

**ST. AUGUSTINE**  
**SUMMARY OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ~ April 17, 2018**

Fr. Rick opened in inspirational prayer. Silent roll call was taken with the following members present: Jamie Mescher, Heath Hegemann, Therese Brown, Barb Blanco, Nancy Niekamp, Ben Wehrman, Leslie Tyler, Fr. Rick Nieberding and Cindy Wuebker.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Missions** - submitted by Connie Schafer:

- Rosaries-- at least 6000 rosaries went to Haiti, 500 went to America Needs Fatima, 600-700 to the Precious Blood Fathers, rosaries sent overseas to mission priests and there were probably a couple thousand chaplets given to Father Steve, vocation Director for Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Students in the First Communion and Confirmation classes received rosaries. If you know of anyone needing rosaries please let the mission commission know. The rosary makers have been busy.
- Mission commission annual garage sale will begin on Sunday, July 15 you can bring items to the hall. The sale will begin Monday night July 16 and continue till Wednesday night July 18. If anyone can help, young or old, please come and help.
- Mission commission members will be providing cookies for the PX games and also furnishing food.
- Annual Taste & Toast wine tasting will be Sunday, October 20, 2017.
- We will NOT meet in May. Our June meeting will be June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Building & Maintenance** – submitted by Ben Baumer

- Our last meeting was March 27, 2018. Next meeting April 24, 2018 at 8 pm in the Rectory conference room.
- Finalizing plans to add acoustic panels to the rear of church above confessional doors in an attempt to improve sound quality. A budget of \$ 7,000 has been approved by Finance committee. The panels are being added as part of the recommendation by Live Technology from Columbus, OH.
- Established a budget of \$ 24,000 for work to be done at the Cemetery entrances and fence. Stone walls and pillars will be cleaned, tuck point, repaired, and sealed. Black wrought iron fence to be repaired and painted.
- Gathering Information and Costs for the following:
  - New sign on Hanover St. in front of Rectory
  - Cemetery – new roof on Chapel
  - Video streaming in the Church in conjunction with Cindy Wuebker.

**Cemetery** – reported by Ben Wehrman

- Woehrmyer Concrete was awarded the bid to pour new concrete bases for the old section of the cemetery for \$19007.50. Woehrmyer is making a substantial donation in labor to the church on this project. Work will commence in the upcoming month.
- Buehler Asphalt was awarded the bid to re-surface the roads in the cemetery for \$69,450. Looking to begin this process June 7- June 15, 2018.
- Suggestion was made in to install an asphalt pad for funeral ceremonies that take place during bad weather or for families with wheelchairs/walkers that have a difficult time maneuvering over the grass. Cemetery Board agreed that this would be a nice addition and will be installed with the road project.

### **Finance** – reported by Leslie Tyler

- The financial statements are in good standing at this time. As mentioned in last month's meeting, the revenues are still tracking positively and the expenses are below budget, mostly due to the capital expenditures timing.
- The financial review by the Archdiocesan auditors started this week. In the first two days, we have been visited by the Archdiocesan auditor, safe environment coordinator, property management personnel and human resources. We have discussed a few items that were already on the 'to do' list and several that were not. At the completion of the audit, St Augustine & St Joseph will be presented with a report that includes findings and recommendations. The parish is required to provide a response to the items addressed, the findings will be presented to the Finance Committee and the report will be signed off by Fr Rick and the Archdiocese.
- A bulletin announcement was posted seeking two additional members to join the Finance Committee starting July 2018. We are hopeful some good candidates will step forward.

### **Religious Education K-6** – reported by Therese Brown

- Lenten Mission, very successful! A donation of \$1139.32 is being sent to the "Monkey in my Chair" program of The Cure Starts Now Foundation.
- Last Liturgy- May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Last School Liturgy Wednesday, plans are to be on the Church steps...weather permitting.
- Summer Bible Story Hour- The Thursdays of June and July in the Religious Education Center, looking for HS helpers. 9-10:30 am. Pre-School to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade graduates.
- First Eucharist-May 6, at 2pm
- May Crowning, Mother's day Sunday May 13 at 10am Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will wear their First Communion attire.
- Ending the School Year and in the beginnings of the paperwork for starting a new. Very thankful to our Catechist this year! I will be putting their pictures and a thank you in the bulletin. Researching curriculum, catechists are filling out an evaluation as they have every year, and end of the year summaries will go to parents in May. We are gearing up for changes in the Child Protection Act from the Archdioceses, observing and continuing Vocare – on-line training for Catechists.

### **Religious Education 7-12** – reported by Barb Blanco

- 2019 Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 1:30pm. Celebrant: Bishop Joseph Binzer. Confirmation Retreat, Spiritual Center at Maria Stein on Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-7pm. Confirmation Service hour letter to incoming sophomores has been mailed.
- HS PSR last day is Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Seniors will be recognized and Catechists will be acknowledged for their service.
- Baccalaureate Mass planning is finalized. Mass ministries have been assigned and music has been selected. Baccalaureate Mass is May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am. Baccalaureate Mass practice is scheduled for Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.
- Plans for 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> are being finalized. A tentative schedule is set. Parents/family members are invited to Mass at 11:30am and the concluding ceremony at 7:30pm.
- Happy to announce that we met and exceeded our 7-12 program goal for St. Jude's Lenten Mission. The goal was \$1000. Students, parents and catechists contributed a total of \$1,247.

**Pastors Report** – reported Fr. Rick Nieberding, C.P.P.S.

- Anointing of the Sick Mass for the spring will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00 am Mass.
- We have begun planning for the 2019 photo directory. This takes a great amount of effort and all help is very much appreciated. Pictures will begin July 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups will open July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Servers training is underway and we have a nice group of 6<sup>th</sup> graders eager to become servers at Mass.

**Old Business**

- An exciting project happening internally is that we are looking to update our existing website. Cindy Wuebker is leading the initiative and has a great handle on this project. If anyone has ideas or suggestions they would like to present, please contact us.

**New Business**

- Jared Post provided a full assessment of the organ condition to council members. A quick summary: Organ was built in 1896, the wind chest was re-built in 1939, console changed out in 1969 and 3 new sets of pipes were added in 1972. That was the last time renovations were done outside of minor maintenance items. There are roughly 2,300 pipes behind the screen. Under each pipe is a leather pneumatic pouch that opens and closes when the pipe is played. Leather in organs has an expected life-span of 80 years; we are at 79. As we pass 80, the rate at which these leather pouches fail accelerates dramatically. They can cease to open/close or rupture - resulting in a pipe that will not stop sounding. Pipes that do either of these have to be pulled, resulting in a dead note. If there are enough pipes that are permanently missing, the wind pressure of the instrument is affected, resulting in tuning instability and excessive wear on the blower. Re-leathering organ chests is extremely labor intensive: most of the organ (and pipes) have to be removed from the church to a builder's workshop. Currently working with three different organ builders, which have already been to Minster to assess the situation. They will each provide a recommendation and quote for work. This is a long process that we will have to start planning for.

Parish Council members were asked if they had any questions from Jared's assessment. Each agreed that Jared's report was very thorough and thought out. Parish Council along with Finance Committee will begin planning and determining what repairs will be done to preserve the instrument. Jared Post is to commence with seeking bids and recommendations that will be reviewed once available.

**Adjourn:** Next meeting is September 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Parish Center.