

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Fr. Bradley's Missing Picture You may have noticed that in the hall of pastors one of the pictures has been removed and it is the one of Fr. Bradley. This was first discovered on Labor Day, Monday, September 2 when Fr. Gary opened the church in the morning. We are not for sure when the picture disappeared. The picture was not removed by me or by anyone with my permission. Because of this I have to believe that someone took the picture for an unknown reason. I am asking that whoever took the picture please return it to where it belongs or give it back to me. I would be happy to talk to whoever removed the picture to discuss any issue that may be behind the removing of the picture. Many people have noticed the picture missing and are saddened by its disappearance. Please return the picture if you have it. If you have any information about the picture please contact me.

Lightning Strike Update We are continuing to recover from the Lightning Strike. The Air Conditioner has been repaired for a cost of over \$15,000. The automatic bell ringing unit was destroyed so a new unit is being built to meet our needs and work with our bells. The new unit is expected to cost around \$5,000 and then we will have to pay to have it installed. The other major damage was to the organ. Organ repair personnel are not in great abundance so we have had to wait a few weeks before one to be able to come. He repaired the damage that was done the last time we had a major lightning strike which was in the last 8 years. Due to the damage done by this lightning strike and his experience with the previous lightning strike he recommended that we replace all the "cards" in the organ. I am not for sure what exactly these "cards" are but his first estimate was \$15,000. After he got back to his office and began to price the needed "cards" he came up with an estimate closer to \$30,000. We contacted our insurance company at that point. They said that they would have their organ guy talk to our organ guy and see if they could agree on what is needed. Once we receive that report we will then move on with repairs. Planning for the future and understanding that with our steeple topped by an iron cross rising so high in the sky we will probably get hit again. After the last strike we installed industrial strength surge protectors throughout the campus. This time we are contacting Lightning Protection Companies to come evaluate what we need and get bids for the Church protection. Right now to the best of our observation we do not have a lightning rod but rather only the wire that extends from where the rod should run. The lightning rod had been heavily spliced near the ground and it did not have the brass grounding rod that it was supposed to have. Gary Caton is working on repairing the spliced area better and has already installed a brass rod for grounding. We have no idea what they will recommend or what the cost will be. The closest Lightning Protection Company we have found is one in Bardstown, KY, two in Nashville, TN and one near Indianapolis, IN. I will keep you updated as we receive more information.

Youth Minister A few weeks ago Peyton Hutson our youth minister came into my office. She gave me the sad news that she and her husband Rob have had to make a hard decision. She would not be able to continue working as our youth minister once their second child arrives. They are expecting in November, and she plans to continue working until then. Rob's job has expanded and is taking a great deal more time and with two children at home she will not have the same ability to give time to overnights, retreats and mission trips. Peyton has done a wonderful job as youth minister. She has been very present to the students at their schools and in the parish. She has reached out and was very successful in ministering to our youth. We will greatly miss her at Holy Name and at the same time wish her all the best. We will start advertising and interviewing for a new Youth Minister as soon as possible, hoping to have someone in place by the time Peyton has to leave.

Fr. Larry McBride