

Cemetery Update – April, 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
March, 2022	0	0	0
April, 2022	1	1	0
2022 Totals	5	4	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
March, 2022	0
April, 2022	0
2022 Totals	3

Updates – none

Did you know?

From- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cemetery#Cemetery_key

Burial registers

Usually there is a legal requirement to maintain records regarding the burials (or interment of ashes) within a cemetery (and graveyard). These *burial registers* usually contain (at a minimum) the name of the person buried, the date of burial, and the location of the burial plots within the cemetery, although some (like QOA's database) contain more detail.

Coffins vs Caskets

Last month I documented what Bob said about transporting people who had passed in caskets/coffins. Since I forgot the difference between a coffin and a casket, Tim helped me remember! So, just to revisit the subject:

Coffins are tapered at the head and foot, and are wide at the shoulders. They had removable lids.

Caskets are rectangular in shape, and are constructed of quality wood, wicker, metal, cloth covered or cardboard. Metal is the most commonly used casket these days with stainless steel used most. Bronze is the longest lasting casket (and the most expensive). They usually feature a higher standard of workmanship. Caskets have lids with hinges.

[Note: The materials used to make urns include the same materials as caskets, plus stone, plastic and cement.]

Human Concerns Update

May 2022

The Human Concerns Commission met 5/17 and will have monthly meetings going forward—although will not meet in July or August. Next meeting re-scheduled to 6/27 due to Parish Photo sessions on third Tuesday.

- **Bereavement Ministry**—Nancy will start the next 6 week session in August.
- **Funeral Luncheons**—Remains on hold.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**—Continues to meet monthly making mercy mats and an amazing list of items that are donated to many different programs/agencies. Liz White has concerns about shut-ins (isolation and loneliness) and there is interest in starting a new ministry to call shut-ins. There are already volunteers in the prayer shawl ministry who are willing to be callers. As this is explored as a possibility it could be under the home outreach ministry.
- **Home Outreach**—Gerry continues to go to Arbor View weekly.
- **Christian Women**—Will be handing out the Matthew Kelly book Life is Messy after the masses this weekend. Their next meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday. The annual baby shower, collecting items such as diapers, wipes, etc., is scheduled for October 15/16. Items collected will be donated to the Women's Center.
- **Respect-Life**—Working with Christian Women for the baby shower in October. Will contact Waukesha pregnancy support center to identify items needed. Considering ways to increase interest in joining Respect life ministry—possibly showing movie “Unplanned” again.
- **The Band**—They will be going to Three Pillars on June 22 and will also be singing at the 25th anniversary event.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**—Carol Fitzpatrick will be interim President. Had planned to do summer lunch program but would need to bring tables each time to the park so will not do it this summer. Will be doing the school supplies in July. There is a golf outing fundraiser in August and they will be providing a basket to auction off. Will contact parish golf group.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**—Bingo—Over \$8,000 has been raised in the past year through this ministry. During the summer Bingo will be every other week. All money raised goes to St. Vincent de Paul society and used to support those in need through rent assistance, etc.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program**—Queen of Apostles provided and served meals in to-go containers on November 18, 2021, January 20, March 17, and May 19, 2022. The online sign-up has been going well for the most part. By July they expect to be able to provide dine-in service again!
- **St. Dismas Jail Ministry**—Tom and John continue to provide this ministry. Still collecting paperback books (preferably western, biographies, etc.--no romance-type books) and greeting cards to share through this ministry.

Lifelong Faith Formation Commission Update for Pastoral Council 5/18/2022

Last LFFC meeting May 3, 2022. Next scheduled meeting June 7, 2022.

Religious Education has been completed for the school year. Feedback from parents, students, catechists, and small group leaders will be gathered and analyzed. Liz Kuhn will be contacting and working with the students who did not complete their studies or sacrament.

Date for Confirmation 2023 is Wednesday May 10 at 7:00pm with Bishop Haines. That may change if we have less than 15 candidates (currently at 7). We may have to combine with St. Anthony on the Lake and their date is Thursday May 4 at 7:00pm with Bishop Haines.

