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My dear parishioners:

This week there are two areas of importance that I would like to bring to your attention. One is financial and one is spiritual.

Parish Financial Information:

- Please find enclosed in this weekend's bulletin an Income and Expense Report for the first six months of our fiscal year, July 1 through December 31, 2017. As you will see, we are in a healthy financial condition. Our revenue has increased and our expenses have decreased, leaving us with a positive financial balance. Our revenue was $162,129. 43 and our expenses were $83,253.48, leaving us with a net revenue of $78,875.95. This amount does not include all of our BFA overage nor a couple of end-of-year gifts we received. These much-needed funds will allow us to undertake some deferred maintenance projects. Thank you so very much for your financial support of our parish.
- By now all parishioners for whom we are able to track donations should have received their 2017 donation letter for tax purposes. If you have not received your letter, or if the parish's financial record does not agree with yours, please contact the office. I am aware that a couple parishioners who do not have a parish ID may not have had all their contributions by check recorded in our data base.
- I am deeply grateful to every parishioner who made a pledge last weekend to the annual *Bishop's Faith Appeal.* Though I do not have a total pledged amount as I write this letter, it does appear that on Commitment Weekend we surpassed our parish goal in pledges. This is a wonderful expression to Bishop Guillory of our support of him and the ministries of the diocese. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so as soon as you are ready and able. Put your completed pledge form in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the parish office. Thank you so very much for your support of the BFA!

Season of Lent:

This Wednesday, February 14 begins the penitential season of Lent. The season is 40 days, plus six Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Thursday afternoon. Lent is a time of preparation to celebrate Easter by dedicating ourselves to prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Every **Friday** in Lent is a day of **abstinence** where everyone from the age of 14 and older is to abstain from eating meat (red and white). Meat by-products, such as chicken broth, eggs, etc. are allowed.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fast and abstinence,** binding everyone from age 18-59. On these two days, in addition to abstaining from meat, we are to limit the amount of food we eat (the Church recommends at the most two small meals and one normal meal), unless to do so jeopardizes one's physical health. The discipline of fasting and abstinence is meant to deprive ourselves of common pleasures so that we are heightened in attentiveness to the sufferings of others (almsgiving), and to focus our attention inwardly on conversion to a more holy and healthy life (prayer).

Please make an attempt to participate in the Stations of the Cross each Friday. We will pray the Stations as a community in the church at 5:30 pm. If you are not able to attend the parish communal Stations of the Cross please consider praying the Stations at home, individually or as a family. We pray the Stations on Fridays, and abstain from eating meat, to recall the tremendous suffering Jesus undertook for us on the first Good Friday through his passion and death. By keeping Lenten Fridays holy through limiting our personal pleasures we can be more attentive to the movement of the Lord in our lives. Let us each strive to make our 2018 Lent a blessed one.

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February 10 – February 18, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10 **5:30pm— Bilingual Mass**
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Sunday, February 11 **9:00am—Mass**
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/ Mk 1:40-45
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, February 12 **4:30pm—Mass**
Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13 **No Mass**
Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 14 **Ash Wednesday** **4:30pm-Mass** **7:00pm-Mass**
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Mass intention for Lloyd Chance

Thursday, February 15 **8:30am—Mass**
Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 16 **9:30am—Communion Service**
Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 17 **4:30pm— Vigil Mass** **6:30pm—Spanish Mass**
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 18 **9:00am—Mass**
Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

I turn to you, Lord, in times of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Ps 32)

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. Frank H. Rossi, Pastor

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Kate Sparrow, Rain Long, Maria Conseption Castaneda, Michelle Duncan & daughter; Audrey Douzant, Lucille Munzy, Frances Martin, Linda Passons, Eileen Dumesnil, Linda Wright, Callie Anderson, Joe & Iralene Ventrello, Barbara Hatcher, H.A. McBee family, Jerry Dean

Repose of the soul: Johnny Jacobson; H.A. McBee

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be

Weekly Stewardship

February 3 & 4 Weekly Offertory	$ 4,096.00
Average Weekly Cost	$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit	$ 944.00

Sun. Feb 11	Mon. Feb 12	Tues. Feb 13	Wed. Feb 14	Thurs. Feb 15	Fri. Feb 16	Sat. Feb 17
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time **9:00am—Mass** *Adult Faith Formation after Mass*	**4:30pm—Mass**		**Ash Wednesday** 4:00pm—Rosary **4:30pm—Mass** 6:00pm—CCE **7:00pm—Mass** 7:00pm—RCIA	**8:30am—Mass** 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	**9:30am-Communion Service** **5:30pm—Stations of the Cross**	*3:45-4:15 Confession* **4:30pm-Vigil Mass** **6:30pm-Spanish Mass**
Sun. Feb 18	**Mon. Feb 19**	**Tues. Feb 20**	**Wed. Feb 21**	**Thurs. Feb 22**	**Fri. Feb 23**	**Sat. Feb 24**
1st Sunday of Lent **9:00am—Mass** *Adult Faith Formation after Mass*	**4:30pm—Mass**		4:00pm—Rosary **4:30pm—Mass** **No CCE** **No RCIA**	**8:30am—Mass** 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	**9:30am-Communion Service** **5:30pm—Stations of the Cross**	*3:45-4:15 Confession* **4:30pm-Vigil Mass** **6:30pm-Spanish Mass**

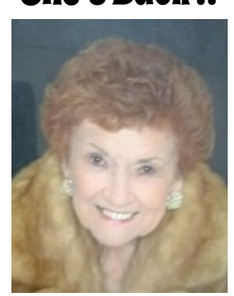
SACRED SILENCE

Please respect the true presence of Lord in the tabernacle by not visiting before and after Mass inside the Church.

Adult Faith Formation Classes
Sundays after Mass
4 Signs of Dynamic Catholics by Matthew Kelly
Led by Madeline Arnett

CCE Parents and ALL Adults
are invited to attend
The Bible and the Sacraments Class offered on Wednesdays in the Family Center from 6:30 to 7:45pm

She's Back !!



Evelyn Schima is now residing at The Orchard, Room 310. Her phone number is 830-743-5044.

REND YOUR HEARTS
GIVE ALMS. PRAY. FAST.

Lent
Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

4:30pm—Mass and Distribution of Ashes
7:00pm—Mass and Distribution of Ashes

DAY of FASTING and ABSTINENCE

Stations of the Cross
every Friday 5:30pm

CRS Rice Bowl
A Lenten Project

We are called to love our neighbor. But, like the scholar in the scripture passage, we may find ourselves wondering, "Who is my neighbor?" This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program, will help us answer that question.

Rice Bowl boxes are available in the vestibule and the doffee room of the church.

75 percent of your gift supports CRS' programs around the world. 25 percent of your donations go to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in our own community.

CCE classes
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Help is needed to provide meals for the children before class, like spaghetti, sandwiches, pizza or chicken nuggets. Contact Twyla Darder at 409-384-0819 or vjtd1283@windstream.net.