

## **Parish “Town Hall” Meeting**

The past ten years the parish has focused on best financial management by staying on top of maintenance and repair issues by budgeting for short term and emergency repairs. This has allowed the parish to address immediate smaller items and urgently needed larger items, i.e. Rectory roof, rectory heating and cooling, heating and cooling for the church and tuck pointing the stone work on the Church exterior. We have addressed safety items such as concrete and paver repair at the church entrance, reworking the choir loft stairs and adding the railing leading towards the ambo. We also have tried to give a high priority to issues impacting accessibility. To that end we have added the wheelchair lift with the exterior door at ground level and the new accessible restroom. We have also tried to address practical items like adding the two small classrooms in the parish hall as well as many smaller projects inside and out.

In anticipation of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish Father Fritzner and some of the parish leaders suggested that we take a close look at some of the longer term projects that may not appear urgent but left undone could become increasingly difficult to restore in the future. Sort of a 50 year tune up. This list included replacing the windows in the Parish Hall, restoration of the stained glass windows, refinishing the wood floors in the Church, restoring the pews and kneelers and taking advantage of a time when the pews would be removed to repair plaster and repaint the Church interior. Some items probably should be addressed every 20-30 years, i.e. Painting and floor finishing, and some more on a 50-100 year schedule, such as the stained glass windows and the pews.

In preparation of the Parish “Town Hall” meeting we have attempted to determine the best course of action and assign values to these restoration projects. This is intended for review and discussion so we can make an educated decision of which, if any, of these projects we would like to undertake in a parish wide effort and how we would like to proceed. Your input and participate is vital please plan to attend the Town Hall meeting January 30, 2017