

## NOTES from Parish Council Meeting January 15, 2020

### OLD BUSINESS

**Capital Campaign Update:** We continue to be very grateful and appreciative to all of our pledgers for both campaigns.

**Facilities Faith Lift I:** We are still receiving pledge payments on our Facilities Faith Lift I.

- Outstanding pledge payments remaining of \$56,902.22 (5.1% of total pledged amount of \$1,116,092.08).
- \$225 was collected on past due balances since our last report in December.
- A total of \$20,174.68 has been collected for FFL I in 2019.

**Facilities Faith Lift II:** Our Facilities Faith Lift II began on July 1, 2018. Our pledge goal was initially \$950,000.

- To date, we have received \$717,631.50 in pledges from 259 parish families, the increase due mostly to payments made by families who chose not to pledge, but pay as they are able. This is an increase of \$3,108.55 since Dec.
- Total pledges paid to date are \$461,295.38, or 64.3% of the total pledged amount.
- The pledge balance due is \$256,336.12, or 35.7% of the total pledged amount.
- We have also deposited \$4,611.63 for our Pennies to Bricks program since July, 2018.

**Building Expansion Update:** Father will be meeting with Jeff Euclid to review the revised plans in the near future.

- The church roof has been replaced with a metal roof, and we are very happy with the work. We will utilize the same contractor to replace the roofs on the Parish Center & on Quinn Hall. Father Marty sent a letter to the Bishop to request his approval, since the cost will be over \$30,000.
- Phil Boyer replaced the Rectory roof.

**Parish Giving:** As of this report we have a total of 144 parish families who have signed up for online Sunday Collections to date.

- On average, our projected monthly online Sunday Collections is currently \$18,229.42.
- Our annual online Sunday Collections total is predicted to be \$218,753.00 which is still roughly a third of our entire Sunday Collections budget for this fiscal year of \$670,800. We will be inserting a promotion from Parish Giving in the February 8-9 bulletin, which invites those not enrolled to consider it this year.

### NEW BUSINESS

- New Parish Council members Mike Ondo and Elizabeth Aston were welcomed. Officers will remain unchanged: Lori Psota, Chairman; John Parente, Vice-Chairman; and Eugene Kovach, Secretary.
- It was brought up to Father whether we publish the Minutes in the bulletin. We have been a little lax on this. The most current condensed version will be printed and inserted in the bulletin. It should be noted that the condensed version is posted on the website.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Building & Grounds:**

- When the township put the speed bumps in, it did help to alleviate the stream of water coming down our driveway in the back. We will be putting some more rocks/rearranging them in some of the drainage areas. We will also try to clean out some of the grates to cut down on any flooding.

#### **Parish Life:**

- We will coordinate the Simple Suppers during Lent. Parish Life sponsors the Fish Fry. There are usually between 20-40 people in attendance. Question was asked as to which Committees to include/ask. Youth Group & Parish Council have agreed to sponsor one week.
- There was 1 funeral luncheon in December.

#### **Finance:**

- The Growing our Faith End-of-Year collections totaled \$25,165. This collection will significantly help in our ability to finance the HVAC work needing to be done this year.
- Our 2019 Christmas collections to date are \$35,553.41, which exceeded our \$34,000 budget.
- At our next meeting, we will review our Fiscal 2019/2020 Half Year Actuals to Budget

#### **Fundraising:**

- Craft & Food Fest held on December raised approximately \$4,300. This year vendors were charged a fee per table, paid for in advance, rather than a percentage of their sales.
- Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, tickets on sale starting this weekend. The 20 contestant spots are filled.
- It was mentioned that Giant & Weis Markets will donate gift cards if you have an event coming up.
- There is no date set yet for Night at the Races. Attic Treasures will be held the first weekend in May.
- We have sold between 230-250 Lottery tickets to date. Last year we sold 380 tickets.
- We will not have the Pellmans cake sale this year.

#### **Knights of Columbus:**

- Baby Bottle Campaign is on-going and will run until February 2, with proceeds going to Respect for Life causes.
- On December 28 we sponsored a Consecration to the Holy Family. Holy Cards with a Prayer and a special Blessing was available for all families after Mass.

- We will be doing some painting at Camilla Hall in February for the Immaculate Heart Sisters.
- Valentine's Dance will be held on Saturday, February 15.
- 220 people attended the breakfast in January.

**Human Concerns/Health Ministry/St. Vincent DePaul:** No formal report

- 18 people have signed up so far for the March for Life bus on Friday, January 24.
- We will be showing the movie "Unplanned" on Friday night.

**Evangelization:** Working on revamping this committee. Will take a look at what it is and what we need. Should it be for, or include those that come to Mass every week, thereby showing people by the way we live? Or do we want to take it to the streets? We will be developing an Action Plan.

**Youth Group:**

October:

- Casting Crowns Concert on 10/18 with 7 in attendance, all adults.
- Bake Night was held at SFA on 10/25. We had 15 students and 4 adults help out.
- We had our first Ignite Mass on 10/26.
- We had a Halloween Bake Sale after all Masses the weekend of October 26/27, realizing a profit of about \$350.

November:

- On 11/10 we held our 2nd Annual Turkey Olympics with a great turn-out of 25-30 students.
- Fake with Faith was held on 11/16 from 8-1. We had 20 volunteers help 4 different houses this year.
- We also had our second Ignite Mass of the year on 11/16.
- On 11/30, 3 youth group members and family members attended "Miracle of Christmas" at Sight & Sound Theater.

December:

- We sold poinsettias the weekend of December 7/8. We made approximately \$400.
- Our annual Christmas party was held on 12/8. We made cards for Hope Rescue Mission, had some karaoke and time to stuff the cookies we made for HRM. It was super fun!
- 30 teens and families attended our outing to Hershey Park on 12/21.
- Our third Ignite Mass was on 12/24.

January:

- Our first meeting of the year was on 1/5. We talked about Life and encouraged teens to attend the March for Life.

Upcoming Events:

- Our Youth Leadership Council is hosting a movie night on 1/18 and a second monthly meeting on 1/19.
- We are taking orders for hoagies the weekend of January 18/19 and January 25/26. Cost is \$6 each this year along with condiments for \$.25 each. Pick up is February 2 from 10-12:30.
- Youth Group Lock In will be February 1/2.
- Youth Group Meetings are scheduled 2/9 and 2/23.
- We only have 4 spots left for CHWC.
- Steubenville Registration has opened.

**Parish/Staff Items:**

- Anointing of the Sick will be held at a special Mass on Tuesday, February 11 at 7 pm.
- Father is gathering a core group together to plan activities for our upcoming 2021 Jubilee.
- HVAC is being installed upstairs.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.