

PASTOR'S REPORT – PARISH COUNCIL - September 1, 2020

1. The directives given to us by the Archdiocese have been carefully followed in church --- seating arrangements, social distancing for Holy Communion, bulletin/song sheet, cleaning after each Mass. We have seating for about 170 people at each Mass and our Sunday summer attendance has been about 500. Summer attendance is usually about 800. Starting September 13, we will bring back the 11:30 am Mass and the Spanish Mass moves to 1 pm. So, I think we will be able to accommodate an increase on Sundays.
2. Again, many thanks to the incredible financial support from the parishioners --- in the Sunday collections, the Cardinal's Campaign and the RENEW+REBUILD appeal. Thank you! Many thanks to our volunteer cleaning teams --- about 50 people help each weekend. Leo has some helpers during the week as well.
3. During August, the priests called all of the parishioners on our parish lists just to say "WE ARE OPEN" and hope you can return to Mass. If not, let us know and we will visit with Holy Communion. Our calls were much appreciated.
4. We have had several "memorial" Mass funerals for people who died over the past few months, were buried or cremated and were not able to have a proper funeral. Several more are scheduled for September. May they rest in peace.
5. We received our check for \$14,000 for the Early Elections Program in June (a great help to the budget!). We are being asked to provide space for election training and we have scheduled another 10 days for Early Voting in October before the November election. This has been a tremendous help to the parish especially during these challenging times. A financial report will be presented in November as usual to the Parish Council and the parish at large. Stay tuned.
6. Thank you to the Holy Name Society and Jack McCarrick for the two summer blood drives. Another success story!

7. Life Screening was here in August and their schedule was filled with 60+ "patients". They will return in November.
8. The Archdiocese has notified all parishes that CYO Sports are suspended until at least January 2021. We have installed a new sink in the gym kitchen as well as a renovation of the school auditorium/cafeteria. A new updated sign for the front of the Gym is on order. More SCHOOL NEWS AND REPAIRS from Sister Patricia in her report.
9. 4 parishioners who were enrolled in the RCIA Program for adults received First Holy Communion and Confirmation in August. Pastors were given special permission to celebrate the Confirmations. School dates have been set for the children who did not receive Communion or Confirmation in May due to the corona virus. A special Homecoming Mass for the 2020 graduates is also scheduled for September.
10. The heating/air conditioning project in the church is still being processed. Discussions are underway regarding the funding --- from the RENEW+REBUILD APPEAL and a loan from the Archdiocese. So far, so good with the a/c!
11. We can once again begin our group and society meetings in De Chantal Hall following certain rules --- only 50 people, no food or coffee, social distancing, cleaning after each meeting.
12. We are planning to have religious education in De Chantal Hall with small groups of students using partitions to create pods. Children will enter church, be seated inside, pray together in church, be given a brief instruction in the church, dismissed to De Chantal Hall for their class. Ms. Christi could use some extra volunteers for this new way of doing things.