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### **Unfortunately Fall Fest is canceled for 9/16/18.**

The current condition of the field is extremely soggy from all the rain, which will not be able to support the games and attendance. Thank you to our wonderful committee and all the work they did in planning the event.

**Mass Times for Sunday will resume to regular times  
of 11:15am and 1pm (in Spanish)!**

## **Fr. Matt's Musings** **September 14, 2018**

### **Natural Disasters**

Today and throughout this weekend, many eyes are on the Carolinas and the southeast where millions are bracing for the arrival of hurricane Florence. Hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes are given the name, natural disasters. It is an unfortunate title because the disasters are anything but natural for those who experience them. Obviously, they receive that title because they are found in and are a part of nature. Here are a few things I have been considering in preparation for Florence:

1. Natural disasters are unpredictable and cannot be controlled.
2. They vary in intensity, loss and destruction, but there is always clean up.
3. Nature always comes through them and is different and sometimes more beautiful and for the better.

Please reread the three criteria and apply them to human, spiritual disasters: heartaches, broken relationships, sudden health emergencies, death, especially sudden, unexpected and out of season deaths, spiritual dark nights of the soul, etc.

1. We cannot control all the moments of our lives, or the actions of others, so at times, and usually at unexpected moments, we can be blindsided and our lives changed.

2. All life blows, especially to the heart, hurt and with different intensity. Clean-ups of life blows and those to the heart are always messy.

3. All disasters change us and we come through them a different person. Just as in natural disasters where there are always first responders and heroes, so our life and spiritual disasters call us to come through them with a new heart that is more compassionate and generous, especially calling us to be first responders to those who suffer.

Live Jesus!

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