



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE

At our August 2021 meeting, the Parish Finance Council (PFC) (formerly called the Stewardship Commission) focused solely on the building maintenance and repair needs of the Parish's three buildings. As you know from past reports, a number of maintenance issues have previously been put off for lack of funds or postponed due to the COVID pandemic. The PFC is reviewing and prioritizing the many identified needs to lay out a thoughtful sequence of work reflecting the current and future significance of the issue and the cost to remedy it or the cost of NOT remedying it.

Three specific initial activities were discussed:

1. A number of windowsills and window frames on the Catholic Student Center, the Church, and the Rectory are still in serious need for scraping, prepping, and repainting. Many are down to bare wood. We hope to complete this work this fall and believe that Parishioners could play a helpful role in some parts of this project (especially sanding and prepping the low windows) under the direction and guidance of Pat Murphy. No real prior experience is needed, but it would be preferred. No volunteers will be asked to do anything dangerous or that makes them uncomfortable. If you are interested in possibly helping in this effort, please contact Pat or the Parish Office.
2. The top step leading into the Church at the front entrance has subsided slightly and is now a little uneven with the concrete top. We want to lift or slide this step a little, add a more stable base of material beneath it, and reposition the step at the proper height. This will take a couple of able-bodied Parishioners to help Pat Murphy and Henry Marchi with the work. If you are interested in helping in this effort, please contact Pat or Henry or the Parish Office.
3. Parishioners who receive envelopes for the offertory also receive an envelope each month labeled "*Maintenance FUND*". Some of you graciously already contribute to the Parish maintenance efforts in this way. The PFC discussed 9 priority projects at their last meeting (e.g., repairs to some of the stained glass windows, patching the handicap ramp, improving the monitoring and inspections of the fire extinguishers and sprinkler system, Rectory kitchen floor problems, combating continuing CSC roof leaks just to name a few). Most of these will require hiring professionals and will be more expensive endeavors. Any amount that you can contribute through the Maintenance FUND envelopes will be put toward maintenance activities and not be put into the general operating fund.

The PFC will keep you apprised of our continuing prioritization and stewardship efforts and how you can be a part. THANK YOU.