

Scott's Corner

Did you happen to drive by the church during the nighttime hours recently? If you did, then you most likely noticed that the cross on top of the church is now illuminated. While repairing the skylight, Spectrum Contracting, Inc. also repaired the two lights that have not been in operation for over ten years. If you get the chance, plan a drive by and take a look. It really adds a beautiful touch to our church. Crews are currently pressure cleaning the roof of the church. We expect this work to be completed by Mass time this weekend.

Work began this past Wednesday to refinish the pews in the church. As you are aware, there is over 16 years of oil and dirt that have accumulated on the pews and this refinishing process will bring the original finish back to the wood. After the pews have been refinished, Sauder Manufacturing will begin removing the old fabric and cushions (also 16 years old) from all of the pews and chairs and install new fabric and cushions. While this work is being completed, all of the pews will be removed and new carpeting will be installed throughout the church. Andrea Clark Brown, the original liturgical designer for St. John the Evangelist, has chosen beautiful colors for the fabric and carpeting that compliment the interior magnificently. In addition, the broken ceramic tile will be replaced in the sanctuary and the altar will be steam cleaned. After the broken tile is repaired, all tiled areas will be deep cleaned, including the grout. For the remainder of the month, the church is going to be in a constant state of renovation which means that daily Mass will be held in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. We are optimistic that we will not have to move weekend Masses to the Parish Life Center as all work should be completed during the weekdays only. We certainly apologize for the inconvenience I am sure we are all going to experience, however the end result will be worth the hassle. It looks as though "Pardon our Dust" will be our theme through the end of September. It is our hope that all of the aforementioned work will be completed by the end of September and at worst, by October 3rd.

The final Glackin Classic golf tournament is set for October 26th at Collier's Reserve Golf Club. For those who are not familiar with Collier's Reserve, allow me to say that it is hands down one of the finest golf courses in Collier County not to mention the fact that it is less than one mile from our campus. Although there are homes on the course, its design was intended to hide the residences and focus instead on the natural beauty of the landscape. This course has received numerous environmental awards for just such reasons. As previously mentioned, I have been trying to secure this golf course for many years with no luck. Thanks to the generosity of Bob Claussen (St. John parishioner and Collier's Reserve resident) we will host Fr. Glackin's final tournament at Collier's Reserve. Due to golf cart limitations, participation will be very limited (88 golfers). In addition, the cost will increase to compensate for the lower number of players. Registration will open next week! Please see the flyer in that bulletin.

Have you read about the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall? The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall, a traveling three-quarter scale replica, will be in Naples later this month. The 8-foot high, 240-foot long reproduction bearing the names of men and women lost in the war in Southeast Asia will be on display for several days next door at the Naples Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery. The memorial, created in 1990, has traveled from New York to California and more than 200 cities in between. A motorcycle escort will guide the memorial to Naples Memorial on the afternoon of September 23rd. An opening ceremony on Friday, September 26, will kick off a weekend of programs honoring veterans, the Purple Heart, war prisoners and those missing in action. This will make a great opportunity for our parishioners to see the wall as well as their children and those that have never had an opportunity to see the original in Washington, D.C. There are very large crowds expected at this event and we will do everything possible to ensure that are parking lot is not compromised. Guests are going to be bussed in from the Naples/Ft. Myers Greyhound track. If you are attending Saturday or Sunday Mass and would like to visit the wall, we ask that you park your vehicle in the rear of the Claussen Family Center so that those parishioners coming to the next Mass will have a place to park.

Mrs. Mary Lynn Marr is the Pre-K Three teacher in our Early Learning and Childcare Center. Mrs. Marr started with us in the church nursery working with Mrs. Dantonio in coordinating a "Mothers Morning Out" program and since, has been working the last three years in the Montessori field. Mrs. Marr was born and raised in the Midwest. She comes from strong catholic faith, a family of ten brothers and sisters including her oldest sister who is a nun with the order of "Sisters of Mercy." We look forward to having Mrs. Marr teach and guide our three year olds while developing their strong catholic faith base.

In His work together,

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