

August 20/21 2016
21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

M & M's,

Newspapers continue to decline in readership, while social media continues to go through the roof (where did that phrase come from?). But my simple entry into the communication effort continues to limp along, totally unaware to as to effectiveness. I rest my wrinkled script upon the memory of Will Rogers who always travelled with his typewriter near at hand. I stood over his grave! How many even know who this giant of the art of crafting written and spoken words was?

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: We are all beginning to look older! One can easily verify that by looking at pictures in our 2011 directory. Pastoral Council has taken the initiative to organize a new directory. BUT with a new twist as there will be no twisting of your arm to purchase portraits of museum quality. Talented photographers reside in our parish and will snap the photos for compiling a book. You can dress in your choice of proper fare. Yes, cargo shorts ok, but no swimsuits!

We will offer the first photo shoot at the parish picnic. We will later offer the shots after weekend Mass spread over a few wknds. No appointment needed. The directory and the office would benefit from having your home address, e mail, and phone number (yes, cell?) The form used to compile info for the pictorial directory will allow you to keep particular info out of the directory.

MASS SCHEDULE – Sunday, 10:00 single Mass, begins on Sept. 11, a prayerful day for our country. I appreciate your patience over a modest verbal misstep in announcing canceling the change a few weeks ago. We spent months in the fall of '14 to decide on a change, and we were rushing any return to the "old way". The operational mode of a parish has to have some input such as finance and attendance, but we do know quality of a single liturgy has been established.

We will have cards in the pews for several weeks by the end of September for a comment on your preference for a schedule. The one fact that is established is that we have 100 more envelopes, registered parishioners, than two years ago! Yes, all people attending Christ the King or any parish should register and receive envelopes. NOT simply for revenue, but it gives the office needed planning and review of operations (regretfully, sounds like a business). THEN, please use them, even if empty – as in the above, can help us with something like Mass schedules. When visiting another nearby parish, use our envelope as they are passed along to us.

CSA – Catholic Service Appeal: Another year to salute the parish and to send out thanks from pastor. (it seems so incomplete to simply mention it here). We went over the target by the highest amount since (?) as we reached \$119,000, \$19,000 over target. I have commented heavily on how the overage will be directed and an EXACTING report will accompany next year's campaign. Delight to see higher pledges and an average of nearly \$460 per gift. But one weakness: we need to get more parishioners participating.

"and one decision I got right – there will be corn on the cob at the picnic!"

Honored, as always, to sign with His spirit

