

May 2018 Pastoral Council Meeting Summary

Financial Report: The financial reports for February and March were normal, and the Pastoral Council approved a preliminary budget for 2018-2019 submitted by the Finance Council.

Finance and Administration Commission: A new church directory will be created. It's been about five years since the last one was printed. Life Touch made the last one and will produce our new directory, too. They have recently been acquired by Shutterfly and they will now be able to offer everything that Shutterfly offers. There will be three sets of dates when appointments can be made for pictures; August 23-25, September 12-13, and September 18-22nd. All will be done in the Spiritan Center.

Education and Faith Formation Commission: Three teachers from St. Joseph School were recognized in April by the Conway Noon Lions Club as "Educators of the Year"; Kindergarten teacher Charlotte Moix, 6th grade teacher Jennifer Fullerton, and Spanish teacher Kristen Reyes. The high school's two religion teachers, our Spanish teacher, and our two counselors will be moving their classrooms/offices into the Spiritan Center. One of the old portable buildings will be sold, and the other will be converted into an Industrial Arts classroom. Former 1st grade teacher Kay Lynn Hill is moving to the high school to teach health and physical education classes and will be our new girls' basketball coach. Ms. Amy Rehm takes her place in the Elementary School. Jackie Elsinger will also be joining the high school faculty as science teacher and will teach a course in food preparation. Principal Diane Wolfe notes that our school has been scoring very high in state and regional mathematics competitions.

Social Justice and Charitable Outreach: Missions Committee reports that The Men of Faith Appalachia Trip to Auxier, KY is set for June 5-9. Participation goal is for minimum of 20 persons.

Parish Life Commission: It's preparing to arrange for a Farewell reception on June 3 for Father Alphonse, Father Raj, Sister Cecilia, and Sister Rosy. They will all be moving on to new assignments this summer. The Commission will be hosting a welcome reception for Father Jeff Hebert after he becomes our new Associate Pastor on July 1st.

Stewardship Commission: The Commission is beginning to plan for Stewardship Month which takes place in October. Their focus will be on parishioners sharing their time and talents. A ministry fair is being considered. The Commission wants to reach out to see what these ministries need and how it can help them recruit and coordinate volunteers.

Old Business: The projected completion date for the new Spiritan Center was May 18 with a move in by staff on May 21st. The turnout for the Bishop's dedication in April was "incredible" with an estimated 600 parishioners going through the Parish Hall food lines and around 800 took tours of the facility. Another \$50,000-\$60,000 was raised for the capital campaign for room-naming rights.

New Business: An update on the capital campaign was given. The state of the church's audio visual system was discussed at length. Its use has increased Mass participation, but it's also been quite costly. Projection bulbs burn out frequently to the tune of about \$3,000 per year, and the man hours involved are considerable. It's felt the present system should be upgraded with a costly but more efficient one or done away with. That could mean going back to missalettes. Father Tony said he "likes seeing people's faces" when they're looking up and participating more but he'll support whatever decision is made. The plan is to continue to evaluate the system and report back next month.

Pastor's Report: Father Tony talked glowingly of his trip to the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) in Cincinnati and all that he learned there. He also spoke of things he intends to do at our school to enhance interest in religious vocations. He added that Little Rock's "Taste of Faith," which raises money to pay for seminarian education, will not conflict with our Bazaar this year but instead will be held August 11th.