

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH AND SCHOOL – NOVEMBER 8, 2020

## **Dear Parishioners and Families,**

Wednesday evening we remembered 47 persons who were related to our parish and had passed away in the last year. The most recent of these was Jim Cook who was for 25 years, our sexton. His funeral will take place this Monday at 11:00 am.

We have a strong and pervading hope that all these individuals have entered the realm of the Kingdom of Heaven. Today's gospel reflects that the Kingdom of Heaven resembles a Wedding Feast. A wedding feast is an occasion of joy, great expectations, and friendships. The Kingdom of Heaven is in our future if we persevere in faith, hope and charity.

Below are the notes of the meeting of the Finance Committee. The Board of Directors of St. Joseph School and the Finance Committee found all in order and were very positive about the church and school during these challenging COVID 19 times. Thanks to all of you for your great support.

## **Parish Finance Committee Notes - - October 28, 2020**

The members present: Anita Workman, Barb Brown, Pat Klodt, Paula Drope, Becky Wohlwend, Rich Kamerer, Tracy Ferrett, and Fr. Tom. Ike Holzapfel was excused.

We reviewed the quarterly report and found that the income/spending consistent with the time frame of the quarter. A few days after the meeting, the Committee was informed that the CARES Act Loan was completed successfully and had become a grant. Thanks to our accountant Tracy Ferrett.

The yearly Cemetery Report was approved. The Endowment Fund for the cemetery fluctuates with the Stock Market and is now approximately \$311,000. Jim Cook who worked as Sexton for 25 years died Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Vigil of All the Faithful Departed. Jim oversaw burials of over 500 persons.

St. Joseph School is under the positive direction of a Board of Directors. However, since the church subsidizes the school, the Finance Committee has a financial partnership with the Board and the school. The school at the moment continues to be positive with enrollment of 184 students, 143 of these are K through 8. This is an increase of 12% over last year.

The parish will begin building soon the Storage Building and also the Thank You Center. Both have been noted in the bulletin. The Diocese has given approval to spend for these 2 projects.

The Food Shelf is also planning to move to their own building on the grounds of the K of C. During these times in which it is difficult to come to church, the Committee advised that the parish should promote on-line giving. They approved a Christmas gift to the Diocese of Jeremie, Haiti in keeping with our outreach established by Fr. Ed.

Fr. Tom Acker, S.J.  
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