

Pastor's Corner

Christmas Thank-Yous; New Sound; New Gates; Hope for 2021

THANKS

Christmas Thank-Yous: As we end the Christmas Season this weekend, I want to thank everyone who made the Season special for our parish. That includes all who gave 'Giving Tree Gifts' or Christmas Baskets or purchased poinsettias for deceased loved ones; all who decorated the Church (inside and outside); all our servers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, musicians and ushers; and all who gave gifts to Fr. Thien and me. A special thanks to Wanda _____ for keeping all those poinsettias watered and beautiful. We greatly appreciate everyone who made the celebration of Christmas so blessed.



Sound System Upgrade in Church: Our Church Sound System received an upgrade right before Christmas. We purchased new sound equipment and new microphones, and they have made a world of difference in terms of sound clarity and consistency. The sound no longer cuts in and out in that oh-so-annoying way. A debt of gratitude goes to C.J. Rowden, our Facilities Manager, for orchestrating the system upgrade. Thanks also to our parishioners whose regular offertory giving and 'I Give Catholic' donations enabled us to do the upgrade. We finally can check this item off our To-Do list!



New Gates on Campus. The two iron gates into the School Yard are in bad shape after years of being opened and closed on a daily basis – and after being struck by cars entering or exiting the school yard. The gates are extremely difficult to open and close due to damage. Replacing the gates is on our checklist of campus upgrades. We have two bids for new gates and are in the process of getting a third bid, after which we will choose a contractor for the project and start the work. We again thank our loyal contributors for the funds needed to address this facility issue.

Hope for 2021: We hope your 2021 is off to a good start. We hope and pray that the new Covid vaccine will begin to curb the impact of the virus on our world. Wishing you God's blessings and peace in the New Year.