

State of the Parish Presentation

St. Wenceslaus

Iowa City

May 19, 2016



Welcome

- Introduction/Purpose
- Overview
 - Staff, parish council, and finance council
 - Ministries/Activities
 - Maintenance
 - Projects
 - Statistics
 - Regina news
 - Moving forward
 - Finances
 - Questions and answers

Staff

- Father Beckman-pastor
- Pat King-parish secretary
- Beth and Jason Warren-church/hall cleaning
- Chris Kabat-bookkeeper
- Gretchen Brown-music coordinator
- Kent Kline-maintenance
- Kelsey Steffen-choir director
- **Ben Kratz

Councils

- Finance Council

- Gary Busche (trustee), Gretchen Brown (trustee), Sam Abusada (parish council president), Father Beckman

- Parish Council

- Teresa Morgan, Margaret Post, Nathan Hellwig, Jeff Banas, Becky Kaefring, Sam Abusada, Gretchen Brown (trustee), Gary Busche (trustee)

Councils cont

- Regina School Board Representatives
 - Kathy Shey, Jason Dumont, Teri Brennan
- Changes in July 2016:
 - Sam Abusada-trustee; Teresa Morgan-PC president; Debbie Kratz replaces Margaret; Ben Kratz replaces Sam
 - New appointee will replace Teri

Parish Council

- Commission heads:
 - Church Life-Margaret Post
 - Homebound and nursing home ministry
 - Faith Formation-Becky Kaefring
 - Guest speakers, programs
 - Liturgy-Teresa Morgan
 - Decorating, music, minister scheduling
 - Family Life-Jeff Banas
 - Social Action-Nathan Hellwig
 - Community involvement

Parish Council cont

- Procedures
 - Meets every other month on 3rd Thursday at 7pm.
 - All are welcome. “Outside” input at onset of meeting, then observe
 - Meeting minutes posted on south entrance bulletin board and on web-site
- Replacement names drawn out of hat
 - 3 yr term.
 - Each year male and female replaced

Finance Council

- Meets at least quarterly
- Current financial report reviewed
- Annual budget review and new budget set in July
- Submit corporate resolutions for anything over \$5,000
- Diocesan building commission for sanctuary or structure alterations
- Trustees attend yearly diocesan corporate board meeting

Ministries

- Altar and Rosary
 - Fall dinner; early spring bake sale; spring plant sale; care of church hall; Script sales; Diapers for Nicaragua
- Knights of Columbus
 - KCans4Life; Culture of Life dinner; Fortnight for Freedom picnics
- Pro-life committee
 - Spiritual adoption program; St. Valentine party; monthly rosary; sponsored several teens on March for Life; Jason Evert events in diocese
- Catholic Daughters of America
 - Life-Savers; Dresses for Africa
- New web-site
- Facebook continues

Ministries cont.

- Fantastic guests
 - Tim Staples
 - Dr. Ray Guarendi
 - Hard as Nails Ministry
 - Mark Forest
 - Journeys in Faith Speaker's Forum- now hosted by St. Wenceslaus
 - Going Natural Fertility Conf.
- Free Lunch
- Pantry Sunday



Ministries cont.

- Youth
 - Lending library
 - Support of Homeschooled, Regina, and Religious Ed students
 - Youth events for 7th-12th graders
 - Junior sacristans
 - Rosary walk completed
 - March for Life participants
 - Institute for Religious Life conference participants



Ministries cont

- Evenings of Recollection
- Symbolon educational software program
- Parking lot dances
- Orchestra and choir
- Families of Character
- 4th Sunday potluck
- Religious vocation training
 - Chris Kabat
 - John Lamansky
 - Joseph Cain
- Weekly holy hour
- ADA goal exceeded for 3rd year in a row

Maintenance Projects

- Church roof replaced
- Foundation water seepage mitigated
- Rectory furnace replaced
- Rectory attic cleaned, insulated
- Exhaust pipes from kitchen altered
- Tile floor in kitchen cleaned, re-dyed, and sealed
- Church painted and carpeted
- Flagpole replaced

Maintenance and Special Projects (completed or ongoing)

- Updated restrooms
- Rosary walk
- Pew re-upholstery
- Gold leafing around windows and arches
- Choir loft railing
- Stations of the Cross
- Sanctuary floor
- Screened porch on rectory



Projects (ongoing)

- Office moving to rectory
 - House on Fairchild will be rental
 - 5 Rentals, which net ~\$3,000 monthly
- Sanctuary lamp being installed
- WiFi in church basement
- Landscape updates
- Continue sanctuary updates

Financing for projects

- Church roof--~\$150,000
 - Campaign and investments
 - Capital improvement (development) donations placed in “roof fund”
- Foundation, furnace, exhaust
 - Checking account
- Carpeting (\$11,000), repainting (\$17,000)
 - ADA excess from 2013 (\$10,452.26) and 2014 (\$13,170.55)
- Flagpole--~\$8,000
 - Donated and KCs covering flags
- Rosary walk--~\$8,000
 - Altar and Rosary

Financing for Projects

- Pew re-upholstery-\$9,000
 - ADA excess from 2015 (\$15,091.57)
- Gold leafing around windows and arches (~\$15,000)
 - ADA excess from 2015 and capital improvement
- Choir loft railing-\$4,500
 - Checking
- Stations of the Cross-\$??
 - \$18,000 from receiving parish
- Sanctuary floor-\$14,000 and screened porch (\$14,000)
 - Capital improvement

Statistics

- Registered families
 - 644
- Youth Education
 - 68 at Regina; 31 Religious Ed; 180/100 Homeschooled
- Sacraments received
 - 3 RCIA; 6 baptisms; 11-1st Communicants; 16 Confirmands; 10 funerals; 0 weddings

Regina News

- Continued support of our parish school
 - 65% of offertory and envelopes
- Fall 2016
 - All 7-12th graders will be given a Chromebook and will be 1:1 computing.
- Feasibility study
 - Gauge support for capital improvements to school and facilities
- Dual enrollment
 - Regina possibly a pilot program site

Moving Forward

- Streamline communication
 - Increased transparency
 - Processes/finances
- Foster stewardship
- Hire a youth minister
- Continue solid Catholic formation

Finances

- Chris Kabat will give financial update
- Question and answer to follow