

PALM SUNDAY
April 13, 2014

M & M's

Translates: "major and minor memos" ? "misc mumblings" "mystifying manuscript". Take your pick – offered for new parishioners to follow. Do I even recall my creation begun while at St. Mary's, Kodiak, AK? "majestic mountains"?

New Parish Council Members: The rotation of members is always underway. The parish needs new input from varied folks. The requirements call forth creative minds to keep projects or direction of parish in a proper spiritual journey. The group meets once a month on Tuesday evening after Mass, 6:30 to no later than 8:30. WE NEED nominations. You can simply place name with phone number in the collection basket. And yes, by all means your own nomination is welcome!

Are you curious? We recently reviewed our parish roster for greater accuracy. I conjecture the effort has not been done for years. We deleted 112 and now list 506 (in actuality, likely still too high – a rough gauge is used in not hearing from someone for two years). BUT, always we welcome everyone and will always attend to any sick or a funeral! The proper number saves us on postage, CSA targets, and general management. I evaluate other parishes and their operational style. St. Francis in Petoskey and Fr. Denny Stilwell always remain my mentor. And as a bigger parish they are ahead of us on in electronic giving. They have 120 signed on or about a third of envelopes used. We have 55. It will shortly go up by at least one: an embarrassed and procrastinating pastor will sign on before end of month! Evangelization programs and styles of hospitality are always up for review. We currently have about two new parishioners registering each week. Just imagine if we TRIED – a gospel mandate.

Misc:

- Any used furniture moving out of your home? The lounge in the lower level could definitely use up grades via donated items. A conference table!
- CSA welcomes this year's co-chairs Matt LaCross and Chris Sheeran. Susan Maasberg stepped up again as secretary (she did not even need to be asked!)
- CSA target for 2014/2015 has been set at \$102,379, down slightly from \$105,660 last year – thank you Diocese. We still have outstanding pledges of about \$11,000 in pledges as of end of February. And hey, pastor finished his pledge in March. Please do likewise as new campaign begins in early May. And wow, first pledge of 14/15 was left as message on my phone this morning, with no solicitation, for \$5,000. I toasted a cup of coffee with staff!
- Finance Council is evaluating an effort to fund a new roof for a fall installation? Two donations have been made for \$10,000 and \$5,000. Council is in earnest accumulating bids and styles of roof. Repairs have been done over the last ten years and replacement is not an option. Any ideas of on any matter on the effort?

- Men need to definitely mark April 28th, Monday, 7:00 pm, as a must for attending presentation by Matt Fradd at St. Francis Kohler Auditorium. He has a powerful thought provoking offering of TAKING DOWN GOLIATH. A man reformed from struggle with pornography that is at break neck speed in growth via internet. Check him out in giving forward to a pastoral letter in Arlington VA Diocese: BOUGHT WITH A PRICE.
- Check back of church for information on trip to Cathedral on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27. Can you think of a better way to come together on day of saintly canonization of Popes John the XXIII and John Paul II?

Sacramental Celebration – Easter Vigil - April 19, 2014 – 9:00 pm
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Class (RCIA)

Married Couples

Andrea* & Bill Byrne

Lori+* & Jim Schlichter

Lisa* & Brad* Mullet

Ed* & Darlene Walz

Joe & Kristin Bramer family

Payton*

Madison*

Quinnlyn+

Nathan+

Mackenna*

Sydney*

Collin+

* Coming into Church / First Communion and Confirmation Sacraments
+ Baptism >Confirmation

Christ the King Parish welcomes with the joy of Easter our new Catholic faith members and special sacramental celebrations. The Easter Vigil engages the three initiation sacraments of the Catholic community: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Baptism is never repeated coming from another Christian church. In addition, new members also celebrate their first Sacrament of Reconciliation – four out of seven!

We extend gratitude to the above as a means of evangelization for next year. Invite your neighbor, spouse and in addition, all Catholics should step forward if they never received Confirmation . September comes fast!

RCIA TEAM: Kevin Endres, Bill Strong, Christopher Ellalasingham, Fr. Ray Cotter

We only renew our vows of faith at Easter. I cannot think of a better way to embrace faith and gift of resurrection than to acknowledge other people making a stronger commitment. Christ had no patience with casual apathy. Satan definitely prefers it.