

Dear Parents-

We're having a heat wave! Oh my! How quickly the heat of July makes me wish for the coolness of the fall/winter. I am truly a Minnesota girl! I enjoyed my vacation and was able to de-stress and relax a bit. I highly recommend getting away and de-stressing. Life felt almost back to usual.

After a quiet week last week, this week has been a flurry of activity. We have moved offices and combined the school and parish administration staffs. It will take awhile to get acclimated to our new surroundings, but the benefits of the move and how the workflow will go will quickly make a difference. Change is a great opportunity for growth, and we are ready for the challenge!

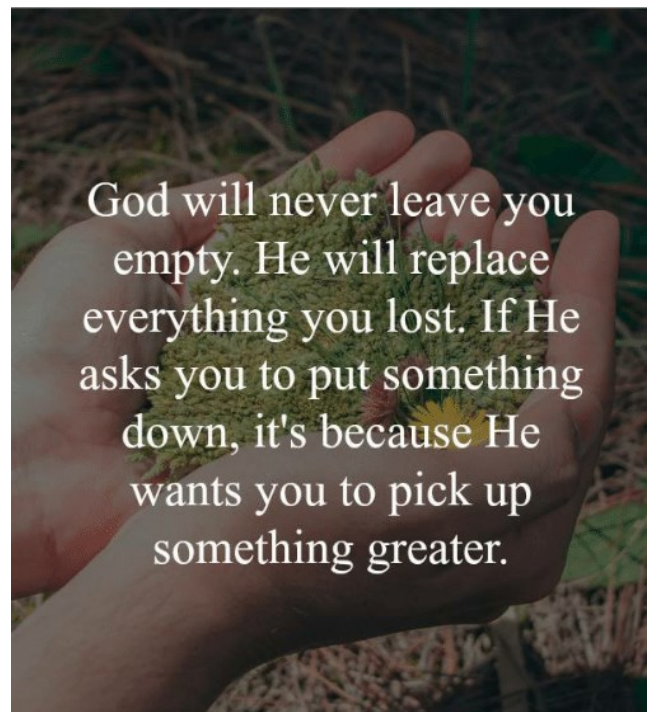
On Tuesday this week, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis released their protocol for school to open in the fall. It is our goal to open and have face to face learning for our students in the fall. After an initial training with the new protocol (there will be more!), I have formed a task force to help devise and vet our specific plan. We will work on this through the month of July and communicate it to you all at the beginning of August. We know there are a lot of moving pieces in this pandemic, however, we believe that we can develop a plan that addresses concerns, mitigates risk, and allows students to be in school. We will also plan for contingencies around this. It is a great task, but one I am confident we will be able to accomplish. During the next few weeks, we will be working to plan for the fall in all areas. Watch for a video message coming out next week on our plans to move forward. Thank you for continuing to put your trust in us.

Scholarship Night 2020 was a big success! A virtual gala was a steep learning curve for us, but we are so grateful that everything turned out so well. The final numbers are being tabulated and a full report will be coming soon. I feel extremely blessed to be a part of this supportive and caring community.

Summer care and academic programming are continuing to go well. We are happy to be able to offer services to our families through this time and are enjoying seeing and interacting with our students. Their smiles and energy brighten every day and help put our work into perspective. Every child is a vision of hope for our future, and we are privileged to be a part of their development.

God's Blessings to you! Hope you are staying cool.

Mrs. Ashley



*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13*