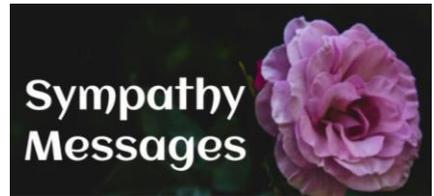


#3 SUMMER NEWSLETTER for St. Mary's Parish School
 Week of June 28, 2021



To *Brett Poxleitner and his sons, Mason and Holden* for their great help of cutting the entire lawn at school this past week. It looks so great. We truly appreciate your generosity and assistance! Many blessings....

Please keep in prayer Debbie Johnson's family. Her mother-in-law, Flo Johnson, recently died after a long illness. Funeral is Tuesday, June 30th. We surround her family in prayer.



Summer Program for Fourth Week (June 28-30)

THEME: *Community helps* A few of the activities for this week: ice cream in a bag, PE activities, arts and crafts....games and so much more...For more information call and talk to Lori Johnson, Director: 208-669-1119

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Remember to share your favorite dessert recipes with us. The Catholic Women's League is collecting "*Dessert Recipes*" for a dessert cookbook. Please bring your recipe to the church office.

And please continue inviting your neighbors and friends to consider St. Mary's School for their children....you are doing a great job spreading the Good News!!!

Reflection: recently I was reading *Maria Shriver's Sunday Paper*. What she wrote about caught my attention, which I wanted to share with you. She talked about how we all are trying so hard to get back to "normal". This is what she had to say:

*"Everywhere you turn lately, it seems like people are ready to get things back to "normal." Everything is open or opening, and people are feeling impatient. They want to get going. I get it. They want to get back to traveling. They want to get whatever it is that they want, and they want to get it now.... Waiting is what's called for right now. Patience is required. The summer of rushing back to normal is turning into the summer of slow down and wait...I certainly don't love waiting for hours for my food to come when I'm dining in a restaurant (especially if I'm hungry). But I've come to value the art of waiting and its genuine impact on oneself and others. I've seen and felt firsthand the impact when someone waits for you to catch up. When someone waits for you to learn how to work the TV remote. When someone waits for you to learn something new. When someone waits for you to go somewhere, or waits for you to become the someone you long you be. So, if waiting isn't your thing, challenge yourself to get better at it this summer. Start by trying to be patient with yourself. That's right. Instead of yelling at someone on the TV, or in a car, or on a plane, start with you. Are you exactly where you want to be? Does berating yourself or rushing yourself help you get there? Or if you are where you want to be, did it take you time to get there? Was your road made better when someone yelled at you, left you, cut you off, or gave up on you? Think about it. Now, let's think about a time when someone let you go in front of them in a line. How did that make you feel? Think about a time when someone sat with you at a doctor's appointment without rushing you. Think about that person who waited in traffic to pick you up and then greeted you with a smile. It matters, doesn't it? It makes a difference, right? Also, let's take a moment to pause and think about the people who are truly waiting for something important or life-changing. Think about the people in Miami who are anxiously waiting to find out about their missing loved ones in that devastating apartment building collapse. Think about the people anxiously waiting for a scary medical diagnosis. Every time you feel something testing your patience, think about all those who are sitting on the edge of their seats waiting for life-altering news. So, this summer, dust off your waiting skills. Think of waiting as a "superpower" instead of as a waste of time. When you are in line at Starbucks tapping your foot, pay attention to what's going through your mind. When you are dealing with someone in customer service, notice what you feel. What does it bring up for you? If you find yourself back in the office, or back battling traffic, and things aren't going the way you want, think about all we've gone through. Cut yourself and others some slack. **Observe. Notice. Take note. Be mindful.** The reality is that we are all coming out of a long, long winter, so to speak. We are all rejoining a new society of sorts. New rules. New procedures. New expectations. Everyone is opening their eyes to a new reality. It's one that really can't be rushed, even though everyone wants to rush back. So, get ready to get good at waiting. Get ready to value waiting. Be open to the benefits of it, because this summer of raring to go is going to teach all of us a thing or two about the value of waiting."*

Have patience with all things. But, first of all with yourself." —Saint Francis de Sales

Please remember: If there are items you'd like to see or know more about, please send your suggestions to: sistern@stmarysmoscow.com

Blessings on your family during this summer break,

Sister Margaret Johnson, *osu*
Interim Principal

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