

Dear Parishioners,

It is a great pleasure in the middle of these relaxed summer months to sit back and listen to stories. The crowds in the Gospel were able to do just that, for Jesus taught them by telling parables. Parables made his lessons about the kingdom of heaven memorable, in ways in which straightforward narration would fail. Now it is our turn to listen. Let us savor them. Ruminating on their rich images and considering their meaning in our lives.

Maintaining the parish compound is an ongoing responsibility, and as I have done in the past, I would like to update you on some of the repairs that we have made around the church and facilities.

- Lighting – we had two new lights installed in the chapel, new light fixtures at the church entrance, and a security light added behind the convent. Cost = \$2,500.00
- Plumbing – we still deal with some seepage issues when there is a sustained rainfall. To keep up, all the sewers need to be maintained. Last month we had the catch basins cleaned, cleaned the basins in the school, the sump pump in the convent, and power rodded the main sewer line. Cost = \$4,010.00
- Kitchen – in order to bring our newly remodeled kitchen up to code we had to buy a 3-compartment sink. This had to be custom made at a cost of \$5,380.00. With the added third compartment, additional plumbing had to be added – see below.
- Plumbing – Two sump pumps had to be replaced in the school maintenance room; a new plumbing line had to be added for the new sink. Cost = \$9867.20.
- Plumbing – The hot water line in the school cafeteria was leaking. In order to get to the leaking water line, the wall had to be opened. Cost = \$4,065.03
- Window Replacement – For security reasons, four windows were replaced in the Convent Dining Room. Cost = \$1,450.00

Thankfully, with the support of our parish, we are able to keep our church beautiful.

Let us keep in our prayers all farmers and gardeners asking God for an abundant harvest of their work.

God bless you

Fr. Stan