



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass

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Volunteers are needed.

Practice is held on
Wednesday.

Fr. Robideau - What will he say next? I can't wait!

Lots of Good News

I have received the letter from our bishop, Bishop Earl Boyea, that officially gives us permission to have the Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) here at St. Gregory the Great. He also sent me a letter granting me permission to say the Mass. So we are all set according to the *Moto Proprio*. Please pray for the bishop as he has been very friendly toward us unlike a lot of other bishops. Also, please pray in advance for any bishop that follows him that he will be as friendly if not friendlier.

The center pedestal for the altar is almost complete. This is where the statue of St. Gregory the Great will end up on the altar. Also, I think I know where we are now with the statue of St. Catherine of Siena. I still need to run it by the Pastoral Council and Financial Council.

ALTAR/COMMUNION RAIL NEWS - we have begun the construction of the altar/communion rail. It is far from being finished, but at least we have a start on it. As things progress, you will see it gradually be set in place. So it will go through several stages before it will be pretty. The good news is that it WILL be pretty and well worth the wait in getting it.

The new gas lines are now all installed and running. They also replaced all the piping into the building. Thank you to consumers for that. Though, I know we paid for it. Gas is expensive.

Fall is upon us which means that we will have another opportunity to come together as a community to rake leaves and do a few other little projects to get us ready for winter. More to come on all that.

Church Cleaning. The Woman's group started out meeting to clean the church. This was not my intent for it, though I like having a clean church and thank them for all their hard work. I do touch up every week, but once a month, they come in and do the heavy cleaning. They would love some help in the cleaning. They meet every first Saturday after the 9 am Mass. There is often food involved.

Woman's Group is now changing into more of what I had envisioned for them. They are meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month after the 6:30 pm Mass. They are now meeting to socialize with each other, many doing so over a few rounds of Euchre. I

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This Weeks Schedule

- Sun: 19 Sunday after Pentecost
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon
Mass 8 am +Louis DeMarco
10 am Parish
- Mon: St. Francis of Assisi
Open 11 am - 1 pm
Mass 12:10 pm - +Khris Robertson
- Tue: Feria
Open 5 pm - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm - Geraldine DeMarco
- Wed: St. Bruno
Open 7:30 am - 11 am
Mass 8 am - Kathy Miles
- Thur: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Open 5 pm - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm - Madonna House
- Fri: St. Bridget
Open 7:30 am - 11 am
Mass 8 am - Lori Klein
- Sat: St. John Leonard
Open 8:30 am - 11 am
Mass 9 am - Poor Souls
- Sun: 20 Sunday after Pentecost
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon
Mass 8 am Lori Klein
10 am Parish

Confessions

Confessions are available Monday - Saturday during open hours outside of Mass times.

You may also call to make an appointment outside of these times.

Weddings

Please call me as soon as you can after the engagement so we can get things started.

Do not schedule a date or rent a hall until church matters are cleared first (That will take 1-2 months)

The marriage prep process can take 9 or more months of prep.

Please pray for:



**Oh Lord,
hear our
prayers for
our family
and friends
in need.**

Tim Copernoll
Amy Sobie
Rachelle Koenigsknecht
Ed Reichstetter
Melissa Dorbeck
JoAnn Brock
Chuck Campanella
Hal Schneider
Timothy McLin
Dean Lind
Rhoda Greenhoe
David Makara
Sharon Etzel
Bob Wilson

Money Counters

This Week

Greg Snitgen
Jim Miller

Next Week

Ben Schnieder
Linda Cremer

Last Sunday's Collection

# Of Contributions	23 + Cash
Sunday Total	\$ 2964
Capital Campaign	\$ 1670

Thank you for your generosity

Meetings

Pastoral Council	– Nov 9
Security Council	–
Men's Group	– Oct 21
Woman's Group	– Oct 14
Church Cleaning	– Nov 6
Schola	– Every Wednesday @ 6pm

remember Euchre from my college days. I had a lot of fun. But to play now, I would have to self identify as a woman - NOT going to happen.

