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Very Important News About our Parish

UPDATE ON PARISH FINANCIAL SITUATION

Our Parish has existed and thrived for many years due to the generous stewardship of our members and guests with the donations of time, talent, and treasure for which we are eternally grateful. Our Parish leadership has been a good steward of our resources. However, the Covid-19 pandemic and its implications on limiting Parish activities and events has put us in a very challenging financial position. Currently we are about 40% behind our annual budget since the start of the new fiscal year on July 1. At our current projections, our savings will be depleted in 4-6 months with our current budgeted spend. You can see the weekly update in the bulletin. We were fortunate to receive funding via the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) that helped support our gap earlier in the year. The stark reality is we will need to make some very difficult decisions on current expenditures to help sustain our Parish if the current deficit continues. The finance council is currently evaluating all options available. We will detail these options at the Parish Annual Meeting to be held after Mass on the weekend of November 14/15.

Your financial stewardship is needed more than ever during this time for us to survive as a Parish. If St. Joseph is to be here for you, your children, and your grandchildren for Mass, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, faith formation and spiritual growth, etc., we need to be able to continue to operate. If we cannot operate, we will not be here. The most recent review of our registered units shows that 75% provide no financial support to the Parish. Unfortunately, this is not a sustainable model for us to continue to be there for you as a Parish. We know that many have been affected financially by the pandemic, but we too are in a crisis mode for survival as a Parish. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can continue to support our Parish so it may remain available for your Faith journey. Time truly is of the essence for our survival.

Submitted by: Mark LeMere, Trustee Treasurer

UPDATE ON OFFICE MOVE

The proposal to move our parish offices from their current location at the Lenzner Center into the main Church / School building was viewed favorably by parish members who completed the survey sent out in July. Thanks, and appreciation to Dan O'Rourke and Dave Baranczyk for their extensive research and analysis to determine costs associated with the move. The research revealed that the move from the present office building to the church building is not as necessary as originally thought. The present office building's boiler is in better shape than originally thought and if a problem would develop, it could be fixed with parts except for the pot which holds the water. If the water pot would go, the whole boiler would need to be replaced (\$800.00). The office building's roof is also in good shape which means that it should last another 10 years or so. The cost for heating and cooling in the proposed new area for the offices is rather high. The reason for this change is that the temperatures in the proposed rooms are not as good as they could be in the winter and need to be even better in the summer because the copier and human occupants of those rooms need a reasonable temperature when the outside temperatures are too high. The type of windows on the outside of the building create problems for normal cooling units. The type of ledge outside the windows also make the situation difficult. With all those difficulties in mind, the cost of the heating and air conditioning is over \$13,000. Those costs do not even consider the electrical connections and the phone system as well as other security concerns (possibly another \$3000). These facts helped us to reach our conclusion. Our parish's current financial position does not allow us to proceed with the move currently; however, we remain committed to the relocation when the parish has funds available. In the meantime, the current office space is serving the parish's needs without adding unbudgeted expenses.

*Submitted by Dave Baranczyk, Dan O'Rourke & Audrey McCarey
on behalf of the Finance Council*

PARISH TV RAFFLE

St. Joseph Parish's Finance Council is reaching out for your help to raise funds in support of the Ministry of St. Joseph Parish. COVID-19 has taken its toll on our parish's budget and we must find more sources of income to continue to pay our expenses. Along with helping your parish, you could be the winner of a Sony 65"

Smart TV or one of the cash prizes of \$300, \$200 or \$100. Enclosed is a booklet of 12 raffle tickets that we are asking you to sell to friends, family, co-workers as well as purchasing them for yourself.

- Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.
- Purchaser needs to complete the ticket stub to be entered into the drawing.
- Additional packets of tickets are available if you wish to sell more than the enclosed tickets. You may pick them up after Saturday and Sunday Masses or by calling a member of the Finance Council.
- For every booklet of 12 tickets that you sell, you will receive 4 free entries into the drawing.
- Money and entry stubs may be submitted after Saturday or Sunday Masses no later than Sunday, Dec. 6th.
- You may also mail them to:
St. Joseph Parish
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- Please do not mail cash. Checks are made payable to St. Joseph Parish.
- We ask that you also return any unsold tickets to allow all tickets to be accounted for.
- Remember, all tickets and money must be returned to the parish by Sunday, Dec. 6th to assure they are entered into the drawing.
- Drawing will be held Sunday, Dec. 13th, after 10:00 Mass.

