

Nov. 1-2, 2014

Thoughts from the pastor,

Last weekend I made the first stain-glass window proposal. Obviously I did not hear from everyone. The ones I did hear from were very excited about the idea. I actually have offers from a half a dozen people who would each like to sponsor a window. That would cover the cost of half of the large windows and several smaller windows and there are several other people who are looking at the idea of doing this as a memorial for a loved one also. There are still a lot of details to work out. But the biggest thing that I have learned is that if we do this as a parish we could have a bunch of great windows added to our church and it wouldn't add to the parish budget. That is great news. I will do my best to get more information concerning the project and keep you informed.

This weekend I will have the computer presentation on the project running in the social hall after all the Masses. That way more of you can see what it is all about and have a donut at the same time. The Daughters of Seton are sponsoring the refreshments for Priest's Appreciation Weekend and the beginning of Vocation's Awareness Week. If you haven't seen the presentation yet and can't stop after Mass you can still see it on the web-site: www.stelizabethann.org.

At the end of Vocation's Awareness Week I will head up to Minnesota to visit some of our seminarians at St. John Vianney Seminary, at the University of St. Thomas, in St. Paul, MN. That is where I went to college seminary. I hope that I won't be dealing with snow for the trip. I will leave Sunday, 11/9, after setting things up for the Vocation's Monstrance that will come to the parish that day. I will be back on Wednesday, 11/12. The new vocation poster is out with the pictures of our seminarians from the Archdiocese. It is nice to see the mug-shots of the five guys from our parish. I will be able to see Connor Kershinske who is a sophomore in college at St. Thomas.

The Vocation's Monstrance was specially blessed by Pope John Paul II, now Saint Pope John Paul. During this whole week it will be in different parishes around the Archdiocese. It started at the Cathedral this Saturday, 11/1, and will end its tour promoting prayer for vocations to serve God at SEAS. We will have Exposition at 3:00pm next Sunday, 11/9. There will be Adoration in the Chapel until the 5:30pm Mass and then following it until Benediction at 7:30pm. That day happens to be the Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome. That is the official Church of the Pope. Only he has Mass at the main altar there. It is part of a complex that was given to the Church by Constantine when he was Emperor of Rome. It is a great day to be praying for vocations to follow in the footsteps of Peter and the Apostles in spreading the Gospel.

This weekend I will also have books out from the Family Room, our spiritual library, and some that have been donated by different people in the area. There are some great books available for your spiritual reading and religious education. I will have these set up in the social hall so you can have a look at them while you have a donut and celebrate priesthood with Fr. John and me. After you are done reading them, they can be returned to the Family Room for the next person to read. If you have books that you are done with and would like to offer in this way, just bring them to the office and we will get them ready for their rotation amongst readers.

God bless you all,
Fr. Frank