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Sunday, September 6, 2015

A Note of Thanks

Although it has been awhile ago, I still want to thank the ladies of the St. Francis de Sales Cathedral Altar Society who provided lunch and hospitality for the family and friends of Roy Grover after his funeral on Saturday, July 25 and for the family and friends of Patricia Williamson on August 13 following her funeral Mass. This service, provided with such cheerfulness and kindness, is a great blessing to people at a time when they need care and compassion the most. I am very grateful to everyone who so generously supplied food and love and support in this way.

Boiler/Heating System Repaired This Summer

In the last couple of weeks, the boiler, which supplies the heat for the cathedral, the parish hall and the parish offices, was repaired. This was a major expense and money for it was taken out of the SOC fund. I will update you on the costs as soon as the final bill comes in. The repairs were necessary, because a couple of the cast iron sections of the boiler were leaking and needed to be replaced. Also, two pipes which provide hot water for the system to heat the parish offices had to be replaced. We are fortunate that the entire system did not need to be replaced. Because of the repairs, the system is in very good shape going into the winter.

I am very grateful to everyone who contributes to the SOC fund. Your generosity has enabled us to get these and other important projects completed in a timely fashion. May God bless you for your support of our parish and interest in maintaining our cathedral and other facilities.

Labor Day: A Time to Give Thanks to God for Our Work

Labor Day is tomorrow, Monday, September 7. Holy Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. in the cathedral. However, the parish office will be closed. This national holiday brings summer to an unofficial close as schools open their doors and parishes begin religious education classes.

On Labor Day we honor working men and women in our country with a well-deserved holiday. This day provides all of us with an opportunity to thank Almighty God for the work that He has called us to do and to ask Him to bless our work and make it holy. For the work that we do in our homes, schools, mills, factories, farms, ranches, places of business, hospitals, government offices—wherever we work—is our participation in God's continuous work among men.

