

NOTES from Parish Council Meeting April 24, 2019

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Campaign Update:

- **Facilities Faith Lift I:**
- Currently we have outstanding pledge payments remaining in the amount of \$63,921.90, which is 5.7% of our total pledged amount of \$1,116,092.08. \$2,095 was collected on past due balances since our last report in March.
- **Facilities Faith Lift II:** Our Facilities Faith Lift II began on July 1. Our pledge goal was initially \$950,000. To date, we have received \$686,487.00 pledges from 257 parish families, including payments made by families who chose not to pledge, but to pay as they are able. This is an increase this month of \$185.55 over our last report in March. Of this amount, total pledges paid to date are \$316,035.95, or 46.0% of the total pledged amount. The pledge balance due is \$370,451.05 or 54.0% of the total pledged amount. We have also deposited \$2,585.63 for our Pennies to Bricks program since July. Additionally, we had Donations to the FFL II amounting to \$225 and Memorials of \$8,480.
- We continue to be very grateful and appreciative to all of our pledgers for both campaigns.

Building Expansion Update:

- The Building & Grounds Committee met last night. As stated last month, we have put the building expansion on hold because of the amount of debt that we currently have, and the additional monies that would be needed to complete the project. This will still take place, just at a later date.
- The church roof will be replaced this summer. We will be going with a metal roof on the church. The cost is slightly more than shingles. The rectory roof will also be replaced with this working being done by Phil Boyer.
- We have been having air conditioning issues in the office area. The current drop ceilings will be replaced with square tiles, LED lights will be installed and cassette type air conditioning units similar to those in the Narthex will be installed.
- The downstairs bathrooms should be done by the end of May. Retiling of the downstairs flooring should be done before the end of the year.
- The parking lots are in disrepair but for now, just holes will be fixed. We will be moving the dumpsters to the other corner of the parking lot and installing a fence around them, hopefully to prevent people in the neighborhood from using them.
- The pre-school classrooms will move upstairs. We will need to install sinks in the 2 rooms and a lock will be installed on the door. The current pre-school room will be split in half, with a portion going to the Youth Group and the other half will be utilized as an additional conference room.

Parish Giving:

- Online Collections Program: As of this report we have a total of 144 parish families who have signed up for online Sunday Collections. The number of families has stayed at this number since March. On average, our projected monthly online Sunday Collections is currently \$17,601.75, and our annual online Sunday Collections total is predicted to be \$211,221, which is roughly a third of our entire Sunday Collections budget for this Fiscal Year.
- Parish Giving will also pick a weekend to present their program at all Masses.

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parish Life:

- The Easter egg hunt went well, even though we had to hold the event inside due to the weather.
- Tea Talks is scheduled for May 11 from 12:00 – 2:00. We have a speaker and are looking for people to help serve.
- The Graduation Mass and luncheon is scheduled for June 2.

Finance:

- We will be gearing up for the next budget year. There is no definitive date yet, but we plan on meeting by the end of May or the beginning of June to compile our 2020 Budget.

Fundraising:

- The Daily Lottery took place during the month of February. This event raised \$6,188.21.
- Pellman Cake Fundraiser was held again this year for Easter desserts, raising \$384, including a few dollars in donations.
- Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 6-10 p.m. This event will include a simulcast of the Kentucky Derby during a buffet dinner with music. There will also be a Hat Contest, Silent Auction and 10 exciting video horse races. To date we have sold 65 tickets and 41 horses. Our Premier Sponsor is Fred Beans Ford of Boyertown. We have half of the races sponsored, including one by our Knights of Columbus and LOAH, as well as a Signature Cocktail Sponsor.
- Attic Treasures will be held Friday, May 17 to Sunday May 19 in Quinn Hall. Donations will be taken the week leading up to the event. Tables will need to be set up by Sunday to allow for drop-offs. There will also be soups, meatballs and other food items available for sale, as well as a bake sale.
- 3rd Annual St. Columbkil Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at Twin Ponds Golf Course. We are currently working on ads and sponsorships.

