

St Aloysius Church Parish Council

September 2011 Meeting

Committee Reports

✓ **Business Managers Report:**

Financial Report: Offertory income for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 amounted to \$1.464 million, a slight decline of \$22 thousand from the prior year. Total income amounting to \$1.897 million was off by \$85 thousand primarily due to the drop in gifts and bequests (\$71 thousand).

Total expenses of \$1.838 million exceeded prior year expenses by \$61 thousand. Repairs & maintenance as well as utility increases were offset by a decrease in lay pension costs and contributions.

The end result is that Net Ordinary Income for the year amounted to \$59 thousand, representing a decrease of \$146 thousand from the prior year.

Buildings and Grounds:

Projects:

Irrigation: The irrigation of the Shrine to the Blessed Mother and South Avenue lawn was completed in July.

Main Entrance To Church: The replacement of the flagstone at the main entrance to the church began today. Three bids were submitted with the job given to one of our parishioners, John Buzzeo. The project should be completed by the end of the week, weather permitting.

School Air Conditioning: This project has been spearheaded by the HSA and has been in the works for some time. We have received a couple of bids but have not acted on them as yet. Given that the worst of the heat is hopefully behind us, the decision was taken to revisit all options with the intention of completing the project by next spring.

✓ **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

- We had our first meeting of the season on September 15th.
- Our first social event will be the Octoberfest. Catholic Daughters will be serving their world-renowned **coffee AND**.
- Also, in October, we will be celebrating CDA Day on October 16th. Members will meet for the 8:30AM Mass. Plans following this Mass have not been finalized.

✓ **The Knights of Columbus report:**

The Knights had their first meeting back from Summer last Monday. The calendar for the upcoming year was worked on as well as the new officers for 2011/2012 (listed at the end of report). The knights are looking forward to assisting the parish council in the Oktoberfest event by manning the bar as has been the tradition for this fall event. We also are getting members of the 4th degree together to join in the Living Rosary set for October 7th. The council's next regular meeting is October 3rd at 8pm in Stapleton Hall

The knights are currently planning a "Men of the Parish" event in mid October to have all men of the parish network and socialize. Date is October 13th, just needs to be double checked with the parish office.

New Officers for K of C #2287 (2011/2012)

- Grand Knight: Peter Greene Deputy GK: Peter O'Sullivan
- Chaplain: Msgr. William Scheyd
- Chancellor: John Otis
- Recorder: JD Piro
- Financial Secretary: Pat McBrien
- Treasurer: James Walsh
- Lecturer: Bob LiCalzi
- Advocate: Mike Donnelly
- Warden: James O'Hora
- Guards: Billy Cody & Sean Brady

✓ **Grade Confirmation Preparation Program**

We have made a shift to begin to refer to our Confirmation program as Level I (7th Grade) and Level II (8th Grade). This shift will better define the fact that our preparation program is a two year program, regardless of grade level of the student. Last minute registrations are coming in, but we have approximately 130 students in Level I and 140 in Level II. St. Aloysius has 15 students who will be confirmed at our May 5 Confirmation.

We have 14 new classes in our Level I (7th Grade) program and continue to have 15 classes in Level II (8th Grade). Catechist training will be completed this week. Our Level II curriculum focuses on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and sacraments. Level I will again focus on morality.

We held our Level I and Level II Kickoff events last week. Bryan Mercier returned and presented very inspiring talks to the students. Our feedback from students and catechists to these events has been very positive.

We will continue to work with our Confirmation Preparation students in our community service program this year, "Words and Works". Students will be asked to complete a minimum of 3 of their 10 service hours each year in parish or diocesan works. We will also ask them to a corporal work of mercy and a spiritual work of mercy. Level II will have two class service projects – a living nativity on Friday, December 2 which is the night of the holiday stroll and once again will host the Simple Supper for Seniors during Lent. Level I will once again do Project 1,000 to work towards a goal of assembling 1,000 Christmas stockings for those in need.

✓ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We re-opened the office on August 15. Late registrations have been coming in up to and including the second week of September. Our enrollment remains strong at 1200 with over 150 catechists volunteering. **We are still in need of classroom aides and co-catechists to serve in all grade levels.** Class sizes average 15 in a class. Our classes run Sunday through Thursday.

Classes began on September 11 with a prayer service and welcome by Msgr. Scheyd. Parents were invited to come to Stapleton Hall for a Ministry Mingle where they could get information regarding other ministries and how they could get involved. Our thanks to the "E" team (Carroll Yanicelli and Sue Lione) and the Martha and Mary ministries (Melanie Barnard and Mary Beth Fessler) for their extraordinary assistance throughout the week.

Our catechists attended training sessions the first week of September.

We also had our New Parent Meeting which was affected by Hurricane Irene. Due to lack of power and computer capability we were unable to cancel or confirm meetings and events.

This week our children will be attending a presentation by Thom Marino and Cid to gain a greater appreciation of music and singing in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Pascale

✓ **Emmaus**

An Emmaus one-day retreat for adults was held at Stapleton Hall on Saturday, June 25, 2011. The retreat is led by young adults of our parish. This year Sara Sindelar and Dan Leitao led the retreat day. It is the third year that this retreat was held at Stapleton. It was a very successful and well attended day.

The fall Emmaus weekend retreat for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors in high school will be held at All Saints School on November 11th, 12th and 13th. Kathleen and Kevin Leitao will lead the weekend. The team will begin meeting on October 2nd. Applications are available on the St. Aloysius website, www.starcc.com.

✓ **Martha & Mary Ministries**

Martha & Mary Ministries had its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13. We are hoping to work on a Parish Soup Supper on a Friday in Lent - meant for families to come together. More planning on this to come. The Visitation Ministry and the Driving Miss Daisy Ministry are both hoping to expand to serve more seniors and home-bound parishioners with a direct parish mailing to explain the various adult and senior ministries in the parish. Any input and ideas on how to expand these wonderful ministries is most welcome.

The Mom and Tot Playgroup will also work with the Visitation Ministry to reach out to the homebound with little crafts and gifts made by the children. All ideas on M&M and its role in the parish are encouraged.