

## WHY A BUILDING FUND ENVELOPE?

As we continue to fit into our 'new identity' of Holy Spirit Parish, it is important to keep all of you up to date. We welcome your questions and ideas, but we ask that they be written down so that the Revitalization Committee can discuss them. One question that has been address to me is regarding the "Building Fund Envelope" found in your packets. At the present moment, we are responsible for **(11) BUILDINGS: 4 CHURCHES, 1 HALL, 2 GARAGE, 2 STORAGE BARN, 2 RECTORIES\***. With so much overhead requiring upkeep certainly adds to our expenses. Therefore, 'Building Fund Envelopes' are part of our monthly contribution to maintain buildings. For example, In the near future we will need to address the windows in both St. Rose and St. Matthew's Worship Sites Churches. As well, would like to install mini-splits to cut down on rising heating costs in these worship places. The 'mini-splits' would pay for themselves over a period of 2-3 years. Not only would they maintain a comfortable heat at all times but at the same time providing air conditioning during the summer months. Finally, the unexpected expenses that happen such as a main door that is broken at St. Rose Worship Site that needs to be repaired (to keep this locked with a note could violate or null our insurance policy). Therefore with a separate account that we call 'Building Fund' we could cover these expenses without touching our monies that we have invested with the Diocesan Inner Parish Loan Fund. Once again, we thank you for your ongoing support and continue to welcome your questions. Again, please write them down; put them in the collection basket so that the "Revitalization Committee" can address them.

\* The former St. Rose Rectory has been converted into St. Rose Place, where the building is used as office space, Religious Education and meeting areas.

### Youth Ministry Update

I've been thinking a lot about gifts. Christmas just passed and we're looking towards Valentine's Day. Though the word is commonly used in faith, the importance should not diminish. We're given many blessings and gifts from God and our parish, so what should this conjure? Gifts should inspire love, thanks and the want to return these things. When reflecting on your life consider the gifts you've been given and the gifts you are giving. As you fully appreciate them, they should be inspiring the want to do more for others so that they too, should feel the love and thanks of gifts from God.

~Kenneth Fury – (506)654-6992

### Collection Holy Spirit Parish

Feb 02 & 03, 2019

Regular - \$3,973.75 Loose - \$227.90 Building Fund - \$1,298.70

PAD - \$3,872.58 PAD Buildings - \$411.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**The Knights of Columbus Councils 6770** invite all to a BRUNCH to be held on Feb 10, 2019 from 9am - 1PM at the Assumption Centre, Chapel Street, West Saint John. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Proceeds from this breakfast are to pay for an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the center.

**K OF C Council 9176 Chase the Ace** –St. Matthew Worship Site Hall. The jackpot is over **\$3,600.00**. You can purchase your tickets at Scholten's in Grand Bay-Westfield from Saturday morning until Friday at 12 noon. You will be required to put your name and phone number on your tickets. All 10 tickets must be returned at the same time for the current week. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS.** You do not have to be present Friday between 6:30pm to 8pm. You will be called between 8pm and 8:15 pm. For more information contact Keith Doiron @ 639-7148

**K OF C Council 9176 Wednesday Night Crib** at St. Matthew Worship Site Hall Wednesday Evening @ 7pm. All are welcome!

**St. Rose Place Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets every Tuesday from 11am – 1pm – weather permitting. For more info contact Cecile DeChamps @ 696-8963 **all welcome!**

**Holy Spirit Rectory Hall Prayer Shawl Ministry** every Wednesday from 10am – 1pm in the Rectory Hall on the Nerepis Road, Grand Bay-Westfield. Shawls, mitts, hats & scarves are crocheted or knit. Bring your own needles, yarn is supplied. If you can't come all the time, pick up some yarn on Wednesdays and work at home. Feel free to come & bring a friend! Any questions, call Joanne at 486-1800.

**Father Riley Manor**- We are compiling a list of potential occupants for the Father Riley Manor. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Yvonne Theriault at 672-4432.

**Bible Study** – The bible study group meets at St. Rose Place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening of the month from 7pm – 8:30pm. For more information contact Jim @ 651-1689 or Tilda @ 672-5046.

**Ministries during Mass Holy Spirit Parish Saint Rose Worship Site** - There is still time to place you name to be of service to your parish. We are especially short Greeters for both Masses and altar servers. Call Helen 674-1548 or the Parish Office – 653-6850.

**Holy Spirit Women's Society** is in need of pantry items for the Avenue B Soup Ministry. All non-perishables such as canned beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, and bags of barley/lentils/beans, pasta, boxed or canned broths would all be especially welcome. Items may be placed in the bin at St. Matthews Worship Site foyer. Monetary donations are also much appreciated to stock the pantry as needed. To receive tax credit for your monetary donation, please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your envelope number and name, and please note for Soup Ministry. To receive credit, all cheques must be made out to Holy Spirit Parish, and designated for "Soup". The funds will be forwarded to the Women's Society. Any donations of fresh or frozen foods for soup are always appreciated. We thank you for your continued support of this very important Ministry!

