

PPC Administration Committee

By Jack Siersma

A major parish focus this year has been on volunteers for many of the maintenance and support functions that keep the parish and grounds in shape and operating. Our volunteers have done everything that was asked of them in spite of a fall-off in participation in recent weeks. We hope those that have been unable to participate recently will be able to help again in the future. We are all asked, each October, to explore our options and opportunities for support to the parish and the diocese in the annual Stewardship Appeal. Generally, we tend to think of financial support alone; but time and talent are critically important to the parish as well. Many ongoing volunteer opportunities are available. Your help will be appreciated.

The Tuesday work crew is keeping up with repair and maintenance needs as they are identified. Bob Straub continues to trim all of the shrubs and much of the peripheral trimming as well. Bob DeRuvo, Dick Nojeim, and Charlie Higdon continue to help on the work crew that has recently cleaned and painted the garage carport again prior to starting the fall tasks such as gutter cleaning and general grounds clean-up. Many tasks are similar to bridge painting. When you finish, it's time to start over again.

Bud Noe has taken a leading role in the lawn mowing routine. He has made sure the equipment is functioning and available in addition to a major portion of the actual mowing each time his turn comes up.

Barbara Violette has maintained the church cleaning operation in spite of a short-handed crew in recent weeks. This is a big job and a real opportunity for additional volunteers to make an important contribution.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers mentioned above and the many who have done their share but go unmentioned. The parish could not operate without them.

Building Committee

By Bud Noe

October finds us finally starting to build our expansion of the Parish facilities. On October 7, Bishop Stika approved our program and signed the contract that our builder had submitted.

We started as fast as possible. Burke-Ailey Construction Company had their portable office on site on October 13 and is at work. The project is contracted to be complete in 210 days from the actual start.

Next summer will find our parish family with a new narthex and connector hall of 1500 sq. ft. that gives us an entirely different look as we enter Church, gives us inside access to eleven new multi-purpose rooms (ten of them primarily for Catholic education needs), and nice new modern restrooms. We will also make major repairs in our existing parking lot.

My hope and prayer is that all of you received this news with as much happiness as the committee. The road has been long with many challenges and changes, but we are there. We are sure the efforts and delays will prove to be well worth it, and we will all have something that we are proud to be partners of.

As we go forward, please remember that we will at times be sharing the front drive with the construction folks; so caution, patience, and awareness need to be tucked in our minds for the next several months. We will strive to make inconveniences a minimum, but I am sure there will be some small ones.

God bless each and every one of you for making this program come to life.

Lawn and Grounds Ministry

As the lawn-mowing season "winds down," we would like to thank all of the volunteers who took the time out of their busy schedules to help with the lawn and shrub maintenance. Their contribution to the parish saved the parish about \$4,500, which greatly improved the operating budget.

The mowing schedule was broken down into four teams: Thurs.- Bob DeRuvo, Phil Galic, Dick Nojeim, Dennis Murphy, Santiago Cruz and Bud Lambka. Fri.- Brian Hoffman, Patty DuBois and family, Dennis Murphy, Matthew and Charlie DiBella. Sat.(A) Andy Chaloux, Tom Quint, Mike Maggert, Bud Noe, Tom DuBois, Luis Sanchez, Jose Jardinez Camacho and Lorenzo Munoz. Sat. (B)- Doug Cook, Filemon and Ernesto Cruz, Ivan Vazquez, Lino Jimenez, Giovanni Jimenez, Victor Enciso, Carlos & Josimar Martinez, Eric Pech and Omar Manzo. Bill Boyle also came and helped when needed.

Father John showed up for many of the mowings and often worked by himself.

Special thanks go to Dennis Murphy who frequently brought his own equipment and saved others many hours of mowing!

A special note to: Carol Marcello who has faithfully come to take care of the "Memorial for the Unborn," Therese Cook for taking care of the flowers at the church sign, and Paul Gray for his hard work of many hours taking care of the Sacred Heart of Jesus rose garden.

All of you have been a blessing and you are greatly appreciated.