

FRIDAY UPDATES

August 10, 2018

THANKS BE TO GOD for good medical reports for Judy Wurtzbacher and Callie Benedict. The power of prayer is at work and certainly evident at St. Luke's. Judy has been through the *wringer* to kill off cancer cells and start her body through the renewal process. Judy sends her thanks to all who have been praying for her and for Mark. Judy is home again following her checkup with great new numbers from her blood tests. Callie has passed all her medical tests following some frightening episodes, but has been cleared and is feeling high on life. Callie also expresses thanks for all the prayers and concerns from her new church family at St. Luke's.

KAY SHEPPARD is healing well, according to Fr. Gene. There is always occasional healing pain and lots of physical therapy to get through following knee replacement, but Kay is back to driving and getting around on her own. We hope she will feel up to coming to meet us soon.

THANKS TO ALL who donated, priced, and worked to make the Rummage Sale a success. We were concerned for a while, but late donations of items brought us some higher priced items. Once Hazel pays the bills for any expenses involved, we will meet our budget donation to our Seminarian Paul Bennett and have some money left over to add to our Outreach budget. Thanks Marietta shoppers and St. Luke's hard workers. Thanks to Gillian and Fr. Gene for cooking the hot dogs, onions, and selling them during the sale, and to Becky Young for furnishing the sauce. Dennis has requested sauerkraut be added next year and a few customers mentioned we should have potato chips. We heard some mumbling about adding adult beverages, but I think that will not be considered.

BAPTISMS this Sunday. Callie and Hank Benedict will present their daughters, Mariska and Mariah for Holy Baptism. Come support and welcome these young ladies into our Christian family and join with them in their celebration at the reception following the service.

SCHOOL ROOM DONATIONS are needed throughout the area. Teachers spend an average of a thousand dollars over the school year of their own money to equip their classrooms and students with items the school system does not provide. Tissues, hand sanitizers, sanitary wipes, paper towels, are some of the items teachers appreciate receiving. If you wish to donate any of these items, bring them to the office or parish hall and we will distribute them to a teacher or teachers. Teachers are convinced the students eat pencils, because they disappear rapidly. Boxes of No. 2 pencils could help.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS have been checked recently. Do you know where ours are located? We will be pointing out those locations and training on the types and how to use them will most likely be demonstrated soon as a part of the Diocese required program for protecting our church. We must implement our plan and have it submitted to the Diocese by September 9. If you would be interested in leading this training program we would like to hear from you. We will be required to study the training session from the Diocese training portal prior to formulating our own plans. Time is of the essence.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Mike Reifer (12th), Sarah Bennett (12th), Jacie Hays (15th), Gavin Wharton (15th), Sydney Gammon (16th), and Mark Ullman (17th).

PRAYERS – Heavenly Father, we thank you for our many blessings, for the healing of bodies and souls. We ask for prayers for all those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit. We send our prayers to all the students and teachers returning to the classrooms, that they will be safe throughout their days and their learning environments will be healthy and secure. Blessings go to all those who are suffering because of the fires and floods, for the loss of lives and home and businesses. We continue to ask your blessings and help for those families who have been separated at our borders, that they will soon be reunited and given shelter and asylum. God, we ask for peace and understanding from our world leaders, that they will work on behalf of the citizens of the world, and not for their own reward. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen*

If you have items for the Friday Updates, send them to cadcisler@gmail.com by Thursday evening.