

ST. AUGUSTINE
SUMMARY OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ~ September 19, 2018

Fr. Frankline Rayappa opened in prayer. Silent roll call was taken with the following present: Steve Bruns, Nancy Niekamp, Bob Lammers, Ben Baumer, Jared Post, Diane Timmerman, Michael Stoepler, Therese Brown, Jay Brown, Alex Clune, Carol Huecker, Pat Butler, Cindy Wuebker, and Fr. Frankline Rayappa.

Organ Committee – report by Jared Post & Diane Timmerman

- Jared Post addressed the council to discuss the needs of the pipe organ. Our current organ is 80 years old and like all machines they wear out. The mechanics of the pipe organ are leather pouches the open and close releasing the air pressure needed for the pipe to make noise. Once the pouch wears out the pipe is useless. If we let it to continue to deteriorate all the pipes will do this and the organ as whole will cease to play at all. Several other functions that are controlled from the console cease up and will not let the organist play, this was the case at Easter mid song.
- A committee has been put together to assess our parish's needs. Three bids were solicited by three organ builders. After comparing the bids the committee recommends using Reynold's Organ Builders out of Marion, IN. Their bid fit our needs, re-used some of the existing pipes, and was most cost effective.
- Bid includes: removing the screen, scaffolding to remove all pipes over the railing, old pipes will be cleaned and polished, new fiber optic wiring will connect console to mechanics, new three tier console, new pipes added, new pneumatic wind chest (fully replaces leather pouches) and installation. Once a contract is signed, it will take 8 months to a year for the builder to custom build our pieces (all done by hand) in their shop and then another 8 months to fully install on site.
- Questions Asked:
 - About how much? Is a deposit required? Total cost is about \$700,000, we will need a 5% deposit, pay 2% during the building period and pay balance in full at completion of the project.
 - Do we have a finance plan? Yes, we will have to raise awareness and funds. Finance Committee is contacting the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to assist in this process.
 - Who covers the liability? The contractor does. If any damages are made to our church during this process the contractor will pay for it to be restored to its original state.
 - Do we have a marketing plan? We have started educating parishioners on the need of this re-building. Jared has done a good job of inviting people up to the balcony and explaining how it all works and what's not working. We've added a few education pieces to the bulletin and will be ramping up the flyers, question & answer sessions, etc. giving every parishioner the opportunity to stay involved in the process.
 - Will we have music while construction is happening? Yes, the piano upstairs and in front of church will be used. We are hoping to avoid a major holiday if it is at all possible.
 - What happens if we don't re-build it now? Eventually all the leather pouches will rupture and we will be left with a carcass of an instrument that doesn't play. It's already past its life expectancy. The longer we wait the more risk we take of having no organ music.

Youth Ministry – reported by Alex Clune

- Explained there are several options for students who wish to deepen their faith next summer: Stuebenville conference, Catholic Youth Summer Camp, or Catholic Work Camp.
- Pro-Life Pumpkin Memorial will commence again this year on October 21st at 7:00 pm. We will have guest speaker, Peter Range who is the Respect Life Coordinator for the Toledo Diocese. His talk will give us a sense of why we do this vigil and help re-commit ourselves to the pro-life movement.

Religious Education – reported by Therese Brown

- New Curriculum for K-8 Pflaum and Blessed by Dynamic Catholic for 2nd grade.
- We are in our 3rd week of Religious Education and thus far so good.
- We have 193 enrolled in High School PSR and 462 K-8th grade PSR.
- We have all catechists, but 7th grade is being filled by a substitute through September (Jenni Meyer)
- I do need a regular bus monitor on Wednesday morning. Getting by with substitutes now.
- I attended the Northern Area Catechetical Congress last Saturday.
- I am entering adult volunteers for The Child Protection Class in the Virtus system which also is an electronic background check.
- Introduced Michael Steopler. Michael is the new CRE for grade 7-12. Michael currently lives in Perrysburg, OH with his wife Shelly. He was a teacher at Catholic High Schools for 9 years before opening his own non-profit therapy center. He has a Master Catechist Certificate from the Archdiocese of Toledo, Degree in Systematic Theology from the Sacred Heart Major Seminary and Bachelor's Degree in Communications from the University of Toledo.

