

Dear Parishioners,

The life of the parish continues, and we can see some signs of life such as people participating in Eucharist in the church, baptisms, First Communions. Even though there is still no obligation to participate in the Eucharist, do not forget to reflect on your readiness to one day return to celebrate the Eucharist in person. In the meantime, the livestreaming service of our liturgies is meant to keep all of us as one parish family to worship the Lord and to be constantly reminded of the centrality of the Eucharist in our life of faith, no matter the circumstances.

1. One new development that happened in the past month is that the parish had to discontinue house rental to the Life Care Center due to city code violation of renting residential building to a business. If we did not discontinue the rent by the end of August, we would have to pay a penalty. To follow the requirements of the building code we would have to hire an architect, build a ramp, create parking spots and get the building up to code. This was not possible given the costs of the improvements. The rent was very minimal and included utilities.

On the positive note, the Life Care Center is considering renting one of the classrooms in the professional building just for their office.

2. The sale of the school building to the new preschool operator is moving ahead. Last week both sides have signed a Purchasing Agreement. There are still certain requirements on both side that need to be fulfilled before we can close the transaction. We hope that we would be able to do this by the end of August.

One of the items is the lease of the cell towers on the school building, which requires a waiver to make a clean transfer to the new owner.

The buyer of the school building is the newly formed non-profit organization Lakeside Early Learning, which is the owner and operator of the new preschool.

I will share more information as we make progress on the sale of the school building.

St. Michael's Early Learning center will close operation on August 31.

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I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all, who were involved in the preschool operation and particularly the teachers and staff, for their dedication and efforts to provide this important service to the families of our neighborhood.

3. As we go forward, we also need to look at the other buildings that the parish owns and decide about their use and future. Both houses will be vacant by September 1.

As a parish we will need to look for classrooms, especially for Faith Formation program. This would be the next step at streamlining the parish operation and ministry and making sure that our finances are stable.

The COVID has a major impact on this year's budget of the parish. Please keep in mind that we will not have parish bazaar and parish dinner is questionable and the overall collection is also down. I am writing this not to spread panic but to state the facts of our current situation.

Thanks to your continuing generosity, we are able to operate the parish and pay our bills.

4. The installation of the camera in the church is a waiting game... 😊 and we have started working on revamping the sound system in the church 😊.

Let us keep each other in prayer and pray to God to protect us from any illness and tragedy. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who struggle in any way during this time that they may find support and be blessed by God's healing touch.

With blessing,

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Andy, omi

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