- The Fundraising Committee discussed possible new fundraisers for the coming year. The final schedule will be completed in July. We are looking for new members to join our group to make our events even more fun and successful. Meeting are held the 2nd Monday of each month.

Knights of Columbus:

- We currently have 77 members with 10 new members waiting to take their First Degree.

Upcoming events:

- Adoration Hour: We continue to support a weekly Adoration hour from 1:00 – 2:00 a.m. on Friday mornings.
- Knights in the Morning: Next one is Saturday, May 4. This is an informal get together where men of our Parish can learn more about the Knights of Columbus.
- Rosary Program: We lead a 5th Sunday Rosary every month with a 5th Sunday. Next one is Sunday, June 30.
- Stations of the Cross: We attended as a group on Friday, April 12.
- March Membership Drive: We received 6 new membership forms.
- Youth Group Holy Week Mission: We bought pizzas to feed the youth on Good Friday.
- Bill & Joan Prussack Handicap Ramp: 8-10 Knights recently installed a handicap ramp for Bill & Joan Prussack to help Bill get in and out of their home while he is dependent on a wheel chair. The project was started on Wednesday, April 17 and completed on Saturday, April 20, in time for Bill's return home the following Monday.
- Penn-Dot Road Clean-up: Scheduled for Saturday, April 27.
- Knight at the Races: We will support Fundraising as much as we can with whatever they need for this event.
- Knights Monthly Breakfast: Next one is Sunday, May 5. We served 219 at our breakfast in March.
- Youth Scholarship: Chicken Parm. Dinner is planned for Sat., June 1. The Award will be presented on Sunday, June 2.

Human Concerns/Health Ministry/St. Vincent DePaul:

- Pro-life Bowl-a-thon raised \$3,432.
- Mother's Day carnations will be sold the weekend of May 11/12 at a cost of \$2 each of 3/\$5.
- April 23 – Katie's Wish, pinwheels and bracelets were given to the children.
- St. Vincent DePaul helped out as follows: 1 with rent assistance, 4 with fuel, 1 with trash pick-up and several Giant & Wal-Mart gift cards.

Evangelization: No report.

Youth Group:

- Ignite Mass was on 2/24.
- Monthly adoration was on 3/4 from 6-7:30 with 2 students in attendance.
- The Wonder Retreat – We had 13 girls attend and 6 adult chaperones. It was a beautiful and wonderful experience and we received nothing but positive feedback from the girls. We had 6 girls share their stories and testimonies of God working in their lives and what it means to be a Woman of God. A special thank you goes out to Father Marty who came on Saturday to celebrate Mass with us and hear confessions while we had Adoration.
- Our 3rd annual Holy Week Mission was April 17-20. We had 43 students attend this event. Students were looking for more meaningful things and less go-go-go. They wanted a more relaxed feel. We used a Life Night from Life Teen for each day, with more quiet reflection time built in. We had 4 service opportunities this year (Multi-Service, Hope Rescue Mission, Chestnut Knoll and our own parish). Special thanks to all who helped in the kitchen, our chaperones, as well as parishioners who helped with donations.
- Our Easter flower sale raised approximately \$400.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Sunday, May 5 – Summer Trip Meetings (Steubenville Meeting: 10-11 am; Mission Trip Meeting: 2:15-3:15 p.m.) Monthly Meeting – Downstairs Hall.
 - Monday, May 6 – Monthly Adoration in the Chapel from 6-7 p.m.
 - Sunday May 12 – Ignite Mass at 11:00 a.m.
 - Friday, May 17 – Roller Skating at Pheasant Land Skating Rink from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$6/person and includes skate rental. Sign-ups close May 5.
 - The Mission Trip to Virginia Beach, VA is full. We have 28 teens and 8 adults attending. Chaperones will be meeting this weekend and we have a summer trip meeting for attendees on May 5.
 - The trip to Steubenville is still open, with 7 spots left to fill. Currently we have 7 students and 6 chaperones.

Parish/Staff Items:

- Caitlin Nickel, our new Pre-school Director, will speak at all Masses to introduce herself the weekend of May 11/12. She is trying to get interest in the summer pre-school camp.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.