

FALL 2018 PULSE OF THE PARISH NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

SUMMARY – **FINANCES & FACILITIES**

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Cincinnati Ohio – Sunday, May 12, 2019

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10). One of the trademarks of Christian stewardship is the safeguarding of all we have, i.e. our resources, since all we have are gifts that God has abundantly bestowed on us. We are then called to responsibly use all we have witnessing both our gratitude to Him and our love of neighbor. Among the gifts the parish has been given are finances and facilities – thus, we must be conscientious and trustworthy with the funds entrusted to us by our parish community and we must diligently take care of our buildings and grounds which past generations have handed on to us.

FINANCES

The overwhelming majority of comments about our finances were positive.

- We are good at raising money – our people are very generous.
- Our Sunday collections do not seem to have gone up proportionately as the number of families has increased.
- We need *more* fundraisers – we need *less* fundraisers!
- We need better transparency of our finances.

NB Our Finance Council is already actively working on a format for an annual financial report to the parish.

- When are we going to participate in the archdiocesan capital campaign?

NB Our parish will be one of the last parishes to participate in the archdiocesan-wide One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign. As you will read below in the "Facilities" section, if the recommendation is made to execute a capital campaign for facility renovation/expansion, we would have just one "combined" campaign to fulfill our responsibility to this archdiocesan campaign as well as provide for our own local needs.

FACILITIES

The majority of comments about our facilities is that a gathering space for church would be very desirable, especially for fellowship after Mass and visitations before funerals. Many comments also indicated the desire for a larger gymnasium. The need for renovated restrooms in church and school was also mentioned with some regularity.

NB There are other "space needs" that have also been mentioned in other gatherings – more office space and meetings rooms for both church and school and more classrooms in school.

During the next several months, we hope to reassess all facility needs, including the best use/s for our newly acquired building, by revisiting our previous campus "master plan." With an updated campus "master plan," if the recommendation would be made to renovate and/or expand our facilities that would obviously necessitate a capital campaign.

- Kneelers need more cushion.
- Could screens be added to church like some other places?
- Not enough handicapped parking spaces nor enough handicapped seating in church.
- Church HVAC could be regulated better – sometimes too hot and sometimes too cold!
- Outside lighting could be better at night.
- The walking path around the fields is awesome!
- Why do we need more space when we have an empty school building in the evenings?
- Sound system is not that good sometimes – some speakers are hard to hear.
- There should be handicapped accessible doors for church and the Hilvert Center.

NB Concerning the church sound system and handicap accessibility for the church and Hilvert Center, these are already being pursued with improvements hopefully being completed in the next few months.

- Our sanctuary has too many steps and is not handicap assessable.
- Could we ever have a chapel for perpetual Eucharistic adoration like other churches?
- Cry room is too small, kneelers are bad, exit doors are loud, sound is not good, floor is dirty for crawlers.
- Could we get hearing enhancement devices in church?
- With all the young families, could we have a playground in the premises?
- We have a stage but not a dedicated auditorium/theater.
- All bathrooms – men's and women's - should have changing stations.
- Can we resurrect the Building & Grounds Committee?

NB The Finance Council is already actively pursuing the re-establishment of a Building & Grounds Committee.