

St. Mary's Parish—Finance Council Newsletter

Please contact any of the members with questions or concerns about your parish. Feel free to attend the Finance Council meeting—We always schedule a few minutes at the beginning of each meeting for Parishioners to present Questions / Concerns / Accolades.

Fr. Klos - President / Chairman
Jerome Schmitz - (ex officio, Sexton); Trustee
Paul Klinkner - Buildings / Grounds; Trustee
Phil Flock - Buildings / Grounds
Ed Klinkner - Buildings / Grounds

June Randle - (ex officio, PCCW)
Budget & Stewardship
Michael Bezin - Budget & Stewardship
Elizabeth Balzer - Budget & Stewardship
Jacob Menn - School Budget

Budget / Stewardship Report

Father reported that Mrs. Kay Brown had been hired as the new finance secretary. She comes with experience in bookkeeping and a solid work ethic which has been amply demonstrated as she has worked hard to learn parish bookkeeping over the past three months.

A new **chart of accounts** has been mandated by the diocese. Kay has been working hard to transition our parishes from the former to the new format. There are a great number of challenges inherent in this transition and all will need to be patient as we get used to new categories and the numbers that go with them.

The new chart of accounts has delayed the diocese's roll-out of the bishop's annual report which would normally have been completed by the end of August. When the new instructions have been delivered to us that report will be completed and then we will be in a position to prepare an annual report to the parish.

Due to above issues there will be no "numbers" reported on back. Be assured we are "in the black" at this time.

- ◆ The water well debt now stands at \$6,767.00.
- ◆ A very generous bequest was received from the Gerry & Rosie Haun estate which is designated to be applied to the "Handicap Accessibility Fund". The total will be reported once the whole donation is received; however, at this point it totals more than \$80,000.00.

School Committee Report

The new school year has begun. All our faculty & staff have returned to serve the 34 students registered for this year. While there has been a drop in numbers this year all are reminded that this includes a small 7th grade class and no 8th graders so, given the children from families already at Sacred Heart, our numbers should easily recover over the next two years. If we can attract any new families we can even see growth again over that period.

Covid protocols have been updated to reflect our experience over the past year and a half as well as the present environment.

Building and Grounds Committee Report

- ◆ The convent is now down. The total cost of this project will be reported at the next meeting.
- ◆ June detailed issues with plumbing in the basement and expressed frustration with the water that has leaked into the basement this summer. These issues will be looked into by the B&G committee.

Cemeteries

- ◆ No report