

October 7, 2018: Successful Launch for Koinonia

Dear Parishioners,

We have had a great start to “Koinonia” on Wednesday nights. We had a full house, serving over 200 meals. It is encouraging to see entire families come out - children, teens and adults - all sharing a meal, attending faith-formation classes and ending the evening with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. I noticed many new parishioners participating. Our staff put a lot of effort into planning “Koinonia” and I thank them, as well as all the many volunteers involved in preparing the meal and teaching the classes. We continue to pray for its success and that the Lord will bring our parish fruit from this endeavor.

I am happy to announce that over the summer our parish was very generous with two outreach efforts. In August our parish gave \$10,619.00 to help the missionary outreach of Maryknoll, and we gave \$11,024.00 to the Cross Catholic Outreach. Thank you for your generosity.

As you know, Eucharistic Adoration has been important to our parish and some time ago there was a 24/7 program that was very active. I would like to create a space that is more conducive to Eucharistic Adoration by creating an Exposition Chapel. This means that the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in a monstrance. Parishes that have built exposition chapels have experienced a greater participation of adorers. St. John Paul II, during his papacy, encouraged Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a source of renewal in the Church and a deeper connection with our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist.

Creating this Exposition/Adoration Chapel would require screening off the present side chapel with etched glass. The Tabernacle would be moved into the center of the church, directly behind the altar. The plan would be to move the icons presently behind the altar into the Adoration chapel and to lower the crucifix with an architectural feature. This will also allow for easier access to the tabernacle during Mass. We would also improve access and security in to the Church to encourage 24/7 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I believe creating this dedicated Adoration Chapel would bring much spiritual fruit to our parish and a greater devotion to our Lord in the Eucharist. It would also promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The resources for this project would only come from dedicated gifts, like the Altar and Ambo projects and the statue of Mary.

In Christ,

Father Vincent