

Dear People of God,

July is nearly upon us! Many people speak of summer as the time to relax, slow down and spend more time with loved ones. Others dare to plot out “summer projects” which may include the garden, cleaning out the garage or building that backyard deck. No matter the goal or project, may we never forget the importance of loving, caring, forgiving and showing kindness to others as we move into this beautiful summer season. Jesus Christ is our guide and point of reference for living a life filled with joy, meaning, hope and purpose. As we begin this new season together, please keep these words close to your heart.

GOD WON'T ASK

God won't ask

What kind of car you drove.

God will ask

How many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask

The square footage of your house.

God will ask

How many people you welcomed into your house.

God won't ask

About the clothes in your closet.

God will ask

how many your helped to clothe.

God won't ask

What your highest salary was.

God will ask

If you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask

What your job title was.

God will ask

If you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask

How many friends you had.

God will ask

how many people whom you were a friend.

God won't ask

In what neighborhood you lived.

God will ask

how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask

About the color of your skin.

God will ask

about the content of your character.

Wonderful nuggets to reflect upon during the warm days of July.

Summer Blessings,

Fr. Greg

P.S. We bid Fr. Don Cambe farewell this weekend. Excellent job, Fr. Cambe! You will be missed, but never forgotten. Our prayers are with you as you begin your new assignment at St. Mary of the Annunciation in Mundelein. God's blessings always, Fr. Cambe!

We also welcome our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Bill Vollmer, next weekend. Fr. Vollmer will be terrific! Welcome him the same way you welcomed me with open arms three years ago this same weekend. Fr. Bill will introduce himself at all the masses next weekend. Welcome, Fr. Vollmer!