



WE ARE PUTTING OUT A CALL FOR HELP!

A couple of weeks ago, the Parish Finance Council (a.k.a. the Stewardship Commission) did a walk around inspection of the interior of our three parish buildings and the grounds around them. Without trying very hard, we developed a list of 66 projects that needed some attention. These tasks included: (1) landscaping or gardening; (2) exterior cleaning; (3) interior cleaning; (4) painting; and (5) “Handy Man” work (projects requiring special skills and probably hiring outside help).

Most of the projects in the first four groups can be done safely and effectively by Parish volunteers under the direction of our Parish Maintenance Director or a qualified designee. Not only will taking on these tasks with members of the Parish improve and beautify our parish environment, but completing the projects with volunteers will save the Parish maintenance and cleaning expense. In addition, bringing parishioners together to accomplish a common goal provides an opportunity to meet new people and strengthen our Parish community. A great by-product also will be increased pride in our shared Parish home.

The Parish Finance Council has grouped the identified 66 tasks, with an initial focus on those in Groups 1 and 2 above: the landscaping/gardening projects and the exterior cleaning projects. Completing these projects will “spruce up” our properties and make the buildings and grounds a more inviting place to gather and worship.

We have identified the need for 4 Teams to tackle these tasks, with each Team having about a half related dozen specific subtasks within these two categories of projects:

- Team Gardening
- Team Landscaping
- Team Brush Trimming
- Team Red Shed

We are planning a Parish Spring Volunteer Workday on Saturday, June 3 (rain day will be a week later, Saturday, June 10) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (but you can come when you can). We will have sign-up lists for these Teams in the Church during the weekends of May 13/14 and May 20/21. The church will identify which tools and/or supplies will be needed by each Team and what the Parish will supply and what the volunteers can bring.

We thank you in advance. Please come out and join in the fun!