

Last LFFC meeting March 1, 2022. Next scheduled meeting April 5, 2022.

LFFC presentation to Pastoral Council has been delayed from March until April.

The 4th of 4, Monday evening instruction with supper for Elementary families is April 25. These families receive instruction per zoom except for 4 in-person dates/meal.

First Communion – Parent/Child Retreat was held on March 12. First Communion will be held on: April 30 - 5:00pm Mass - 5 families

May 1 – 10:30am Mass – 11 families

Lydia Heinen continues to work with a 6th grader and his family on preparing him for First Communion.

Middle School/High School retreat was held at Queen of Apostles on March 5. The theme was The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. 20 students participated. Next retreat is Holy Thursday Encounter, April 14 at QOA.

Confirmation – Second Candidate/Sponsor night was held on March 12 - 5:00pm Mass, dinner and activities. 11 candidates from Queen of Apostles will be Confirmed on May 13, 7:00pm Mass at Queen of Apostles.

Summer service opportunities and Vacation Bible School continue to be explored.

Lenten college care packages were mailed out. This is the second round of college care packages. The packages contained an ArchMil prayer card, a Lent card with a personal note and a \$10 gift card.

RCIA/Adult Confirmation – Our one catechumen celebrated her Rite of Sending on March 13, 10:30 Mass at QOA and the Rite of Election on March 13, 3:30 at the Cathedral. Our one confirmand will begin his formation shortly. Both will celebrate at the Easter Vigil.

Adult Bible Study – “The Activated Disciple” (9 session study) was completed on March 9/10. 26 people participated. Christy Rosenberger is planning a series on “Chosen” for Thursday nights, April 21-June 2, 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Lydia Heinen will complete her time as extern soon, need to explore options for a new extern for 2022-2023, or other options. Lydia started August 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Korn and Cindy Klopp

Cemetery Update – February, 2022

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]
[2021 Totals]	[13]	[11]	[2]
January, 2022	3	3	0
February, 2022	1	0	1
2022 Totals	4	3	1

Number of Cemetery Plots (and ½ Plots) Purchased:

	Running Totals (full & ½ Plots)
[2018 Totals]	[26]
[2019 Totals]	[17]
[2020 Totals]	[12]
[2021 Totals]	[16]
January, 2022	3
February, 2022	0
2022 Totals	3

Updates – none

Did you know?

(from <https://thefuneralsource.org/hi0301.html>) – **Time-period: 19th & 20th Century.**

In early America, home funerals were the practice everywhere, and each community had a group of women who came in to help with the "laying out of the dead." Visitation was held in the front parlor followed by a procession to the church and cemetery.

Until the mid-1800's, most families cared for their own dead. They prepared, dressed and displayed their loved ones within the confines of their own home. Early American houses often did not have parlors, however as houses grew, and national mannerisms became more set,

proper families made sure they had front rooms filled with their finest possessions, quality furniture, portraits, sterling silver and often a piano. Because these rooms were usually clean, closed off, and quite formal, people often used them when someone died as a place to lay out the body and allow funeral visits. The body was usually displayed in a casket that was made or even purchased at the General store.

Most grander homes of the 19th century had a false, or "death door" placed off of the formal room, that led to the outside without steps to remove a deceased family member. It was considered improper to remove a body through the door, the living crossed to enter, also, it was considered bad form to carry them out feet first. Later a grave was dug, in the family cemetery.

Since home parlors, have been largely replaced by funeral homes, the formal front room, or parlor has been turned into the modern family living room.

(I will cover more recent history next month!)

Month End – February
From John Schueller

Balance Sheet

- Cash decreased \$1,420 for the month of February.
- Current Liabilities increased \$6,289. The largest increase was in the Archdiocese Assessment of \$7,260.

Income Statement

- Revenue for the month of February was \$61,,556 or \$10,424 favorable to the budget. Y-T-D revenue is \$57,789 favorable to the budget.
- Expenses for the month were \$6,696 over budget. The largest area over budget was major maintenance. This was due to the expense of the water softener \$13,680 and the refrigerator \$3,867. Y-T-D expenses remain in control as we are \$53,590 favorable to the budget.
- Net Income for February came in at (\$7,710). This negative amount was still favorable to the budget by \$3,728. Y-T-D net income is favorable to the budget by \$111,380.

Stewardship Update 3-16-22
Becky Wagner

Ministry Booklets

Copier can print in color again! So 100 copies of the ministry booklet will be in the back of church this weekend. Brian will announce that they are in the gathering space but Mary/ushers will not be handing out to all like the bulletin.

Donut Sunday

Looks like we have a doughnut Sunday weekend - May 14 & 15 - the weekend of the police blessing at Mass. Staff thought it was as fun and fitting to bring back donuts after the police blessing weekend. Becky will create flyers as the date approaches and distribute to local Leo agencies.

Welcome baskets

We are contemplating bringing back welcome baskets. We were told new members really enjoyed the baskets so it's something we plan to discuss further and decide on.

QOA cards for local hotels

Another project in the works to advertise QOA mass times for visitors staying at local hotels.

Brunch

Mic Pietrykowski and Mark Wagner developed a delicious brunch menu for the new parishioner brunch on 3/27. All PC members and their families are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Debbie Esser ASAP.

Menu: 1) smoked salmon with cucumber topped with lemon dill crema 2) 3 different frittatas 3) fruit and cheese platter 4) potato pancake topped with bacon, cream and chives 5) ham/provolone puffed pastry wrap 6) some type of berry mixture topped with mint and something sweet (dessert item)

Other items----

Census

709 responses (this does not include the list that Christy, Tim, & Tom worked on via tax records)

122 left the parish

76 do not want to be included in the parish directory (this is a lower number from the last update because a few people who did not want to be included in the parish directory died since the last report)

Fish fry

Next fish fry is 3/18 and the final one of the season is 4/1.

On 2/18 we served 266 with a profit of \$850.

On 3/4 we served 312 with a profit of \$1150.

Been hearing wonderful things from dine in and drive thru. The success is a testament to the wonderful volunteers who make it all possible.