

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH UPDATE ON BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

As you know, last week we revealed the Memorial Garden that will replace the former St. Augustine's Church building. Not only will this space commemorate the former church and the importance it played in the lives in this community but, as well, it will help beautify this sacred space, offering an attractive entrance into the cemetery and an area for the whole community to enjoy.

This project will be carried out over a period of 5 years with different phases. A diagram was in our bulletin last week showing us what it will be like. **Beautiful!!** We will put a picture of the Memorial Garden on our website. As well, the 5 year period/phases allows us to make the project affordable for the parish, while at the same time, tapping into various grants and other monies that might be available to us. We will continue to keep you updated on this important project. Lawrence Landscaping has been awarded this contract at a cost of \$30,000.00. This cost will be covered by various grants, donations and fundraising efforts.

Feeling somewhat overwhelmed and deflated, I along with the Building and Maintenance Committee discussed at one of our meetings the best way to go about meeting the needs of our buildings and properties. It was suggested that we connect with an engineer to evaluate our buildings and address the most pressing immediate needs. John Adams of Grand Bay-Westfield, a retired engineer, donated his services to evaluate both our churches. He provided us with a detailed report with feedback on their overall condition. I am grateful to report that overall our buildings are in very good condition with no serious issues that need immediate attention. We will try to post John's report to our parish website page. A hard copy is available in the office. Thank you John Adams for this awesome gift!

I should mention that all projects were both approved by Revitalization and Finance Committees respectfully. The painting of the rectory and St. Rose Worship Site were approved two years ago. However, with the explosion of new building projects in our province, it has been very difficult to obtain contractors and bids. Finally, we have our contractors ready to go.

Projects approved for Holy Spirit Parish has been the painting of the rectory exterior in Grand Bay-Westfield. This contract has been awarded to Danny Pye. He will begin by power washing the house, garage and tool shed. The steps and railing will be included as well. A new paint colour will be chosen to help enhance this beautiful building. It has been over 30 years since this home has been painted. In fact, paint was starting to flake and wash off after heavy rains, revealing the original aluminum siding. It has become unsightly and unwelcoming. New exterior lights have been purchased and will finish off this project at a cost of \$19,000.00.

Another project that has been approved and already begun is the replacement of rubber caulking around the interior and exterior windows of St. Matthew's Worship Site. These windows are 40 years old and were in need of fixing. In some of the windows, caulking could be found hanging down or missing making the windows drafty and far from energy efficient. This should help cut down on heat loss and make a difference in our heating bill for this building. Metcalf Glass has been awarded this contract at a cost of \$18,000.00.

To finish up with St. Matthew's Worship Site, our exterior lighting is in need of repair. One light pole is burnt out and has become a safety matter. Upon the recommendation of the Building and Maintenance Committee, all exterior lighting will be replaced with new LED lights and fixtures, both on the poles and around the building. This will offer much more lighting in an area that is isolated while at the same time reflecting cost saving measures for this building. The overall cost for this project is \$3,000.00.

The final project that has garnered support is painting the exterior of St. Rose Worship Site. Again, it has been awhile since any care has been given to this building. It has become unsightly with the fading and flaking of paint. Some of the window sills have rotted and other ornate parts of the building have deteriorated. Zetti Stone (Don Merzetti) has been awarded this contract that will require staging and boom trucks. Rotten bits will be replaced along with other exterior repairs as well. Railings and cement steps will be repaired as well. The total cost for this will be \$72,000.00. Lighting and landscaping will be looked at next year along with the former St. Rose Rectory. Wilson Roofing will place a new 'sloped roof' over the main entrance of the church. This will rectify the leaks that occur with the current flat roof.

The total cost of these necessary repairs is \$109,000.00. This does not include the Memorial Garden. As you know, the longer we wait, the more expensive the repairs will become. We always need to be attentive to our beautiful buildings and their needed repairs, ensuring those who use them of welcoming, safety and the importance that we put into our faith. If you would like to contribute to these expenses, a tax receipt will be issued to you.

I want to thank our Building and Maintenance Committee for their 'sharp eyes' diligence and the love that they have for our parish properties. Let us continue to work together to ensure that we share in the mission and vision of our parish community.

Blessings,
Fr. David

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Apr 30, 2023 – Regular - \$2,820.00 Loose Collection \$265.30 Easter - \$200.00
Food Bank - \$140.00 eTransfer - \$80.00 Snow/Elec - \$550.00 Missals - \$50.00 Candles \$224.50

PAD Weekly Average - \$1,794.00 PAD BLDG - \$179.00

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Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Heike Furness and Arthur Raymond (Ray) Bungay

Saint John High School Choir

Under the direction of Trish Gallagher, the Students from SJHS will come and perform for us at St. Rose Worship Site, Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:30pm. A free will offering will be taken.

LAST CHANCE!

The Women's Society will be selling raffle tickets on the quilts at both worship sites for all 3 masses on May 13 & 14. All proceeds are going to the St. Augustine Memorial Garden. Draw will be June 2.

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

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| May 09, 2023 | Tue | St. Matthews Worship Site | 7pm | DFM of the Muise family |
| May 11, 2023 | Thur | St. Rose Worship Site | 12:10pm | Gunter Hoellwarth |
| May 13, 2023 | Sat | St. Rose Worship Site | 4pm | Dorothy & Wilbur Doyle & DFM Annie Palmer Mary MacKinnon |
| May 14, 2023 | Sun | St. Rose Worship Site | 9am | Anita Barnes |
| May 14, 2023 | Sun | St. Matthews Worship Site | 11am | Blanche McGowan |

Daily Prayer This Week

We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others.

It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations. Often a song or piece of music just replays over and over.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to simply say simple ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you let me trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today."

"I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - even though right now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there."

"Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow."

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

Religious Education – On May 14th at 10am prior to Mass at St. Matthews Worship Site Fr. David will show to **all the religious education classes** how to setup for Mass, Vestments, explaining the Altar, the Pulpit, Stations of the Cross etc.

There will also be a practice for the 1st Communion Candidates.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets Wednesdays at the Rectory from 10am to 12pm. We provide all the materials as well as lots of fun. **New people are always welcome!** Prayer shawls, hats, and mittens can also be made from the comfort of your own home. **Please contact Jill if interested: 639-0007**

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
SMWS - Office Number - 738-2320
SRWS - Office Number - 653-6850
Monday: both offices closed

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

“THOSE WHO LOVE MORE CAN DO MORE” (St. Gregory the Great)

5th Sunday of Easter - May 07, 2023

SUNDAY EXPOSITION/ADORATION: May 7, 14 & 21, 2023

at St. Rose Worship Site 1 – 2 PM

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION HAS RESUMED AT ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE
BEGINNING AT 3:15PM PRIOR TO THE 4PM SAT MASS**

**During the month of May the Bulletin/Wine/Host at St. Matthews Worship Site is in memory of
Rose Anna Pitre**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Holy Spirit Parish – Please contact Linda Spinney at 636-0677 or email her at
holyspiriteducationsj@gmail.com

Gentle Path – Counselling Services – Pathways to Hope

Gentle Path Counselling Services provides counselling at the 199 Chesley Drive, Saint John Office and is now scheduling appointments at Horizon's Market Place Wellness Centre in the Lower West Side

We offer counselling for:

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| Anxiety | Addictions | Grief & Loss | Domestic Violence |
| Couples Counselling | Sexual Assault Trauma | Self Esteem & Body Image | Sexual Identity & Orientation |
| PTSD | Parenting | Depression | First Nations |
| Kids & Teens | Blended Families | Anger Management | Work Related Issues |

(Subsidies are available)

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