

Parish Council Bulletin, January 2025

Happy New Year!

We at Parish Council hope you enjoyed celebrating the birth of Christ and spending time with your families. I accepted the role as Parish Council President back in the summer, and we have been working with many of you to help enhance our Parish Life here at STM. Some of the things we heard were:

- Parishioners wanted financial transparency. We are now showing financial information in the bulletin 1x a month. This is a step in the right direction, with the end goal of a financial report.
- Parishioners were looking for more information on how to make others aware of things like fire extinguishers in case of an emergency. To help with this, we are working on creating a Safety Committee. There is a meeting 1/16 at 7pm in the Family Center if you are interested.
- Many parishioners wanted to bring back the amazing retreat, and we have been working with past "Recs" to revive this experience.

Other successes we wanted to highlight were:

- We celebrated the first Dedication Mass on 10/17 to honor over 50 years of our Church inspiring the community around us. The reception after was sponsored by the Parish Council.
- We were able to assist with Jared Rabold and help get families and adults together on Wednesday nights for Mass, Adoration, and faith-based activities.

Our goal is to not only counsel Father Pendzick, but to also be a liaison for the parishioners. We welcome your feedback at stthomasmoreparishcouncil@gmail.com . We hope you have a faith-filled 2025!

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