

**Pastoral Council Meeting
September 14, 2017**

Finance Council Update

- Increased Offertory Program officially begins Oct. 7-8 weekend
- Joint effort of Stewardship Committee and Finance Council
- In need of advocates for IOP -Can Pastoral Council identify any parishioners who will be good advocates/representatives for this program? Need speakers Oct. 14,15
 - Need many volunteers that represent our diverse parish makeup
 - Volunteers from each mass
- Last IOP was 2014
- Has been a decrease in offertory since 2014 - three to eight percent each year
 - Cuts to expenses; dips into savings
- Lowered our budget in FY 2018 by \$40,000
- Need to clarify that the Diocese doesn't pay for Cathedral
- Should we return someone's pledge in the hopes of increasing follow-thru on commitment?
- Need a visual on specifics of where the money is going
- Do another push for online giving, maybe sometimes this spring
- Emphasize giving in gratitude to God
- Volunteers to speak from the pulpit
 - Jim Dill

Welcoming Ministry Ideas

- Takes six point of contact to make a newcomer stick
- Strengths and Weaknesses at Cathedral (in terms of welcoming)

Strengths	Weaknesses
Ushers welcoming	5:15 Saturday - no choir
Great music	PARKING (knowing where to park/helping elderly parishioners move between deck and church)
Beautiful church	Do people know when we are open?
Traditional	Distance
Young	Transience
Downtown	Size - new people can feel lost
Diverse	Diocesan requirements

Great pastor/homilies	Higher Profile
Community Sunday	Competing churches
Lots of groups	No built-in school
Education program/VBS	Aging structures
Ordained and lay leadership	People don't mingle after mass
CARITAS	
Eucharistic ministers	
Mother Church	
Various parishioners engaged in various aspects of parish life	
Friendly parishioners	
All parish read	
Adult Speaker Series	
Well connected	
Welcoming to those who need assistance	
Active CCM	

Suggestions during conversations:

- Advertise that church is open 8-4 for anyone to come in and say a prayer
- Once a month art on the plaza

Other -

- Books on table tonight about how to welcome new members
- Any complaints about Parish Soft can be directed to Kim Kremer

Ministry Updates

- Just Mercy Discussion Monday Sept. 18
- First RCIA session Sept. 19 - please pray for them
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Begins this Sunday
- Guest speaker Sept. 24 after 11AM mass - Spirituality and Disabilities