

## NOTES from Parish Council Meeting May 16, 2018

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Capital Campaign Update:**

- Pledges to date are 479 pledges for a total pledged of \$1,134,071.72, an increase of \$7,461.77 from April. We have also received Campaign Memorials totaling \$4,185 and Donations totaling \$2,180. Of the total parishioner pledges of \$1,120,871, total pledges paid to date are \$1,001,975.10. The pledge balance due is \$118,895.90. There are 10 parishioners who have not yet made a payment against their outstanding pledge. There are 252 parishioners who have paid off their pledge, total amounting to \$614,900.
- The current Facilities Faith Lift I Campaign will end of June 30 of this year. This coming weekend (May 19-20) Father Marty will be announcing the new Facilities Faith Lift II Campaign, which will begin July 1 with Pledge payments beginning the weekend of July 7-8. Three important dates are: Inspiration Weekend June 2-3, Commitment Weekend June 23-24 and Celebration Weekend tentatively set for July 21-22. The Pledge Goal for this Campaign is \$950,000 and is a 3-Year Campaign.
- It is hard to tell exactly what is going to be needed for Phase II. We must dig down to the foundation of the church and build a firewall. The parking lot is also in need of leveling, which needed to be done anyway. \$950,000 is our Goal for Phase II, more or less. The purpose of the Campaign is that we do not incur any more debt.
- When the Campaign ends in 2021, it will mark the 100th Anniversary of our Parish!
- On Sunday, May 20, we will be thanking all Phase I donors with a celebration in Quinn Hall from 6:30-8 pm.

**Building Expansion Update:** Nothing new to report.

#### **Parish Giving – Online Collections Program:**

- We have a total of 119 parish families who have signed up for Sunday Collections to date. The frequency of gifts varies from weekly, bi-weekly, monthly to quarterly. On average, our projected monthly Sunday Collections online is currently \$15,804.83, or \$3,647 per week. Of our original 100 Direct Debit givers in January, 86 have converted over to Parish Giving Online for total dollars of \$11,520.66. 24 have not converted for total dollars of \$1,527. 33 parish families who were not previously on Direct Debit with Sunday Collections have enrolled in Parish Giving Online.
- Many parish families continue to give regularly online to other types of collections besides Sunday and Facilities Faith Lift, such as St. Vincent de Paul, Fuel, Debit Reduction, Shawl Ministry and Youth Group donations. We are available in the parish office to assist those who want to sign up but have not yet had the opportunity to.
- We will talk to the Finance Committee about publishing collection figures on a monthly basis rather than weekly.
- It was brought up that some parishes pass a basket for collections rather than having ushers collect using a basket. Some of our baskets are getting ratty and in need of replacement and we should decide which way we would like to go.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Building & Grounds:** See updates above.

- We will be meeting on May 24. A scout is working on his Eagle Scout Project. Downstairs ceiling tiles are being replaced, the lights will be replaced with LED ones and the corridor is being repainted.
- Other projects include removing the air conditioning unit behind Quinn Hall and the air handler downstairs in the closet.
- We would like to redo the bathrooms in the basement and make them unisex, replace the 4 single pane windows downstairs.

**Parish Life:** No report.

**Finance:** Nothing new to report. We will be going over our Preliminary FY 2018/2019 Budget and actuals to date.

#### **Fundraising:**

- Attic Treasures was April 27-29, which was not held last year due to the renovations in Quinn Hall. We estimate that we raised between \$7,500-\$8,000. A big THANK YOU goes out to all our crew of volunteers.
- Our 2nd Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, June 9 at Twin Ponds.
- Starting in the fall, we will institute a policy of having advance pricing and at the door pricing. This will greatly help us with our planning for events.

#### **Knights of Columbus:**

- We continue to participate in Adoration from 1:00-2:00 a.m. on Thursday night/Friday morning.
- Our 2017 Knights Family of the Year Award was presented to the McGill family.
- Our Penn Dot Adopt a Highway clean-up on Route 73 in Oley is this Saturday, May 19.
- The next 5th Sunday Rosary is July 29.
- The Sr. High School Scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, June 3 at the 11:00 Mass.
- New Officer elections were held; the new positions will start in July.

**Human Concerns/Health Ministry/St. Vincent DePaul:** There were no bereavement luncheons. Pro-Life Group will run a campaign to benefit Birthright the weekends of September 8/9 & 15/16. Mother's Day Carnation Sale benefitting the Lifeline

Crisis Pregnancy Center was held this past weekend. Father's Day Petitions and Cards will be available the weekends of June 2/3 & 9/10. We also sponsored the Soup Kitchen this past weekend. St. Vincent DePaul Society helped 1 person with rent and 3 Redners gift cards were given out. Question was brought up as to where the proceeds go from the monthly breakfast. 80% goes to the Parish and 20% to the Knights.

**Evangelization:** No report.

**Youth Group:**

- We have raised enough money to pay HALF of our registration Fees (\$5,400) for the Mission Trip to Cumberland, MD. We have 19 students and 6 chaperones attending. In addition, we have 24 students and 6 chaperones going to Steubenville.
- We did not have a meeting in May due to Mother's Day but will meet in June to celebrate our Seniors. Tentative send-off masses for the Mission Trip are June 16 at 5 p.m. Mass and Steubenville on July 8 at the 11 a.m. Mass.
- Working on a calendar over the summer for next year's schedule.

**Parish/Staff Items:**

- We have hired another part-time Secretary, Mariane Fragment, who will work on Tuesdays. She will also be taking over George DeFrehn's duties, as he has just given his 2 weeks notice of termination on May 25. Her e-mail address will be MarianeF@stcolumbkill.org but we will be updating the secretarial e-mail to Secretary@stcolumbkill.org so that all office personnel can open the e-mails.
- Question was raised if we should/could do something special for Mother's Day & Father's Day, recognizing all mothers. It was felt that this could be a little touchy because there may be some women/men who would have loved to have children but were unable to.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.