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In the same way, the spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

Romans 8:26

It is comforting to have a God who loves us so much that He looks past our emotional state to the heart of the matter.

In His grace, the Spirit sifts and sorts our hearts and minds, then prays for us to the Father with utmost sincerity.

The gift in this is His unending love. The challenge is to help our children learn to be in prayer in all circumstances, not just before dinner and bedtime. But, in all things and at all times to be in prayer.

As a former teacher and parent, September is a time of change not only for the leaves on the trees and the weather but for our daily routines. I always loved school and I thrived on knowing the right answers. I was the child who always threw her hand up first and proclaimed "I know, I know, I know". Knowing the answers made me feel important, helpful and well, to be honest, in control.

As a Christian I have learned that I do not know all the answers and again if we are being honest, I really don't know many. In my own sinful nature I try very hard to do the right thing, make good choices, make plans and know all the answers. But the real lesson learned is when you can realize who DOES have all the answers all the time. As a child of God, a daughter, wife, and mother I take comfort in the fact I don't have to know all the answers but to seek the One who does.

I think it is safe to say that it is often in times of struggle, hardship or grief that we find ourselves crying out to God for the answers we seek. When I came across this verse I was so humbled by it and honored to know that He searches my heart and knows it even when I can't get my words to come out right. That my God knows what I am thinking before I even say it. How He knows my hopes, my questions, my weakness' and my prayers even before I can pray them. How He knows all the answers, the plans and the paths my life will take blows me away on a daily basis. So, looking back to all those times I raised my hands up in the air and shouted "I know", it is comforting now to realize that I don't know, but He does.

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What's New?

There will be no Sunday School on August 30th and September 6th. We will resume Sunday School for all ages on September 13th.

There will be a parents meeting on September 27th at 9:15 in the library. Please plan on attending. We will discuss the new Sunday School curriculum as well as all the exciting things Children's Christian Education has planned for the 2009—2010 school year.

Just to put a bee in your bonnet—St. Matthew's will be hosting a Halloween alternative this year. The first annual "Trick or Trunk" will take place on October 31st from 2—4. We are asking parishioners to plan on arriving around 1:30 to park their cars, open their trunks tailgate style and pass out treats. This is a great outreach opportunity for you to bring your neighbors. If you're interested in lending a hand, contact Bethany Piersol at 523-3698.

Childcare Schedule

	Date	Infant	Toddler	Preschool
Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.	September 6**	Lynda Jenkins	Wynn Burr	Bethany Piersol
	13	Susan Harrison	Blake Burr	Jake Piersol
		Jean Ray	Gretchen DeFrancesca	Elizabeth Spadea
If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.	20	Lee West	Todd DeFrancesca	John Spadea
		Megan Lloyd	Kate Garitz	Sarah Pemberton
** No Sunday School—please report for duty at 10:15	27	Chris Lloyd	Shawn Garitz	Lee Pemberton
		Betty Helms	Adrian Hudgins	Linda Wilson
		Anne Simpson	Laura Allin	Wendell Wilson