

## May 2016 Pastoral Council Summary

**Financial Report:** March was a good, normal month. Everything was on track.

**Education and Adult Faith Formation Commission :** It was noted that Father Udo from Jonesboro was very pleased with the reception he got when he said Masses here April 16-17. He sold around 100 copies of his inspirational book, "The Peace I Know."

**Social Justice/Community Outreach Commission:** Virginia Lawson has stepped down from her duties with the **Pro-Life Committee**. Alison Hambuchen and Beth Boucher remain as co-chairs. Dawn Ward updated the current fiscal year budget balances for the **Missions Committee**; \$11,975 remaining in unrestricted funds, \$8,626 in restricted funds, and the new Taylor Grant funds estimated at \$5,000 were to be received in April. Don Greenland submitted the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget request of \$34,000 for consideration. The **Pack the Pantry** donations continue to increase at a rate of up to 32 boxes a month. Restricted funds will be used to start a monthly **Protein Program** for Last Chance Ministries. A plan for frozen meat deliveries began in May at a cost of \$300 per month. There are plans to register with a deer processor in Vilonia as a meat source for the fall and winter, and that deer hunters in the parish will also donate meat. Six parish missionaries are set to go June 11-19 on the **Christ the King Honduras Mission** which is marking its 20<sup>th</sup> year. They include Susan Denys, T.J. Moix, Joan Molder Chris and Christine Seefeld, and Peggy O'Reilly. The **Summer Family Mission** to Abbeville, Louisiana will take place June 26-30 while **The Men of Faith Appalachia Mission** runs from July 12-16. The first new goal of the **Visiting Ministry** is to assist the parishioners in need of a respite from their loved ones for a short time. This can include going to Mass, Adoration, personal physician appointments, etc. **Community Assistance** reports it has assisted 35 families to date. The average assistance per family is \$500.

**Parish Life Commission:** It's planning for three events in the coming weeks; the appreciation party for Father John and Father Robert as they prepare to depart for their new assignments, a reception for William Burmester following his Diaconate ordination on June 2, and a reception for our incoming pastor, Father Tony Robbins, and his two new associates on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Hispanic Commission:** A reminder that it is planning a fiesta event for the whole parish on September 3 during the **Month of Hispanic Heritage**. The purpose of the event is to share Hispanic culture and promote unity in its diversity. Funds collected will go to the Capital Campaign.

**Old Business** Just over \$5 million has been pledged or donated to the Capital Campaign. \$1.2 million of that is already in hand. About 360 families have made these commitments, but it's estimated 450-500 gifts will be needed to reach the \$6 million figure required to begin major work. That could hopefully start in October. Revamping of the church's south parking lot, which would also create a new drop-off for the Middle School, should start this summer.

**New Business:** The Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget was analyzed and discussed. It was initially approved by the Finance Council. As part of a four-step process, the budget originates with the Finance Council, is sent to the Pastoral Council for approval, then goes back to the Finance Council for additional adjustments, and then returns to the Pastoral Council for final acceptance. The budget was approved as read.

**Pastor's Report:** Father John looks forward to William Burmester's Diaconate ordination here and is glad the Diocese is allowing such ordinations in home parishes. Father John and Father Robert expressed their thanks for the work the Pastoral Council has done in recent years, as well as that of our great parish staff. They believe both will be a blessing to Father Tony. They leave with sadness and joy as they go to new parishes with new challenges.