



GROW IN LOVE WITH GOD

Dear Friends,

Well, this summer has managed to be a busy one, and there have been some changes here at St. Mary. First and foremost, you will notice Security Cameras outside the Parish Office and Faith Formation buildings. When these buildings were renovated three years ago, the wiring was put in for a security system but the unit itself was never installed. Though – thank God – nothing has happened, we want to be more preventative and bring ourselves to the next level of safety around the property.

The next item, which will take place in the next couple weeks, is the RE-KEYING of all the locks in the Gym, Kitchen and Hall, as well as the Church. In every parish I have ever served, after a few years the keys to various places in the parish have been copied. People begin to use the buildings without proper permission or arrangement, jeopardizing our liability. At other times, they leave doors open and unlocked, again posing a problem with theft or inviting other problems.

The new system being installed will be one that CANNOT be duplicated unless one has authorization with the locksmith. No one will be able to take a key and get it copied at Home Depot or Ace because the blanks are not available through these types of vendors. We will create a system that better tracks who has keys, assigning a numbered key to those who need to have a key. Others will have to come to the Office to sign keys out and in, including a deposit to safeguard the key's return.

This is being done for everyone's benefit, being proper stewards of our property and our parish campus. The transition will cause a few muscles to tense and jaws to set, but in the end, I believe all will be seen as a good thing for the parish community of St. Mary.

May God bless us as we continue to grow in love and care for each other!

Father Fred