

June 7, 2011

St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church

Facilities Update

Past 2 months:

Interior Work -

- Knights of Columbus completed the painting in the Gathering Space, Hallways, Sacristy
- Men's Group donate installation of an exhaust fan in the beverage room - complete.
- Signage is complete! Thanks to the Communications Committee for overseeing this wonderful project. Re-named Social Hall ***St. Joseph Hall*** in the process.
- Received a number of ficus trees as donations

Exterior Work -

- Spring Clean-up of the cemetery complete. Working on better communications with families who own graves or are putting flowers, items on the graves so that they will be cleaned up two weeks before Thanksgiving and two weeks before Easter for future clean-up projects.
- Community Garden is planted and growing! Community Gardeners and other occasional volunteers have cleaned up shrubbery, perennials and planted annuals around the grounds and cemetery flagpole and statue of St Joseph.

Upcoming Projects:

- Still interested in getting bids for carpet or carpet squares for the current Social Hall (St Joseph's Hall) to continue on the updates for that space. It was painted last late summer/early fall.
- Updating the Youth Room – ties into our survey results that parishioners desire strong program for the youth (grades 6-10).
- Cancelled the contract with Linn Building Maintenance effective June 30, 2011. Results in saving parish \$6K annually. We will add a part time maintenance person – direct hire at substantial savings.
- 500 free trees received from City of Lino Lakes via DNR (these are small seedlings). These were planted along the property where we took trees out last summer. Still looking for larger 12'-15' ball-root trees to be donated for the front of our property along boulevard West of the driveway.

- Plan to purchase new outdoor receptacles for garbage and cigarette disposal.
- Awaiting a bid for a crack in the glass in the Copula in church - not an immediate danger, but may cloud up.

Misc:

- Parish received gift of a wonderful aluminum stage. Consists of eight 4' x 8' sections that can be arranged in a variety of ways and adjusted to different heights. Came with steps and storage cart. We hope to rent sections out at weddings and use income to purchase skirting for the stage. Used it for the first time at the ***Spring Fling of Thanks Volunteer Appreciation Event*** on May 11, 2011 and it is wonderful.
- Over 200 volunteers attended above mentioned event – wonderful success – had the grill going and wonderful time saying thank-you.
- All Renters have signed new two-year leases. This includes ABC Preschool and ARCHES. ABC will be putting in carpet squares (no cost to us). ARCHES will also be assisting with maintenance of their classroom space.

Amy Moore

Parish Administrator