

August 24, 2022

Dear Saint Gregory Family:

As we embark on our ecclesiastical new year and with the Covid pandemic waning, I look forward to Saint Gregory's future with hope and excitement.

For those who have been with us in person, thank you for being here. If you have found it difficult to come back, for whatever reason, we welcome you with open arms. We miss you. We want to worship and socialize with you. If you have worries or concerns, we want to hear them. Covid has taken so much away from us; don't let it take away your spirit and your faith.

We have some fun things to look forward to over the next few weeks and would love to have your participation. We are having a **Game Night** hosted by the Kaufman and LaFond families on Aug. 27, with a potluck dinner. On Sep. 11 we will be having a **Welcome Back BBQ** with Sunday School and other ministry registration opportunities. Our **27th Annual Golf Tournament** will be on Sep. 16, and we will have a pancake breakfast hosted by the Parish Council on Sep. 25, along with a **presentation by Dr. Despina Prassas** of Providence College.

There is so much more to do and look forward to, but we need your help. We can't do it alone. Please bring your thoughts and ideas to Fr. Alex or any Parish Council member and let's help bring them to fruition. This past year was our 30th Anniversary. I would love to celebrate with a dinner dance in the spring (better late than never). Please let me know if you would be interested in helping.

A shout out to all those who have helped keep our church clean in Bob Shute's absence. Unfortunately, shortly after recovering from a hip replacement, he fell and broke his femur which required surgery with a 4 to 6 month recovery time. We are currently looking for a short-term replacement. Also, a heartfelt thank you to Dennis and Nancy Savas who have kept the grounds of our beloved parish looking beautiful.

Looking forward to a great year ahead and seeing a vibrant, thriving Saint Gregory's!

Yours in Christ,

Karen Guinan

Parish Council President