With our thanks for doing your part to make the raffle a fun and successful endeavor,
St. Joseph Finance Council

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Submitted by Audrey McCarey, Finance Council Raffle Chair

PARISH MISSION PLANNING UPDATE

As you may recall, last year our parish was involved in an effort sponsored by the Green Bay Diocese to develop a Parish Mission Plan (PMP). The recommendation from these efforts was to develop several committees focused on the areas identified as priorities for the parish. These areas centered around Communication, Hospitality, Youth & Family Activities, Social Justice/Community Support Efforts and Stewardship of Parish resources to include the time, talent and treasure of our members.

Hopefully, you have noticed all the efforts by the communication committee to develop and enhance the methods in which information is shared with parish members. This includes improvements and updates to our parish website and Facebook pages; the addition of a parish APP available for smartphones; emailing of weekly bulletins; and calls and mailings to members. Recently, the PMP core members met again to discuss how to move forward under the current circumstances to advance the additional focus areas. During this meeting, parish members who may be interested in helping drive these efforts were identified. Outreach has begun to discuss the goals of these groups and to encourage involvement. Please don't wait for us to contact you, If you have any interest in learning more, please contact Kolleen Rathburn at 920-655-4866 or call the parish office.

While the pandemic has delayed some of our activities, we look forward to advancing our goals in new and different ways.

Submitted by Kolleen Rathburn, Parish Mission Planning and Pastoral Council

THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION UPDATE

We want to stay connected with you and keep you informed. Please download our parish APP, check our website, follow us on Facebook, and email parishsecsjic@gmail.com or call 920.869.2244 to let us know your email address and mobile phone number so that we can update our records. *(If you have not been getting our bulletin emailed to you, that means that we don't have your email address in our database.)*

We do our best to stay connected using these social media channels with the resources we have.

Website: www.stjosephoneida.org



www.facebook.com/StJosephOneidaWi



We livestream Saturday's 4pm Mass on our [YouTube channel](#).
The easiest way to get to it is to use the link from our website.

App for Apple: Text parishapp1 to 555888 *(then select our parish)*

App for Android: Text parishapp2 to 555888 *(then select our parish)*



*Submitted by Communications Committee
(Cindy Sikos, Kolleen Rathburn, Mary Van Schyndel, Tanya Miller & Shelly Vann)*

ON LINE GIVING

We have had a number of parishioners that have joined on line or our online giving of WeShare. We would like to have this continue in the future as it provides us with a steadier stream of contributions, saves us on resources and saves on envelope-printing/postage costs. As of now, the parish pays an estimated \$180.00 every other month for printing and sending these out.

It is very simple and easy to sign up with WeShare, so please go to the parish's website, www.stjosephoneida.org and find (attached image), click on it and it will prompt you how to sign up. If you have any questions, please call the parish office (920-869-2244) and Brenda can help you out.



Submitted by Brenda Rybicki-Smith, Parish Secretary

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Please attend the parish annual meeting after the masses on November 14 and 15. At that meeting, we will review the parish annual report which is new this year and everything that has happened at the parish; as the financial updated mentioned, the present finances of the parish will be discussed, as well as strategies to improve them. We want to hear what you have to say because you are the parish and your thoughts and views are essential to our future. If you cannot attend because of the virus, which we would totally understand, you can participate by watching it as it is streaming on our YouTube channel or watch it later at your convenience. Keep in mind that sometimes even the best computers and software are prone to unforeseen technical glitches. The easiest way to get to our YouTube channel is to use the link from our website (www.stjosephoneida.org) or from our APP. We very much want you to help us to embrace our present situation and help us move into the future. Hopefully you will be able to participate in some way. Your feedback is always welcome by regular

mail, email, phone call, text or whatever works for you. Thanks for all you do to help us to be the best parish that we can be.

Submitted by Fr. Dave Ruby