From Father Kirby...

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! As a Church, we continue to walk through Ordinary Time. This year, our focus is on Saint Mark's Gospel. Today, we hear about some of the healings performed by our Lord during his public ministry.

This weekend, we'll bless our new statue of Saint Mother Drexel. As such, I'll preach about the life and faith of this holy woman. She is one of our American saints who made a profound impact on the Church!

Also, this weekend, our visiting seminarian Jake Nadeau will say a few words to the parish. Please remember to pray for our seminarians!

Some things happening around the parish:

After all our Masses this weekend, we will again have several stations throughout the building processing updates on our registration directory (our census). If you have not already, please stop by one of the stations and confirm or revise your current contact information. It is essential that our census is accurate and up-to-date. Each station has a nice gift for those who stop by and complete this simple task.

After our 11:00 AM Mass this weekend, we will have our monthly Fellowship Sunday. *Please come by the Parish Hall for a doughnut and conversation with your fellow parishioners*. All are welcome!

Our weekly parish Bible Study is now on hiatus until August 4. As a reminder, all our Bible Study sessions can be found on our <u>Grace Lily</u> page.

This coming Saturday, July 3, is the First Saturday of the month. We'll have Confessions at 10:00 AM and our monthly Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at 11:00 AM.

To our young families: Please note that the former "Quiet Room" has now been renamed our "Mass Training Room." We've added more chairs and will soon be including two small luxury chairs for nursing needs. We've also included a television in the room that gives a "close up" view of the altar area. This is intended to help children see what's happening during Mass. The staff is also currently looking into educational resources about the Mass for children. More details will follow. In addition, in August, all of our young families will receive a free subscription to the magazine, <u>OSV Kids</u>. The magazine will help parents explain our Faith to their children.

Please note: As previously announced, High School Formation and Middle School Formation will resume in September. Elementary School Formation will resume in January.

The contract has been signed to purchase <u>Catholic Land</u>. It will take effect on July 1! At that time, the payment for the land will be remitted. We are very close to being a full two-campus parish!

As a reminder, every Sunday, I write a spirituality column on Crux. If anyone is interested, <u>here is the link</u> to the weekly columns.

Please be sure to read and review our revised and updated <u>Security/Safety Protocols</u> for Parishioners and <u>Church/Holy Communion Protocols</u>.

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