

August 2017 Pastoral Council Summary

Financial Report: Monthly collections have been down some and aren't where they should be, but they remain strong considering a pastor change and a capital campaign occurring in the last 12 months. The fact that the numbers are strong as they are is a testament to Father Tony's leadership. The upcoming Stewardship effort, being coordinated by Our Sunday Visitor, will hopefully help erase any shortfall. It was noted that capital campaigns are typically subject to Diocesan assessments if they are for the parish, but no assessment is charge to school projects. Their formula is complicated and hasn't been worked out yet. Since the new building will be used by the parish and school, it's expected the assessment will be lenient and spread out over several years to lessen the burden.

Finance and Administration Commission: It has been interviewing applicants for the Youth Minister position. The Commission has been encouraged by what they've seen. It's hoped a hire can take place by the time school starts. Use agreements for access to the new building are still being studied. Some of these won't be finalized until there's a better grasp of what the space will actually look like. It will continue to be free for active parishioners, but a cleaning fee will probably be required.

Adult Faith Formation and Education Commission: Christy Trantina oversaw the Vacation Bible School in July and deemed it very successful with upwards of 100 happy children in attendance.

Stewardship Commission: Videoed witness talks are being prepared for screening at Masses on September 17. They'll focus on three ministries outside which benefit from our assistance; Life Choices, City of Hope, and Bethlehem House. This will demonstrate how our gifts can go beyond the walls of our church.

Old Business: The capital campaign continues to go well both from budgetary and construction standpoints. The plans are still on track for a July 1 completion. About \$2.8 million in donations has already been collected, and there have been a few recent unanticipated pledges. The present Parish Hall will not be demolished until sometime after the new multi-purpose building is finished and paid for. That's because of the cost involved in leveling and converting that space.

New Business: A new heating system has replaced the 66 year-old boiler that was installed when high school opened in 1951. The changeover was effected by Ray Luyet and his crew. Ray kept that boiler going all these years, and he was involved in its initial installation! Tim Nabholz is investigating the most efficient and effective ways to get the church bells ringing again. He's looking at a number of possibilities to consider. Jason Covington reported that the 105th School Bazaar was set to go, and that the fundraising goal was \$110,000.

Pastor's Report: Father Tony talked about moving announcements at Mass from the end to before it starts. This gives the lector an opportunity to welcome parishioners, and has the Mass conclude on the proper note.