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Update on capital needs project: Ceiling is finished, plastic is down, and lifts have been removed. Carpet has arrived and install process has been started. Next week, the pews will be put in place and the piano and organ will be moved back in. The organ will be relocated to the back of the sanctuary with the ability to move it up front when needed.

An update from **Communications** noted our change to a six-page bulletin as part of a contract negotiation to cut costs. The 2021 Holy Week schedule has been mailed to parishioners, featured on our website and on Facebook. It will be published in the Sun Current next week. We continue to see increases in website users, YouTube subscribers and Facebook followers.

A reminder from **Buildings & Grounds** to the Parish/Finance Council that major capital needs projects have been pushed out. We should be putting away about \$50,000 a year for the roughly \$500,000 parking lot project. We also need to replace the steam boiler with a hot water boiler. This will cost \$250,000+.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Monthly mailings continue to be sent to **Young at Heart** and **Sara Guild** participants.

Grab & Go Donut Sundays have been successful so far.

We will begin focusing soon on this year's **Gather** event. We are asking that each commission provide 1-2 volunteers to help support this event. Meetings will begin late April.

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Faith Formation is going well virtually. The last day will be April 28. **Confirmation** will be celebrated privately on May 4. **First Communion** will be celebrated privately on May 16.

Adult Faith is on week eight of *Symbolon* part one, "Knowing the Faith," and will be starting part two, "Living the Faith," on April 7. Anyone can join in at any time. Part one is NOT a requirement for part two; details will be available on the website and in the bulletin.

The Bloomington Knights of Columbus hosted our drive-thru **Fish Fry** last week. We don't have exact numbers due to online ticket sales and whether customers selected the parish or not. Knights are hosting other parishes this Lenten season and tickets not specifying a parish will be split between all the parishes they supported. Monies will go toward funding Youth Ministry projects. Thanks to all those who supported this year's fish fry!

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Our ministries are still very limited due to Covid.

Stephen Ministry will begin meeting monthly.

Some nursing homes and congregate communities are beginning to ease some restrictions; we are hoping to resume some work there.

Come fall, we will be looking to rebuild many of these ministries.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Meals on Wheels may soon need to recruit a few more drivers.

Respect Life will be working with two parishes on a clothing drive. There is also an update section in bulletin sharing opportunities for parishioners to get involved.

Our **Sister Parish** in Nicaragua has received our donation of \$2000 for rectory repair. We will also be funding another half container of FMSC meals.

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Due to Covid restrictions, no travel is advised to our **Sister Community** in the Dominican Republic again this year. Instead, we are hoping to provide some online help for summer camp. There will be a second collection taken in April for both our Sister Parish and Sister Community; donations between the two will be shared.

We will be gathering for a zoom meeting soon to discuss this year's **VEGGIES 4 VEAP** garden. We are hoping to expand the garden this year.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

We thank everyone for their flexibility while the church ceiling was painted and the new carpet was installed.

This Lent, many parishioners have drawn closer to God by taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Mass, drive-up ashes, Drive-Up Holy Communion, the Rosary, and extra prayer time at home or in the chapel.

The last two weeks we have seen record attendance at **Masses**. A lot of time and effort have been put into integrating video both online and in-person.

Drive-Up Holy Communion has been very successful with 76 cars this past Sunday. We will continue offering this ministry.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled Leadership Night is April 20, beginning at 7:00pm via Zoom.

All parishioners are invited to Leadership Night. Zoom links are published on our website as part of the event approximately one week in advance of each month's meeting. Use the "Events" tab in the top menu of any page to find upcoming Leadership Nights.