

From the Pastor's Desk:

Winter seems to want to hold on for a bit - but that will soon end. Like the cold and dark times of life, it will yield to a warmer, brighter time. We look forward with a little joy this Sunday to the coming Easter, and have the chance to recommit ourselves to Lenten practices. If you have not taken advantage of some of our Lenten activities, there is still time.

Things are progressing with the sales of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart. We have been moving items out of the buildings and into storage. There have been thoughtful discussions of how to use these parish items in the best way. Any items that we can use to fill in gaps and to replace older items will reduce expenses down the road and insure that these items (which were purchased or donated to the parish) can remain part of our ongoing history. The consolidation of these items is another step in our coming together as one parish and combining our facilities and heritage for the use of our unified community. I have received some suggestions on the use of some of these items, and we have added many of these suggestions into the ongoing plans. Please feel free to give in more of these suggestions to myself or one of the members of the Pastoral Council.

This week coming we have meetings of the School Board where we will continue to explore ways to grow and build our school. This week I also reached out to the Pastors of all the Catholic churches within commuting distance to discuss the school. This is part of a campaign we are undertaking to make our school more known in the area and to invite more families to be part of this educational community. If you know of any families with school-aged children consider suggesting that they come by the school for a tour. We are working to make updates and improvements and have developed several financial aid resources.

If you have ever felt that you would like to be part of something bigger than yourself, to spread and experience the love of God, and to connect with people in our increasingly disconnected society - take a look at our various ministry pages on our website. We will also have a print brochure explaining these ministries in the back of the church soon. Jesus provided us a church so that we could worship God together, so that we could build a community of love and support in a world that is often rejecting, and to provide the structure for us to join in Jesus' ministry to the world. There is much that God gives us that we can share. Have a wonderful week

Peace,

Fr. Steve