Marlene Cunningham, Mackenzie Hagemeyer, Julie Thielmeier, Don Benney, Susan Schipper, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Angela Witthaus Keller, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jo Scott, Bobby Cochran, Mary Hertel, Joshua Cochran, Anita Jones, Jim Cochran, Jr., Jim Cochran, Sr., and Lynn Cunningham Duncan.



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Travis Thebeau, Jacob Merz, Daniel Lohmann, Jared Korman, Tom Kraust, Tim O'Fallon, Brandon Benney, Gary Frey, John Burce, Chris Burce, Jacob Jones, Matt Veder, Michel James, Michael Adams, and John Martin.



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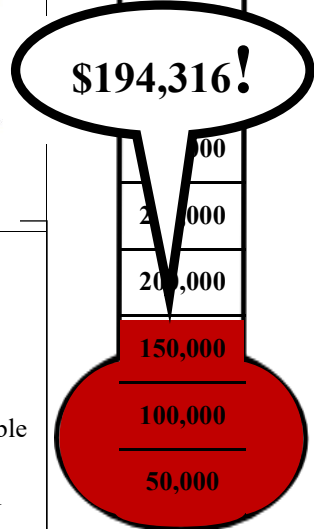
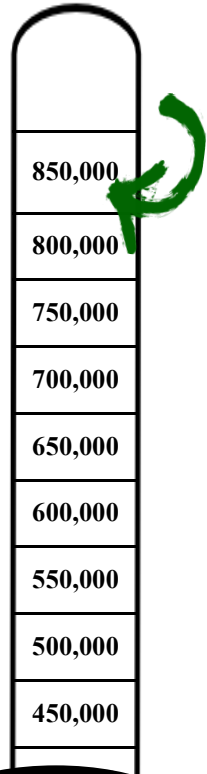
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Immaculate Conception School

Aug. 28, 2020

Message from Ms. Schroeder

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another fantastic year of learning at Immaculate Conception School! I trust you have enjoyed your extended summer and are ready to get back into the routines of the school year. I want to extend a very special welcome to all of our new students, families and staff! In this week's Friday folder, you will find a variety of forms that need to be filled out and returned to the ICS office by Monday, August 31, 2020.

- Anti-Bullying Pledge for all students K-8th Grade
- Anti-Bullying Pledge for parents
- Family PE Agreement Form PreK-8th
- Immaculate Conception Handbook Acknowledgement Form K-8th
- E-Rate Family Form K-8th
- Free/Reduced Milk Form K-8th (for those who haven't already returned them)

Please remember that all students need to bring a mask to school to help protect themselves and others. During dismissal please wait in your cars for your child/children. We will dismiss your child/children to your car to ensure proper traffic flow. This school year is like no other, so please remember patience and understanding are virtues that will benefit everyone.

God Bless,

Ms. Dana Schroeder

Thank you to the parish families who donated toward the new school roof. The upstairs AC units have been reconnected so the IC students are enjoying air conditioning in their classrooms. The new AC unit that was installed over summer break downstairs is working well, and much appreciated!

Important Dates:

Sept. 7- No School (Labor Day)

Sept. 8- Fall Pictures

Sept. 18- Noon Dismissal (Professional Development)

Sept. 25- No School (Diocesan Professional Development)

Oct. 1- Prayer Partner Mass @ 10 am

Oct. 5-9- Achievement Testing

Oct. 12- No School (Columbus Day)