

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

Building Our Legacy

As you know, the "Building Our Legacy" fundraising efforts kicked off December 1, 2019. The fundraising team has been very active identifying opportunities that allows everyone to take part in building our Church Campus.

To date the following efforts are underway:

Targeted Giving –

Religious Education Building (REB) Needs
Parish Hall Needs
Rectory Needs

Construction Bits & Pieces Needed –

Paint, Sheetrock, Drywall, Nails, Doors

Prints for Peace – Beautiful photos by John Morris. If you are interested, please contact John Morris at (361)249-0783 or naples2tx@gmail.com
Flyers are in the foyer of the church with information and donor sheets.

Memory Bricks – An area in front of the Church Office/REB will have a garden, and the bricks will surround that area. Brochures are available in the foyer of the church.

Latest Financial Update As of May 31, 2020

Summary Sheet	Total Pledged	Total Received
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Religious Ed Building	\$54,800.00	\$23,900.00
Rectory	\$6,900.00	\$4,250.00
Parish hall	\$9,700.00	\$6,700.00
Engraved Memory Bricks	\$2,420.00	\$2,420.00
Prints for Peace	\$165.00	\$165.00
Granite Crosses	\$480.00	\$480.00
Bits & Pieces & Misc Gifts	\$12,390.00	\$12,390.00
	\$86,855.00	\$50,305.00
Pledged Goal	% of Goal Pledged	
\$400,000.00	22%	

Mass Intentions

Sat.	25th	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	26th	9:00 am	For Allison Makus (birthday blessings) By Bob & Liz Conces For George Snell (healing) By Carmen Cardenas
	26th	11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	27th	8:30 am	For Juliette Makus (birthday blessings) By Bob & Liz Conces
Tues.	28th	NO MASS	
Wed.	29th	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	30th	8:30 am	For † Msgr. "Rory" Deane By Parishioner
Fri.	31st	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	1st	5:00 pm	For Elizabeth Rose Everett (birthday blessings) By Bob & Liz Conces
Sun.	2nd	9:00 am	† Bruce Kennedy By Bob & Liz Conces
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Sunday Collection Report

Loose Collection	\$ 945.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 770.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	\$ 265.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>620.00</u>
Total	\$2800.00

Please Pray For the Sick:

George Snell, Jessica Lee McNair, Norman Granberry, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, and all who are in need of prayer. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361) 749-5825.

Pope Francis says:

When love for parents and children is inspired and purified by love for the Lord, it then becomes wholly fruitful and produces good fruits within the family itself and well beyond it.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus in Port Aransas are fundraising via a raffle to support two objectives. Seventy percent (70%) of the funds raised are to help St. Joseph Catholic Church rebuild its campus. Having experienced the ravages of hurricane Harvey, we, as a community want to build a campus that will serve the needs of everyone who lives in and visits Port Aransas. Currently, our parish hall is in disrepair from the storm. Additionally, the parishioners have a goal to build a multipurpose building for classrooms and parish offices. The remaining thirty percent (30%) of the funds raised will support the various aforementioned charities in the Coastal Bend.

You can support our parish in these endeavors by participating in our raffle. The prizes will include:

1st Prize: Fall In Port Aransas for 4

Jay's Seafood Spaghetti Works for 4

Woody's Island Queen fishing for 4

Hotel 3days/2nights

2nd Prize: Fishing

8 Hour Fishing Trip for 2 Provided by Deep Sea Headquarters

San Juan Taqueria \$50 Certificate

3rd Prize: Channeling in Port Aransas for 4

Dolphin Watch @ Woody's Sport Center

Port Aransas Pizzeria \$50 certificate

Fire It Ceramics Gift Certificate \$25

4th Prize

Port Aransas Museum Tour for 4 by Director, Cliff Strain

Phoenix Restaurant Certificate \$25

5th Prize

USS Lexington Museum & Whataburger \$50 Gift Certificate

\$5 per Ticket or 5 for \$20

Need not be present to win.

Drawing September 6, 2020 after 11:00 am Mass.

HAVE A LAUGH . . . The Busy Doctor

A young doctor had just opened his office and felt really excited. His secretary told him a man was here to see him. The young doctor told her to send him in.

Pretending to be a busy doctor, he picked up the phone just as the man came in. "Yes, that's right. The fee is \$200. Yes, I'll expect you ten past two. Alright. No later. I'm a very busy man."

He hung up and turned to the man waiting. "May I help you?"

"No," said the man, "I just came in to install the phone."

Pastor's Note . . . Focusing on the most precious gift...

Jesus continues to talk about the Kingdom of Heaven using parables. He stresses the importance of focusing on the importance of this in our lives. The first reading gives us an inkling into the preciousness of God's values, in comparison to other costly things in the world. Solomon prays for the wisdom to judge between right and wrong, and the ability to lead with this wisdom. He valued the ways of God much more than any material wealth, and God commends and blesses him for that. The responsorial Psalm stresses the importance of the commands of God. One who loves the commands of God will always win the favor of God. And then, Jesus gives the parable of the one who finds a treasure and then goes and sells all he has and buys the land where the treasure is hidden. This shows the commitment of the person to the treasure and the primacy of place he gives to this treasure. We are called to consider the values of the Kingdom of Heaven as a precious gift and to focus on that in our lives. It is in carrying out the will of the Father that we truly become agents of the Kingdom. To be committed to the values of the Kingdom might involve making many sacrifices. What we have to focus on, as we follow Jesus, is the extent to which we are willing to go, to further the values of the Kingdom. Are we willing to make the values of Truth, Justice, Love, Fellowship and Peace, the most important thing in our lives?

WEAR A MASK. SAVE LIVES.

Wear a face cover

Wash your hands

Keep a safe distance

Let us do all we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19

To register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:
<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1896>