Nancy Farmer has been accepted into the Master's Program at Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology. Faith Formation's continuing education budget will provide \$500 for each of the two years of her education. Part of that coming from the \$450 Josette DeBruyne donated in Paul's name.

Faith Formation has \$1,222.00 in its youth mission trip/conference fund. Hopefully the mission trip money will be used by some Queen of Apostles teens this summer for the mission trips that are being offered with St. Anthony on the Lake. Summer mission trips are not mandatory for religious education students at Queen of Apostles, just an extra opportunity if they are interested. Vacation Bible School at Queen of Apostles is on hold for this summer. Will assess again for the summer of 2023. May try to set up family service opportunities this summer.

The budget for 2022-2023 includes money for an intern/part-time person. Lydia Heinen has completed her time as an intern and a replacement is being explored. Position starts in the middle of August.

Adult Bible Study/Christy Rosenberger continues the series on "Chosen" Thursday nights 6:00-8:00 until June 2. Attendance has been about 30 people/session.

Baptism Prep was held on Tuesday May 10 with 1 couple. Next session is Tuesday, July 12.

The Rosary Path is still unfinished. Need to purchase a stone/pedestal to go under the Fatima statues, then schedule a blessing. Cindy Klopp is pursuing. Money is available from the original Rosary Path fundraiser (\$156.11) and Knights of Columbus golf outing donation balance (\$33.50) = \$189.61. Any ideas are welcome. Anyone know someone who does masonry work?

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Korn and Cindy Klopp

APRIL MONTH END STATEMENT

John Schueller

Balance Sheet

- Cash increased \$15,001 for the month.
- Current Liabilities decreased \$4,669 for the month of April. The largest decrease was in Accounts Payable.

Income Statement

- Revenue was favorable to budget \$5,485 for the month of April. Y-T-D revenue is \$73,475 favorable to budget.
- Expenses for the month continue to be in control. Expenses are \$4,544 favorable to the budget of \$50,980. Y-T-D expenses came in at \$529,121 or \$65,066 favorable to the budget of \$594,187.
- Net Income is \$10,029 favorable to budget for the month and \$138,542 favorable Y-T-D.

Open Items:

1. Our yearly sprinkler system inspection/test failed. Two check valves on the backflow assembly failed. They have to be rebuilt and installed at a cost of \$4,370.
2. The electrical box outside next to the parking lot is leaning over and ready to tip. It must be reinforced. I do not have a cost as of today..

Prayer and Worship report for May

As Stephanie mentioned at the last Pastoral Council Meeting our numbers were very good for all of the Lenten services.

We have had a lot of positive feedback from members of the parish on how things were done this year during the entire Lenten season.

We are going to continue to use the "Prayer and Worship" section of the bulletin to keep people informed on what is happening in the parish and how to get involved.

The extra flyers inserted in the bulletin with all the opportunities to worship during Lent and Holy Week was a good reference on what was going on and why it was being done a certain way this year.

We did not have to purchase any flowers for First Communion this year because the Easter Lilies still looked good.

Confirmation flowers were purchased in the form of plants this year again. Each Confirmation family was given a plant to take home with them.

Pilgrim Crucifix has been taken by some families. Hopefully it will continue to keep growing from here.

The rest of our Prayer and Worship meeting was devoted to our responses to the DMI report.

Stewardship Update

** Law Enforcement Blessing weekend was a success and felt well received by the parishioners. 20-25 individuals stood to receive a blessing at the 3 masses. The reception after 5pm was not as large as we had hoped; however, Sunday's first Donut Sunday was a success. Thank you to Father Chuck, the Knights of Columbus and all those who volunteered time to make it happen.

** Stewardship Campaign was discussed and we are in the very early initial stages of planning. We would like feedback on the ministries that have been on-hold due to COVID and will consider removing the ministries from the campaign card that continue to be on pause due to COVID.

** We are in the process of creating the "hotel drop cards" with parish information. Example business card style.

** We asked Debbie to request a date for the Welcome Brunch in the Fall and also pencil in the Bereavement Brunch for November.

** We submitted all info to the DMI group and are awaiting a response before we move forward with anything else.