

June 9, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I want to update you on a few things. I am scheduled for surgery at Saint Cloud Hospital on Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Initially I was scheduled for surgery on August 2, then July 13<sup>th</sup>. Now that the date has been moved up, I have been meeting with my doctor and surgeon going through the pre-op procedures. At this time I am looking at a four to six week recovery time. I have communicated this with the Diocese so that they can line up coverage for weekend Masses and funerals. Please read the bulletin as to any scheduled Communion Prayer Services in my absence.

Barb Karel, Director of Religious Education, has been working with the Knights of Columbus Councils from all three parishes to pull together plans for Family Fun Nights to be held at Christ the King. Details are in the bulletin. I encourage you to plan to attend these Fun Nights to connect with parishioners from all three parishes. Now more than ever we need to build on community and parish life.

I am looking forward to having the Altar Servers returning to their ministry at the altar as well as inviting back our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Greeters etc. Please contact me or the parish offices if you are interested in any ministry in the life of the parish.

I am very concerned about the heat and dry conditions and the stress it has brought upon the crops and gardens. I fear drought conditions will destroy many crops. I visited the Assumption Chapel in Cold Spring on my day off and prayed for much needed rain. Please hold that intention in your prayers.

Our parishes are planning festivals for this summer and fall. Please plan to step forward to volunteer and support these events. I am deeply appreciative of the efforts of committee members in each of our parishes.

The new rectory is taking shape and hopefully no major snaffles will hinder its successful completion on time and our staying on budget.

In Christ,

Fr. Don Wagner