FINANCES - Everything is looking really good here. The Pastoral Council reviewed the report from last fiscal year (ending June 30) and all looked good. I really do appreciate your generosity. Especially over the last 18 months with times being yucky. You all pitched in and kept us going strong. We grew in parishioners, our number of worship services and in finances. While I say we have grown in parishioners, I mean that in two ways. One - we have many new families and a real YEA to that. You have all been a wonderful fit in our little community. While I say we are a little community, I really mean we have a little parking lot. We are working on that too. The second way we are growing is that we have had a lot of babies (baptisms) this past year. They are wonderful little gifts from God. Perhaps you hear their voices during Mass? It may sound like chaos, but they are all part of God's plan.

Back to finances, here is a small report for you:

Income	- \$ 274,425.36
Expenses	- \$ 115,437.46
Net	- \$ 158,987.90

That sounds like a large net for the year, and it is. Keep in mind that we received \$37,000 subsidy from the Bishop and our construction costs were low as not much happened there. We also had some large donations for the construction projects. As you saw earlier in this letter, that construction is back in motion, so a lot of those funds will be spent this year. This is good news for us as our goal has been to do all our construction with no debt. Good news - we are well on the way to making that a reality.

To give you an idea of the construction costs for this current year you have:

- Altar rail over \$5000
- Elevator est \$20,000
- Parking lot est \$20,000
- Statues est \$8,5000

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All Saints Day Mass and Party

Come celebrate the Mass of the Ages for All Saints

Join us after Mass for a pot luck
and holy card exchange

Saint costumes are encouraged

Saint Gregory the Great @6:30PM

Monday, November 1

If interested, please contact Chrissy at
mrs@pfhawkins.com

You do not need to participate in the holy
card exchange, but if you intend to...

**Please RSVP by Oct 15 if you want to
participate in the holy card exchange
part of the evening. Chrissy will contact
you with the number of participants for
the exchange.**

Schola

God gave you a voice - SHARE IT!

Please consider joining the Schola. They meet
on Wednesday nights at 6 pm.

As a goal, we have a Missa Cantata on the 1st
and 3rd Sundays of the month.

- Priest sacristy est \$10,000
- Servers sacristy \$ 3,000
- Other construction ???

So quite a bit is happening.

With all this in mind, we are well under way to a bright future. I am happy to say that as long as we keep doing what we have been doing the last year, we will be a strong and vibrant community. So many priests have the problem of having to beg for more funds and have to ask you to give beyond your comfort. I am saying thank you and keep up the good work. Remember that God will not be outdone in generosity. One thing may through a wrench in the works in the future and that is if we need to hire someone to help me because we are growing and doing so much that one man can not do it all. Keep in mind that I am not just your priest, but also your secretary, accountant, business manager, maintenance man, janitor and ground keeper. And boy am I busy. I am having fun and it is keeping me out of trouble.

Is that enough good news for today? I don't think so, so here is some more:

I am impressed by you. Of all the parishes I have been at, you are by far the holiest and most courageous of them all. Now, do not let that go to your head. I don't want to have to open both doors to get your swelled head through. Besides, I am rooted in reality. I know you are not perfect and that I still have a lot of work to do to get you "sorry excuses for a catholic" to heaven. Good thing I like a challenge. Don't take any of that the wrong way. Even if you were perfect, I would never tell you for fear that you might slack and fall back in your spiritual journey.

I remain here for you and I am up for the

challenge. Are you? I am going to work you like a drill Sargent on steroids AND amphetamine during war time with space aliens. So look alert, I am talking to YOU.

And one last piece of good news for today... God loves you.

He has given us so much in our lives. Especially our faith in Him that has gotten us through so much together. And this parish that has been there to be a source of grace and spiritual enrichment to guide us in the faith.

That holiness and courage I spoke of about you comes from Him. Be sure to thank Him by loving Him and your Family today, our day of rest.

With Much Love - Fr. Robideau



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