

*From Father Kirby...*

**July 19, 2020**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! As we journey through Ordinary Time, we hear the Lord Jesus preach the Gospel and call us to discipleship. Today, he tells us about the good seed that must toil and labor alongside the weeds. Such a message fits our state of affairs today, as we see the wildness of so many weeds and the tiresome struggles of such good seed.

In the midst of such polarity, we are called to be good seed. We are summoned to fight the good fight and to labor against the destructive forces of the weeds. As we tire of such a fight, we are called to rely on the Sower, to turn to him and seek the strength and consolation of his grace!

Some things happening around the parish:

The young families of our children's faith formation have responded to my announcement last week about a digital program for the coming academic year. Many have asked that we reevaluate this decision since they are being overwhelmed by on-line teaching and are feeling "computer fatigue." With these comments in mind, the team is reassessing our approach. I've asked for the opinions of all the parents involved in the children's faith formation program and will make a decision after everyone has had an opportunity to give their thoughts and ideas. Let's see how this all develops.

Thank you to everyone who accepted the invitation to become a Rosarian, who are the good people who lead the Rosary before daily Mass. If you missed the announcement and are interested in becoming a Rosarian, you can still sign up! Please email Barbara Bancker at: [bbbancker@yahoo.com](mailto:bbbancker@yahoo.com).

Please note that while Jessica Pirrung is away on leave, Natalie Jackson will serve as our Interim Safe Environment Coordinator.

Next weekend, in honor of Saints Joachim and Ann, we will bless grandparents at all our Masses. We love you, grandparents!

Lastly, I realize that many of our families are worried about finances and are uncertain about the future. With full awareness and understanding of these situations, I want to mention the financial need of our community. Other than the first Sunday of the month, we are rarely making our weekly need. We are beginning a new budget and I have to make some decisions about our fiscal wellbeing. As we move into this new budgetary year, please be as generous and supportive as you can be. I'm very grateful for whatever you can do!

Please note that the *Daily Briefing* is at 4 PM, Mondays – Thursdays on our [Grace Lily](#) page. This is a daily program to provide you with updates and explanations of what's happening here at the parish.

More updates next weekend. Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!