

**Notes from Parish Council Meeting
February 21, 2017**

St. John the Baptist School: Scholastic Book Fair was a success with the money going to the school library. The library is staffed and the Book Fair organized solely by volunteers. The service project for Catholic Schools Week raised nearly \$500 for the Pregnancy Center West. Tuition for the 2017-18 school year will be raised by \$150. This increase will support a variety of needs.

Youth Ministry: High School Ministry attendance fluctuates at this time of year. Attendance can be between 8 and 18 at the meetings. In March there are service opportunities such as helping with the Confirmation retreats and the fish fries. Junior High students have a NET retreat night at St. Ann's. First Communion preparation begins in March with a Parent Meeting and Rite of Enrollment. First Communion will take place on April 30. Confirmation retreats are in March. Confirmation will take place on May 4 at the Cathedral. The mission trip for High School students is scheduled for July 16-22 in Buffalo, New York. We will be attending the Steubenville Conference, June 16-18 at Franciscan University.

Young Adult Formation: Passion and Purpose Evening was well received.

Lenten Soup Supper is planned for March 28 at 6:00 PM in Daniel Hall.

Parish Facilities: As our parish ages so does the plant equipment. The seven boilers are original to the building and one of them is down now with two others close to failure. Due to the age of the equipment, repair parts are no longer available. New equipment would be more efficient to operate. We are looking into new chandeliers for the church to help alleviate the problem of "dark pockets" in some areas of the church. The incandescent lights in Daniel Hall would be replaced with more efficient LEDs. The awning at the rear of the rectory needs to be replaced as well as the deck boards which are warping.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 18 at 7:30PM at Corpus Christi.