

Scott's Corner

Well it looks like my optimism regarding Hurricane Gustav was slightly premature as he took the worst path possible with regards to population centers and drilling operations, however thankfully he weakened and caused relatively little damage. Especially encouraging was that the levees in New Orleans withstood the storm surge and left the ninth ward and downtown high and dry. In addition, Oil futures actually retreated after being artificially buffered ahead of the storm. Now for the good and bad news. There is a family of storms on the heels of Gustav, however they all are in the Atlantic and none of them seems especially strong at present. It looks as though Hannah will bring us only windy conditions this weekend and after her passing we will recognize a northerly wind pattern which is conducive to calm weather. Next in line is "Ike" which is forecast to continue its westward motion through this weekend and be in the vicinity of the Eastern Caribbean by Monday. Ike bears the most watching as he could impact our weather and ultimately enter the Gulf of Mexico this coming week. Then there is "Josephine" who is several thousands of miles away in the Atlantic and is forecast to make a northerly turn and hopefully not affect the Eastern Seaboard. For the sake of our insurance premiums and dwindling property values, let us pray that the remainder of the hurricane season quiets down.

You might have guessed that I am very interested in the weather and follow it very closely. Prior to moving to Naples, I attended Florida State University and received my undergraduate degree in meteorology/geography intending to be a broadcast meteorologist. After interning at a CBS and an ABC affiliate in Tallahassee, I decided to switch things up a bit and focus on a career in business. Following a move to Naples in 1997, I received my master's degree in business in 2001 and have been serving you ever since. That being said, if you ever have any weather related questions, I would be more than happy to answer them for you.

If you were at daily Mass this past week you most likely saw that the 80' boom lift has made a return appearance. You may have also heard footsteps from above. Crews were shoring up the cross which is attached to the skylight as it was dislodged during Tropical Storm Fay. This movement also caused the skylight leak to return. While they are here, they will re-assemble the light fixture that is on top of the roof which used to illuminate the cross. If you did not know there was such a light, worry not, because neither did I. Nevertheless, I am sure it will be a beautiful sight once repaired. This same crew will also pressure wash the roof while they have the boom on site.

Our high school Life Teen and middle school Edge youth groups will be attending "Rock the Universe" at Universal Studios and "Night of Joy" at Disney's Hollywood Studios this Saturday where they will be entertained by some of today's top Christian bands. Please pray for our youth as they travel to Orlando to experience this fun and spiritual filled event.

The front office has been inundated recently with requests for financial assistance from many residents of our local community and parishioners as well. These requests are referred to a representative from the St. Vincent De Paul Society. There will be an envelope for St. Vincent De Paul in the upcoming packet for the 2nd Sunday of October. Prior to this collection, please consider making a financial contribution to the St. Vincent De Paul Society. You may make a donation in any one of the poor boxes when entering or exiting the church or you may drop a check in the collection clearly labeled "St. Vincent de Paul." With the current state of our economy, many people are struggling just to get by and you would be surprised to find out that this includes your fellow brothers and sisters attending Mass and sitting right next to you. Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping those in need.

Please allow me to clarify the process in order to obtain tickets for Fr. Glackin's celebration reception on October 24th. We are going to charge an admission price of \$10 and issue tickets for the reception however the admission price of \$10 will be refunded at the door. We are following this procedure in order to get an accurate count of attendees. Cappelli's Catering has graciously offered to underwrite the entire food cost of the reception therefore it is imperative that we attain a legitimate count on their behalf. Thank you very much to Thomas Sbrocco with Cappelli's Catering for this incredibly kind gesture. Tickets will be available in the parish office beginning September 17th.

In His work together,

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