



Fr. Michael J. Najim
September 16, 2018
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Here are several thoughts for this weekend:

- I want to express my deep gratitude to someone who would like to remain anonymous. As you know, we continue to lay the groundwork for a future kitchen renovation. I've shared with you before that this will be a big undertaking and a costly project. Recently, this person called to inform me that he is working on converting a restaurant into a gym. In the restaurant was a four-year-old industrial kitchen hood (along with all necessary parts). This hood is in great condition and has passed recent inspection. One of the most expensive aspects of redoing our kitchen would have been the hood. This will save us approximately \$15,000!
- Over the last two years we've raised over \$20,000 for the Fr. Ray fund. One of the purposes of this fund is to offer Catholic school tuition for our parishioners, particularly for students who are attending Catholic high schools. This year, because of your generosity, we are awarding \$500 scholarships to several of our teenage parishioners who are attending Catholic high schools. Thank you for your support! And let's continue to pray for all of our young people.
- The Westerly WARM Center is looking for a few volunteers (two or three) to help serve the evening meal on the third Wednesday of every month. I believe this is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to respond to the Lord's call to serve. It should be simple enough for us to put together a rotating schedule so that different people can serve every month. Please let me know if you are interested either by calling or emailing me (mnajim@me.com).
- A reminder that I will be doing a blessing of animals on Saturday, October 6 at 2:00 (outdoors...not in the church!). Please make sure all animals are properly crated or leashed. Also, if you're able, please bring a donation of pet food or pet supplies which will be donated to Stand Up for Animals.
- If you haven't yet signed up for Flocknote, you can still do so. Simply text the keyword "stpiusx" (without the quotation marks) to the code 84576. You will get a text back from Flocknote. Click on the link and complete the process. Then, sign up for any groups from whom you'd like to receive updates. If you can't complete the process on your smartphone, you can register online by going to flocknote.com/stpiusxwesterly
- I didn't get a chance to watch the whole Patriots game because I was hosting family at the rectory that day. I did see some of it. A win is a win, so it's a good first start. But how about Fr. Ray's Packers coming back from a horrible first half to beat the bears! And how about those Browns for tying the Steelers! It should be an exciting and interesting season.