

Dear Friends in Christ,

I wanted to give you a few updates on the goings-on here in the parish. We have received a number of large donations that, coupled with other savings, have helped fund projects here in the parish.

Tim, Carter, and Billy are hard at work painting the gables of the school building. The old, worn brown color is being updated to a nice blue that matches the siding around the windows that were installed a couple of years ago. It looks wonderful and was funded by our building improvement savings.

I mentioned a few weeks ago that the statues and altar at St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery were refurbished. This was funded fully by drawing on our St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery savings account.

In the next few weeks, you will notice activity going on at St. Leo the Great Cemetery. This is work in preparation for the paving of the entire driveway with asphalt. This work should be completed at the end of August and was generously funded by Jerry Morey.

We also received a large donation from the estate of Lawrence Feltman and sizable memorial donations in honor of Jim and Katie Kanine. These donations have already funded an expansion to the SVDP Memorial Plaque at the church entrance. We have also purchased new hymnals, Gather 4, which is an update to our current Gather 2 Comprehensive, and includes familiar hymns along with some new music as well. They also include the 3-year lectionary of readings. We will begin using the new hymnals following our 50th anniversary celebration.

In mid-August, we will ship out our liturgical vessels, and they will be cleaned and regilded with a new, fresh coating of 24-karat gold. They will be returned to us in time for our 50th Anniversary of Dedication Mass with Bishop Gruss on September 27th.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Blessings, Deacon Todd