

From the Pastor's Desk:

As we come into 2018 I have been reexamining where we have been going with our initiatives. The Finance Committee will meet Monday and will review the revised budget, sign off on the yearly reports for the Diocese, and look at our financial predictions that have been made. We will be looking on ways to maximize our revenue and allow us to preform God's work as a community. As always your contributions make possible the continued work of the parish - be assured that we are working to see that none of the precious resources you entrust to the parish are wasted.

I will also be making the rounds to see how the seeds we have planted with our various ministries are doing. This is a sleepy time of year and with the holidays we have been moving slowly. I expect that with the coming Spring you will be seeing some wonderful growth in these areas as the things going on in the background move into view. I will be meeting with the leaders of the ministry to the homebound, hospital ministry, and prison ministries to see the progress we are making. Fr. Ramos will also be looking into liturgical ministries and following up with the trainings done previously to insure we complete the work done in this area. I will meet with the committee that was forming to plan youth/young adult oriented ministries and see where we are these. Expect to see some offerings from our adult faith formation team in the future as well.

I am excited for the possibilities for growth in our school. Our new principal Mrs. Tavansk and I have met and she is energetic in helping us to move to the next level of growth and success. The school board will be considering a new financial aid structure that was mentioned previously and which has been recently fleshed out in draft form, and we will also explore ways to make the benefits of our school known to a wider group of people. As we begin the push to bring new students into our school and parish community please consider who you might encourage to explore the wonderful things offered at our school.

The sale is progressing on St. Joseph church building. Some of you have spoken to me about what such a step means to you - please feel free to contact me with any concerns. Let's keep moving forward together, let's keep joining together as a community, let us keep gathering around the Lord who is our strength and hope. God Bless.

Peace to you all,

Fr. Steve