

Parish Council Meeting January 15, 2019

Pastor's Report

- Cloud hanging over church regarding sex abuse scandal. Contrary to message of gospel and unacceptable. We need healing to the abused and need to be a church you can trust. Pope Francis has convened Bishops in February to put a stop to this with: training, psychological testing. The DOR has a zero tolerance for this with clergy and with volunteers. We want transparency at the church level. Worship team wants more healing Masses and more events for healing. This crisis should become more talked about and made more known. Need to make it more part of our spiritual practice. Need to let parishioners know that all volunteers are trained (Children's liturgy, VBS, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary). Use a multi-pronged approach: Mass, rosary, holy hour, prayers of the faithful. Recognize it is not just a church problem but also a society problem. Staff to develop an action plan and report back to parish council. We should also have the mindset that we must apologize for those few. Our charities should also speak about the good we do.
- The leadership teams should provide a written report at each Parish council meeting.

Update on Roof

- LaBella expects the cost to be between 180,000 and 254,000 for the design and construction of the roof repair. They are working as our Project Manager on this.
- Plan is LaBella to have details complete by February. They will put the project out to bid in mid-February. The Diocese will treat this as a necessary repair for approval in March. We hope to complete the project by May 2019.
- Patrick Vogt has paperwork to file, and three bids need to be obtained. A Capital Campaign is slated for March to raise the funds for this.

Finance Report

- We need the collections to increase – we are lower than this time last year. The 2017 IOP did not maintain its increase in donations.
- We have made our CMA goal based on the two donations received this week.

Worship Team

- We need more communication. Need a spiritual response to the abuse crisis.
- Want to explore a change in mass time for the Saturday evening Mass during the winter. The team will survey the congregation regarding this.

Stewardship

- Brochures were mailed last Friday, and the cards are due back this weekend. There will be a follow-up mailing. Electronic donations are encouraged.

Faith Formation

- Family Mass at 3PM Christmas Eve well attended and well received.
- Book gift – all 400 copies of the book went and have received positive feedback on it.
- New Year's Eve Te Deum was successful.
- Bible study coming up
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd now has 24 students and is very successful.
- 2019 VBS theme is Athens: Paul's journey to share the faith
- Christ Life program at St Joe's is starting for Lent and available to Holy Spirit
- Soup Suppers/Stations of the Cross will be here during lent.

Youth Ministry

- Confirmation is May 2 and we have 16 students
- We are sending 2 students to Leadership camp
- Youth Group averages 28 students each meeting
- Possible mission trip back to Appalachia
- Local service projects are being reviewed.

Next meeting: February 19, 2019