

Cemetery Update – January, 2021

Metrics:

Break down of Number of burials (or interments) by month:

	TOTALS	St. Mary's	Sts P&P
[2018 Totals]	[14]	[13]	[1]
[2019 Totals]	[13]	[12]	[1]
[2020 Totals]	[7]	[5]	[2]
January, 2021	0	0	0
2021 Totals	0	0	0

Number of Cemetery Plots (and ½ Plots) Purchased:

	Running Totals (full & ½ Plots)
[2018 Totals]	[26]
[2019 Totals]	[17]
[2020 Totals]	[12]
January, 2021	2
2021 Totals	2

Updates:

Did you know?

While uncommon today, family (or private) cemeteries were a matter of practicality during the settlement of America. While some of these sites later grew into true cemeteries, many were forgotten after a family moved away or died out. Today, it is not unheard of to discover groupings of tombstones, ranging from a few to a dozen or more, on undeveloped land. Little effort is made to remove remains when developing, as they may be hundreds of years old; the tombstones are often simply removed.

More recent, is the practice of families with large estates choosing to create private cemeteries in the form of burial sites, monuments, crypts, or mausoleums on their property. Burial of a body at a site may protect the location from redevelopment, such

estates often being placed in the care of a trust or foundation. Presently, state regulations have made it increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to start private cemeteries; many require a plan to care for the site in perpetuity. Private cemeteries are nearly always forbidden on incorporated residential zones.

(from <https://thefuneralsource.org/cemhist.html>)

{Time for a “KEELEY story”? Lynchburg, VA}

Finance Council Notes – February 16, 2021

- Bill Ryan provided a status on the sale of St. Mary's Property. We are under contract, but Bill cautioned that the Village could pull out at any time but all signs are that they want to do this deal. We had to show our title is good and we have to agree on boundaries.
- Helena's Cemetery Report- January there were no burials. There were 2 plots purchased.
- Building and Grounds- John is meeting with people on the committee to see what needs to be done.
- Personnel Committee- John provided that a job description for Liz still needs to be worked on. I asked for an update on who was on the Committee. John said Kris Schroeder had been on the committee and he would see if she was interested in continuing. He wasn't sure who else had been on the committee.

Submitted by Mike Szocs

Finance Notes:

Balance Sheet

- Cash decreased \$14,883 for the month of January. One time donations increased by \$27,700 for the month. The reduction was the paydown of accounts payable and ARCH assessments.
- Current Liabilities decreased by \$57,793. The largest decreases were in accounts payable of \$28,758 and the ARCH assessments of \$14,600.

Income Statements

- Revenue for January came in \$27,917 favorable to budget. As stated above, \$27,700 came from various one time donations.
- Expenses were \$7,392 favorable to budget for the month and \$39,325 Y-T-D.
- Net Income came in at \$38,985 or \$35,309 favorable to budget for January. Y-T-D net income is favorable to budget by \$154,720.

Lifelong Faith Formation Update for Parish Council 2/24/2021

Last LFFC meeting 1/25/2021, next meeting 2/22/2021

LFFC will be updating Parish Council on the commission April 21, 2021 at 6:30

In the event there is a need for Paul DeBruyne to step away from his Chairperson role on LFFC due to his recent cancer diagnosis, Mary Dondlinger has agreed to be Acting Chair in his absence.

Catechist Enrichment Night – 10 catechists attended on Feb 2, both in-person and virtual. The topic was “The Heart of Catechesis: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.” Sponsored by the Waukesha Deaneries.

Elementary School (K4-5)

Continue with the pattern of Week 1/Intro, Week 2/Family Activity At-Home, and Week 3/Family Sharing. For February, they are looking at Lent by developing a plan, interviewing an elder, sharing a cross/crucifix.

First Communion – Parent Meeting was held on Feb 9. Father Chuck and Liz addressed the parents in person and on Zoom. The next event is a retreat on March 20. Added a second weekend for First Communion Mass due to Covid-19, May 1/2 and May 15/16

Middle School and High School (6-11)

HS Curriculum – Looking at Racial Justice through JustFaith Ministries.

Confirmation Retreat on Jan 22-24 at QOA went well. Participants were given individually wrapped meals and slept at home. Father Chuck celebrated Reconciliation and Eucharist with the group. Costs were significantly cheaper than at a retreat center and participants were refunded \$100.

MS/HS Retreats – 4 virtual NET Retreats (2MS and 2 HS) were held in Jan/Feb. QOA collaborated with St. James, Good Shepherd in the Falls, SJV, and the Catholic Community of Waukesha. The remaining retreat options are the Archdiocesan Lenten Mission and the Easter Vigil Encounter.

Stations of the Cross – Youth volunteers will lead March 10

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) – QOA hopes to send a few youths to this conference this November in Indianapolis. Tickets go on sale May 1.

Adult Ministry (18 and up)

RCIA – Call to Continuing Conversion was held on Sunday, Feb 21 at the 8:00 mass. The Penitential Rite will be held on Feb 28 at the 8:00 mass.

Baptism Preparation – **Need new team members.** Meets every other month on the second Tuesday from 6:30 pm -8:00 pm. The next session is March 9

Adult Bible Study – Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life (10 sessions) runs Feb 3/4 through April 21/22 (Wed mornings and Thurs evenings). Heather Druley and Debbie Olla are assisting in the program as needed to help Paul DeBruyne.

College Care Packages – 28 packages are being prepared including Lent resources and a Subway/Starbucks gift card.

Submitted on 2/21/2021 by Stephanie Fong and Cindy Klopp