

## Parish Council Meeting November 20, 2018

### Pastor's Report

- Welcome Juliana Heroux as newest member of the council
- Thanksgiving Mass is at 9AM and hopes every family is blessed
- CMA update: 202 households have pledged \$54,000 putting us at 65% towards our goal
- Sisters from Africa update: Nazareth will not give them scholarships, if St John Fisher does at least one, Fr. Jim has a donor to help the other.

### Roof and Sanctuary Renovation

- Diocese wants them to be separate projects.
- quickly bid out the roof – ask LaBella to prepare and award bid and oversee the project. Only the roof repair to be done at this time, no other renovation of the hall to be done.
- Diocese may help with roof costs out of its Building Fund, but it will only be partial funding.
- Sanctuary renovation can only include centering the main altar, relocate tabernacle to behind the altar, remove chapel altar, make access handicap accessible, renovate the confessionals. Leave the baptismal font alone.
- We need full diocese approval before we can approach the parishioners on these projects.

### Advent and Christmas

- Advent by candlelight – December 2
- Blessing of the Advent Wreath
- Feast of Immaculate Conception – vigil Mass at 5:30PM, Feast day (Saturday) at 8:30AM
- Christmas Eve Masses – 3PM, 5PM, 11PM
- Christmas Day Masses – 8:30AM, 11AM
- Penance Service for adults – Tuesday December 18 at 7PM, Youth 11/26, 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation December 1st
- For the Children: Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Shop – December 8, Youth Caroling – December 10, Family Mass Christmas Eve at 3PM

### Stewardship of Treasure

- Increased Offertory Program (IOP) by Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) with Commitment Sunday on the weekend of January 19/20.
- Have the parishioners give witness and tithing talks
- Will send commitment card asking people to review their giving and possibly increase the amount
- Follow-up mailing to those who didn't respond. Hope for more of a cushion between income and expense.
- It will cost us \$8975 for OSV to do the program with a guarantee that the increase will be more than the cost.

- Concern was raised on the timing of the IOP and a possible Capital Campaign – Fr Jim hopes that the IOP will conclude before spring and possibly have OSV do the capital campaign.

#### Miscellaneous

- Spent time discussing possibility of moving the 4:30PM Saturday Mass to 4:00PM based on parishioner input due to darkness. The issue will be directed to the worship committee for action.

Next meeting: January 15, 2019