

West Allis Catholic Parishes-West

St. Aloysius + Immaculate Heart of Mary + Mary Queen of Heaven

March 2018 #2

Dear Members of our Tri-Parish Family,

This is the second in our planned communications with you concerning the work of the Parish Merger Transition Team. On March 6th, a joint meeting of the Transition Team, the Finance subcommittee and the Pastoral and Finance Councils was held. We gathered to listen to some information regarding our merger/planning process from Mark Kemmeter from the Archdiocesan Office for Parish Planning. We also heard from Katie Easterle regarding budget and financial planning for the coming 2018-19 fiscal year. With their information and further discussion, the group was unanimous in their decision to adopt **July 1, 2018** as the actual date for the merger.

Following are our immediate next steps:

- We will accelerate the process of suggesting a name to the Archbishop for our Parish.
- We will begin registration for the parish a little sooner than anticipated, to put together a better financial picture for our new parish. Please see the schedule below and the sheet with the guidelines for suggesting a name included in this mailing.

These items are ongoing:

- We will continue to work on the property evaluations, with the goal of providing a renewed site plan in the first year of the merger.
- The subcommittee work will also continue in each area to assist with the first-year goal-setting.

+ NAMING CELEBRATIONS +

The following three gatherings are being held for you to learn of the names that have been suggested for the new parish name. Each meeting will include a light meal and a short presentation on the "TOP 5" suggestions. As each meeting concludes, we will vote on the top three contenders to send on to the Archbishop for his decision.

- 1) Saturday, APRIL 14** after the 4:00 PM Mass at **Immaculate Heart of Mary** in the Parish Hall.
- 2) Sunday, April 22** after the 11:00 AM Mass at **Mary Queen of Heaven** in the Parish Center.
- 3) Sunday, April 29** after the 10:30 Mass at **St. Aloysius** in Gonzaga Hall.

At any of the meetings you may also ask questions about the process to date.

+ REGISTRATION WEEKENDS +

To assist us in confirming your registration for the new parish, we have set aside the two weekends below. Our Evangelization Committee will aid in the process taking place at all three churches after every Mass on these weekends.

1) MAY 19-20

2) JUNE 2-3

**Thank You for your continued prayers and interest. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.
The Transition Team, Pastoral Staff, Fr. Thomas and Fr. Jeff**