

## Summary of March 2020 Pastoral Council Meeting

**Note:** This meeting was conducted during the first week of March before the effects of the Covid 19 virus dramatically impacted church and school activities. Issues no longer relevant due to crowd size limitations and social distancing are not reported here.

**Financial Report:** The January and February collections figures increased from previous months calculations. This was attributed to Father Tony's pulpit talks on the matter. It was hoped the collections were back on track and that growth could occur if Father's message got through to everyone.

**Liturgy and Worship Commission:** Much of its report at the time dealt with Easter preparations. However, there was mention that a shipment of a Communion chalice and cups was received on February 28. The need for more Sacristans was expressed, and Father Tony said "personal invitations work best."

**Education and Formation Commission:** Mention was made of the new high school building capital campaign kick-off. Public town hall meetings began on March 8 and others had been scheduled. The general feeling was that the plans were going well at that time.

**Parish Life Commission:** It's focus was on the Lenten Dinners. The one scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> was held which benefited the Arkansas Alzheimer's Association and Joe Bear Apparel. The other two, that were to assist the Catholic Campus Ministry capital campaign and the City of Hope were unfortunately cancelled because of the virus restrictions.

**Stewardship Commission:** The members were formulating plans for the year and Stewardship Month in the Fall. The Commission is seeking to find a balance between improving collections while also supporting the latest capital campaign.

**Old Business:** On the matter of acquiring a new piano for the church, it's been decided that for now, the Music Ministry will conduct its own fundraising efforts to purchase one. Church security concerns are being addressed. School Resource Officer and former member of the Conway Police Department, Brad Fornash, is developing training programs that will be made available to church ushers and other concerned parishioners. The cushioning on church kneelers is going to be replaced. There are a couple of foam types available, but it was agreed that the higher grade lasts longer and is more comfortable. It will cost around \$12,000 and the money will come out of the Maintenance Trust Fund.