**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!** Thanks to the generosity of several donors, we have reached and exceeded our matching grant from the Schulze Family Foundation. The Schulze Family Foundation reached out to all the schools in the Diocese of Duluth and offered an all or nothing matching $25,000 grant to the project of our choice. As part of Assumption Catholic School’s strategic plan, our playground is the largest project left to complete. To date, we have raised **$72,060.01** for a new Assumption Catholic School playground (this includes the matching grant). Our playground is one of the centrally located playgrounds in town and is always busy. It is used by parishioners, our school children, and many families not affiliated with either. Over the years, the wear and tear of our Minnesota winters has begun to cause some safety concerns on several pieces of equipment. A committee of dedicated people have been working behind the scenes for months to put together a survey, look at equipment, work with experts in setting up designs and layouts, and to assist in raising the funds. This matching grant put a big dent into the overall cost, but we have still have a ways to go. The donation plaques for the playground will continue to be available at $500, $1,000, $5,000, and $10,000. All donations over $250 receive a tax receipt and donations for any amount help toward reaching the goal. Our committee is continuing to look for additional grants available to keep us moving toward the playground build. If you are interested in receiving more information on our playground, please feel free to call the school office at 218-263-3054, myself at 218-929-8082, or the parish office.