

## DECEMBER UPDATE - ADMINISTRATION

### **NEW COMMISSION MEMBER**

This month we welcome a new member to our Commission: Mr Tom Biechler.

Tom discerned last Spring to join our team, but graciously stepped aside for another parishioner. He has accepted the opening created when Paul Cridlebaugh resigned for work conflict reasons.

Tom has been engaged in parish leadership previously. He has, in fact, served a term as one of the Parish's trustees. We are pleased that he will join us (at our January session); please welcome him to our team.

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

#### **Repair / Replacement / Upgrade Schedule:**

At the December Commission meeting we will discuss creating tabs for this schedule, the Parish Wish List, and the draft site plan.

**Master Site Plan:** Additional inputs have been received; most of the Commissions have responded. This initiative was also in the October 23rd bulletin. There have been no inputs to date from the Parish community at large. This list will also be posted in December.

#### **BANNERS & SIGNS POLICY**

This policy was approved and has been added to the Parish resource Guide on the website.

#### **Gymnasium Rental:**

RAAA has begun using our gymnasium. The lower-level entrance is being used and monitors control traffic. No issues to date.

**PreSchool Update:** As announced in the Parish eblast, St Joe's will open a preschool in September 2017. An initial information night was held November 15<sup>th</sup>. I was at Church for a committee meeting, and it seemed like there were many, many folks attending. I will follow-up on results of this important event.

\*\* School library and computer rooms will become the pre-school space. Randy and John toured the space on November 3<sup>rd</sup>; this will be a MARVELOUS space for our wee children. We are planning on an enrollment of 30 children in the Fall.

\*\* Room 107 and a small adjoining office will become the new school library. When Randy returns from vacation we will start gathering contractor estimates.

\*\* Logistics and schedules remain to be defined. However, **current plan** is that this would be a full-day preschool. Parents can choose either morning, afternoon, or full-day schedules. There will be wrap-around care for working parents. John will remain on the pre-school committee until this is wrapped up.

## DECEMBER UPDATE - ADMINISTRATION

B&G has submitted the requested Ministry Survey.

### FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

**Potential Garage Sale:** FDC is looking at the possibility of a Parish garage sale in mid-June 2017 as a fundraiser. We are working with ALL SAINTS, which has done this several years and has compiled an excellent process document.

We have approval from STAFF; next step is to initiate a planning committee. John will lead this.

Many questions remain to be addressed, stay tuned.

**OSV STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:** The campaign, discussed last month, kicked off with parishioner mailings, bulletin articles, and commitment weekend November 19-20. We will work with parish staff to determine results. Please prayerfully consider your ability to help fund our Parish Ministries.

**WISH LIST AND FUNDRAISER CALENDAR:** In 2014 there was a "wish list" initiated by Fr Paul Jarvis. It was intended to be placed on the web; this did not happen. A revised Wish List has been started up and distributed for input to the Commissions. It is intended to be placed on the Parish web in mid-December; John is working to get cost estimates for as many of the items as possible.

The Commissions have been asked for their fundraiser plans for 2017. This info is coming in, and the current calendar was sent last week.

FDC has submitted the requested Ministry Survey.

### TECHNOLOGY

As the Parish grows our technology infrastructure becomes more important and complex. STAFF is seeking an outside contractor, one with experience with schools and churches, to manage our technology and be on call in the event of issues. This seems a very prudent step.

In mid-November TJ Rome (committee chair) and Joe Duffy resigned from this committee. They have been solid contributors in the area of technology and will be missed. We need to find a new chair and restructure this (and other) committees.

Technology has submitted the requested Ministry Survey.

### CEMETERY

As reported earlier, Christ's body has been removed from the crucifix in the Hwy 3 Cemetery. A terrific replacement is on order, funded by parishioner contributions. The new Corpus is expected in February (long leadtime).

## DECEMBER UPDATE - ADMINISTRATION

The steel cross needs to be sandblasted and repainted; this will be done when mild weather returns. We have asked for a cost estimate to do this work, as contributions could possibly be gathered for this as well.

Cemetery has submitted the requested Ministry Survey.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Communications is concentrating on organizational items, including responsibilities, areas of concentration, and future plans.

This team has also submitted the requested Ministry Survey.

### **SECURITY**

The draft security plan has been sent to Staff and School for review and comment. This committee is short-staffed, and has done a great deal of work to modify the ISD 196 plan to meet our Parish environment and needs.

This ministry survey remains a work in progress. The security plan has appropriately taken priority.

Lots going on. God Bless all working on these initiatives.

John Peterson