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Greetings!

Summer is fleeting! Days are getting shorter. School has started for most, and our own school is bustling with children's voices once again. (It was pretty quiet in those hallways all summer!)

To all ministers:

SUMMER ASSISTANCE: Thanks to all ministers who so graciously checked in during the summer months to see if help was needed even when they weren't scheduled. It really did make a difference!

MASS TIMES: Our Sunday mass schedule will remain 8 am and 10 am. Please refer to the August stewardship letter which contained information from Fr Tom regarding the reasoning behind this permanent change.

PATRONAL FEAST DAY: Friday, September 3 is the feast of St. Gregory the Great. Liturgically, we have the option of transferring the celebration to a near-by date, so that is what we usually do. We will celebrate the feast on the weekend of our parish festival.

OUTDOOR FESTIVAL MASS/SCHEDULE CHANGE: As we did last year, we will have a special outdoor festival Mass on Sunday, September 12 at 10:30am. Because both Life Teen ministers and "morning Mass ministers" will be involved, we have already scheduled ministers who have volunteered, or those who I have personally asked about their availability. I may ask a couple more people to be on "stand-by", in case one of the scheduled people cannot be there.

SCHEDULING: Your scheduling requests for November and December (think deer hunting, Thanksgiving, December 8, Christmas and January 1) are due no later than October 15. Those scheduling requests should be sent to Kim Fex at fexk@archmil.org.

SPECIFIC MINISTRIES

Eucharistic Ministers: If you are scheduled to minister at the outdoor festival Mass, please be at the tent at 9:45am so you can learn the unique protocol / space adjustments for that liturgy. ~ Also, remember to always leave a sufficient amount of space between the bread minister and the cup ministers so that the lines do not begin to "bunch up."

Our new Director of Liturgical Music, Matt Lawrenz is Lutheran. He will receive Communion at the 8 am mass only. Please do not wait for him to receive at other masses.

Servers

Welcome to the following newly trained servers: Kaitlyn & Nathaniel Dery (unpublished number) and Mykayla Schaefer (414-541-4370). Several more will be trained in the next month or so.

Please make every effort to find a sub if you are not able to serve on a particular Saturday/Sunday. Your presence is expected and needed if you are scheduled to serve. If you have tried to find a sub, but cannot, please email Cindy Bremerier at cindyb@archmil.org to let her know.

Lectors

- (1) There will also be a special set of readings (because of the feast of St. Greg) at all Masses the weekend of September 11 - 12. These will be mailed to the lectors involved.
- (2) *ANY TIME* you are one of two lectors scheduled for a particular Mass, please do two things: (a) prepare both readings for the day, in case the other lector cannot make it and (b) actually speak with the other reader before Mass so that both of you know you are present.

Ushers

Ushers are some of our most faithful ministers but our ranks are dwindling. The most successful recruiting comes from personal invitations. If you see someone sitting in the pews on a regular basis, invite them to consider joining this ministry. Help is especially needed at the 10 am mass.

Greeters

I wish you could hear how often new parishioners say that one of the reasons they joined St. Greg's was because people were so warm and friendly here. Your work is like electricity; we don't notice when it is there, only when it is gone!

Grateful for all you do,

Cindy Bremerier