

## Parish Council 4/6/2021

### Updates:

#### School update: Donna

- 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row best private elementary school on Idaho Business Review
- Enrollment strong – gave tours every day last week
- Campaign to do next stage of revitalization under way; This summer hoping to level the floor.
- MAPS testing starts in 2 weeks; ARK (assessment of religious knowledge) next week.

#### Finance Update: Kirby

- ICA: Have achieved 91% of total goal; \$19,000 left
- Notice to proceed with roof repair – will be in excess of \$171,000
- Fund 4 conversation
  - o What is a good amount to have in Fund 4? – 5 year spread sheet of anticipated repairs/updates = \$800,000 in today's dollars (includes roof) Would be good to have \$600-700,000 by 2024/2025 i.e. spending approx. \$150,000 per year
- Fund 1 and 2 have been submitted and have preliminary approval with finance council
- iGive campaign – 6% goes to “iGive Catholic”; next year may consider just an “iGive St. Marks” so all money can stay with the parish.

### Old Business

#### Encouraging people to come back:

- Removed ropes on Monday of Holy Week since CDC and CDH recommending 3 feet
- If 3 ft distance; masking needs to be addressed
  - o Wearing until Mayor lifts mandate
  - o Message from parish council that will be read at masses this weekend.
- Should we have a portion of the church that is still socially distanced?
  - o Suggestion to keep Saturday mass set aside for distancing
  - o Group agrees it is a good idea, need Fr. Ben approval
  - o We need more Ushers to make this successful, maybe school can help.
- Fr. Vitalis – people at home visits are excited to come back; like that we have been exceptional in maintaining precautions, thinks this is the reason people are comfortable coming to mass.
- Mike – likes the house blessing signs – when walking neighborhood can see other houses with signs, some he didn't know were Catholic, can invite back to mass.

#### What does it mean to belong?

- To be invited/included – need to be asked.
- Kids in confirmation – need engagement once done going to youth nights, prevent them from becoming the ‘nones’
- Be engaged, invested with time/passion
- Approachable clergy, clergy knowing parishioners
- Welcoming committee
  - o Parishioners inviting each other, not just invitation from parish staff and pulpit
  - o We should all be the welcoming committee

- Welcoming committee to go to homes of new parishioners to go over ministries, invite them (based off of people's positive response to visits with home blessings)
- Social activities
- More frequent ministry fair? i.e. quarterly?

#### Involving men

- Find roles and invite them
- Audrey – how do we engage them in our communications?

#### **New Business**

##### Parish recognition of Tim

- PC agrees that we should provide recognition
- Tim leaving in early summer (last day probably June 23)

**Next meeting** – May 4