

From the Pastor.....

Dear Parishioners of Saint Stan's,

I have wanted to explain, if only briefly, something that has not been too well understood: the purchase of the new HVAC system with money from our chancery depository account, and the need to repay that loan. I have to apologize for any confusion because the matter of the parish fundraiser was not well explained on account of my absence at midsummer.

As you know, in February of 2018 we found we needed a new boiler and air conditioning system for the church. It then took more than 2 months to get permission from the bishop to replace it. Since we were running out of time before we would need the AC, I decided to ask permission to take the money (\$50,170) from our chancery depository account, which at that point contained a total of \$477,466. (Note: the money in the chancery depository account of any parish, though it belongs to the parish, cannot be withdrawn, once it has been deposited, without the permission of the Chancellor and the Bishop. This is so that a sufficient amount will always be in the total "diocesan bank" to cover the payment of interest each year. Because of this control, the Diocese is able to offer interest of 2.63% each year.) To be more sure we would get permission and the necessary funds, I said we would pay back the amount in six months (November 2018). Also, I didn't want to deplete our deposit, because keeping \$477,466 in the depository means we gain \$12,560 interest a year. So the Bishop said yes, and here we are.

As I was taking my leave of absence in July, we had received under \$10,000 towards repayment. Hence, my decision to begin our first grand annual appeal with the raffle and dinner at McGovern's. I have been assured that Saint Stan's has always responded to challenges of this kind. I have every hope that this is still so!

In Christ,
Fr. Andrew Johnson
Pastor

17 September 2018

Adoration We begin Adoration Monday, 23 September. Please sign up for a half hour (or more) to worship our Lord in his real, Eucharistic presence. We need fervent pray-ers to ask him to transform our Parish ever more perfectly into his dwelling place so that we can draw all the graces we need to do his will. If you cannot commit to signing up for a time slot, please come by any Monday that school is in session from between 8:30am and 3pm. We need your intercessions; it is so powerful in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament!

Entrance in only through the school. Ring the bell and you will be buzzed in. For those who would need or want such a resource, we have provided an excellent little paper entitled "How to Make a Holy Hour" which can especially help us beginners to use our time in adoration well. Please join us. Thank you!

Any Parishioner who has not yet received their raffle tickets for our Annual Appeal Fundraiser may pick them up after both masses this weekend, September 15th and 16th, or you can call Kathy Banalewicz at (508)241-6867 and she will be happy to get them to you. We are asking for all raffle tickets and monies be returned in the envelopes provided by October 10, 2018.

Pierogi Production will begin immediately following the 7:00am Mass on Wednesday, 10 Oct. and will continue every succeeding Wednesday through 7 Nov.

Work will begin anew on 28 Nov and will continue every Wednesday through 19 Dec.

We will need at least one dependable volunteer for prep work on Tuesday mornings beginning at 6:00am.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and The Memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. October 7, falls this year on a Sunday. On Friday, October 5, the Holy Rosary Sodality will again pray the 4 mysteries of the rosary. Everyone who is able to attend is invited to join us, for all or any of the mysteries. The students in our school will be praying one of the mysteries during their morning prayer service. The schedule is as follows:

8:00am	The Joyful Mysteries
8:30am	The Sorrowful Mysteries
9:00am	The Luminous Mysteries prayed with St. Stanislaus School students
9:30am	The Glorious Mysteries

On Sunday, October 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, the Rosary Coast to Coast takes place in our nation. Catholics across the country will pray the rosary "to enter fully into the spiritual warfare we are facing and to pray for our respective nations at his watershed moment in history." (rosarycoasttocoast.com)

At St. Stanislaus we will join our fellow citizens in prayer at 4:00pm in the church. Please pray wherever you are at that time, and join us here if possible.