Finance – reported by Pat Butler

- The financial statements are in good standing at this time. Revenues are still tracking positively and the expenses are below budget.
- Annual financial statement will be included in the Sept 30, 2018 bulletin. Members of the finance committee will also be speaking at the pulpit at each Mass to go over the statement.
- The financial review by the Archdiocesan auditors is complete. The report was very favourable and will also be included in the bulletin on Sept 30, 2018.
- We currently have approximately \$150,000 in operational savings here at Minster and approximately \$750,000 invested at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. We receive the most interest through the Archdiocese. There was a question from members: Is the money invested at the diocese cumbersome to retrieve if we needed it for something? No, the money is readily available to us at anytime.

Missions – reported by Carol Huecker:

- In June the Mission Commission provided cookies and lunch at pX Games.
- Held the annual garage sale in July. The \$7,300 profit will be disbursed to area organizations at our October meeting.
- Will be hosting the annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser on October 21st. Money from this charity event helps needy families in Minster & Auglaize County who are on our Angel Tree.
- Continue to make rosaries for Missionaries and provide birthday and Bingo prizes at Heritage Center Nursing Center.
- Mission Commission members served as hostesses for the directory photography sessions.
- We will be providing desserts to the St. Anthony Dinner Theater in November. We could use as much help with this as possible. They use 250 pieces of dessert. Over the course of 20 years the St. Anthony Dinner Theater has donated \$731,000 to needy people in our area. We are proud to assist them in the endeavor.

Building & Maintenance – reported by Ben Baumer

- Office Remodeling at the rectory has been put on the front burner. Work is schedule to add an office for Fr. Frankline Rayappa and add a records room where the existing living room is and change the existing dining room into a living room.
- Acoustic panels will be installed on the back wall of the church to help the sound quality issues that were addressed during the parish survey. These panels should have no damaging effect on the sound quality of the choirs.
- Working in conjunction with the Cemetery Board the re-tucking, cleaning and repairs to the stone pillars at the entrances has been completed. Roof on the Steinemann Chapel is in need of replacement and we will work and budget the project for completion in 2019.
- Re-finishing the church floors under the pews is scheduled to be done mid-October. There will be no adoration for the 4 weeks that it will take to complete this.

Cemetery – reported by Bob Lammers

- Concrete rows in the old section are complete and placing the headstones back are being worked on now.
- Re-asphalting of the roads are complete and look wonderful.
- Addressing the concerns of the weeds.
- Cindy Wuebker brought up that several families come in and are unhappy that we only pour foundations twice per year. If a loved one passes away at the end of April they have to wait six months before they can add a headstone. Has the board ever considered pouring more often or pouring a standard one on every lot and including it in the price of a lot? Bob said the board is already discussing these options and will report back any changes.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council - reported by Jay Brown

- Jay Brown is a representative from the Northern area on Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. This group is comprised of 40 members who meet four times per year and act as a sounding board for the Archbishop & Bishops. He is currently serving a three year term.
- Current agenda item is the abuse within the church. Archbishop Schnurr sits on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and is adomnment about addressing the issue. Our diocese is leading the way in changing how these cases are dealt with and how to better protect the innocent. We will see many changes in the Degree of Child Protection in 2018.
- Reviewed and discussed how money from the 1 Hope, 1 Love,1 Faith campaign has benefitted Catholic Education.
- There will be 9 priest who will be ordained in May. The committee reviews the coming, going and needs of priest and seminaries.
- It's a good to know that we have a voice and are vested in the decisions and direction of our diocese.

Pastors Report – reported Fr. Frankline Rayappa, C.PP.S.

- Why is there not more participation from the parish? We need to invite more parishioners to attend. We need more input from the people. An announcement for more members will be made in the bulletin and each existing member should provide Fr. Frankline a name of someone who would serve the parish well by becoming a Parish Council Member.

Adjourn: Next meeting is November 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Parish Center.