

Scott's Corner

The past two weeks have been somewhat of a “whirlwind” here at St. John the Evangelist. The Knights of Columbus hosted two magnificent dinner dances on October 15 & 16 recognizing Fr. Glackin's 20 years at St. John. On October 24th, Fr. Glackin's farewell Mass was celebrated with a reception following. I would like to take this opportunity to thank several individuals for their work in hosting these events.

Dennis Powers spent most of the past 2 months coordinating not one but two dinner dances in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus to pay tribute to Fr. Glackin. Camille and Al St. Pierre created the magnificent video detailing Fr. Glackin's life from birth to his retirement here at St. John. For those that saw the video, it was worthy of an “Emmy” nomination. Paul Todd, Paul Todd, Jr. and Billy Dean and Dawn provided the entertainment for these events. And the Knights of Columbus provided all of the ancillary labor involved to run these events without a hitch.

Dr. Meneve Dunham was responsible for creating the brilliant liturgy and organizing the farewell Mass on October 24th. This celebration for Father Glackin was a huge success with many interesting and humorous comments. We had 19 clergy and 3 servers on the altar. The church had 725 in attendance while the reception was attended by more than 1000 people. Cappelli's Catering provided the food for this event at absolutely no cost. This is correct! In appreciation for Fr. Glackin's 20 years of leadership, Cappelli's Catering fed 1000 guests at no charge. The Men's Club provided all of the labor for the reception and did an outstanding job of ensuring that no one waited more than a minute for a drink. I would also like to recognize Bill Wright and Dave Quist for their tireless work and assistance in coordinating this event. For those that attended the farewell Mass, I am sure you will agree that this was an emotional rollercoaster but a fitting tribute to a man that gave us his all. To those that I have inadvertently omitted, please accept my sincere apologies. By the way, I have a transcript of the homily/tribute given by Monsignor Coll at the farewell Mass. If you would like a copy, please call 566-1678 or email me at Scotts@saintjohntheevangelist.com.

On October 17th, the Family Life Ministry hosted the annual Fall Festival. Several hundred children and their parents attended to take part in family fun and games. I would like to thank the Men's Club and their wives for coordinating the food concessions including grilling and serving the food and beverages. The St. John choir donated the funds for the dunk tank and many members volunteered their services for the entire evening. A special thank you is in order for Angela Delgado (game chair), Jennifer Bublitz (decorating chair) and John Dina (banker). Carol Roberts (Director of Youth Ministry) coordinated volunteers from the Edge and Lifeteen programs while her husband (Jack) provided the hayride. We are incredibly blessed to have such an active Family Ministry here. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the success of this evening.

Your continued support in increasing regular offertory giving is greatly appreciated. This past weekend we again recognized an increase over the same weekend last year (8.36 %.) The regular offertory collection was over \$29,000.00. As Bill Wright and I stated back in late September, our weekly operating budget is just shy of \$35,000.00. Increased contributions to the CFA this past week are evidence that our seasonal parishioners are returning to paradise. We are currently \$83,000 shy of reaching our goal for 2008. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping us attain our goal. Remember, we have just over two months remaining in order to reach our goal for the first time since 1999.

I would like to apologize to those parishioners that might have received a bulletin last week that included a totally unauthorized personal intervention by a misguided parishioner. Our bulletin is a universal document in which teaching, doctrine and church announcements are communicated to the Parish on a weekly basis. Unauthorized individual personal comments are not to be independently added or included in this forum. Authorization for personal comments must come from the Pastor.

Save the date: You will not want to miss the Veteran's Day Mass at St. John the Evangelist on Monday, November 10th at 9:00 a.m. hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Special recognition will be paid to

members of “The Greatest Generation” whose ranks are thinning at the rate of 1,500 per day. Please join us in honoring those who have given and continue to give so much to preserve our freedom. Complimentary coffee and refreshments will be served in the ballroom of the PLC following Mass.

Thank you so much for supporting St. John the Evangelist.

In His work together,

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