

The Parish Council is Re-energized

A new formation for the Parish Pastoral Council emerged from the Council's retreat last February. A Council typically exists in order to help advise the pastor, to represent the interests and ideas of the parish population, and to help envision and shape the projects and plans that propel a parish forward.

During the facilitated retreat, participants recognized that much of the planning, work and growth that keeps St. Albert's vital happens in its formal and "ad hoc" committees and groups. The challenge is to improve how those groups communicate and work with each other. St. Albert's Council plans to become the "communications hub" that will meet that challenge.

Membership is now comprised of representatives of the major active parish Committees and groups. Four members still serve due to their office ("ex officio" -- pastor, office manager/administrator, and two trustee.)

Parishioners are always welcome at Council meetings, and are invited to bring concerns or ideas for discussion to the Council via one of the current members:

Pat Roth -- *Temporary Chair*
 Fr. Joe Gillespie -- *pastor*
 Erin Sim -- *Office Manager*
 Frank Bielinski -- *Trustee & Finance Committee*
 Judith Sessions -- *Trustee & Finance Committee*
 Jim Curran -- *Building & Grounds Committee*
 Kevin Garaghty -- *Development Committee*
 Jo Groth -- *Christian Formation Committee*
 Anna Jasulevicius -- *Rosary Altar & Holy Name*
 Tim Marzen -- *Personnel Committee*
 Cathy McNaughton -- *Liturgy Committee*
 Dan Murray -- *Peace & Justice Committee*
 Copper Schadow -- *Pastoral Care Committee*
 Nadine Sehnert -- *Communications Committee*

Two additional voices needed:

The Council is particularly eager to have representation from two growing parts of our parish population:

- **Families With Children**
- **Young Adults 18 to 30.**

If you're interested in finding out more about these "at large" positions, please talk with Pat Roth at 612-724-3256, or one of the other current members.

The Council generally meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 pm.



We've had plenty of raindrops
and rainbows this summer.
Where's the pot of gold?

2010 would have been a great year to have ALL of our rainwater successfully redirected to the city storm sewers, because we've sure had plenty of rain. We are in the midst of Phase III of our city-mandated project, and look forward to our window well coverings being completed.

If only all those raindrops had been the proverbial "pennies from Heaven!" However, the generosity of many parishioners and Friends of St. Albert's is moving us daily closer to our \$100,000 goal, penny by heavenly penny.

The good news:

- \$42,678.60 donated so far
- **\$57,321.40 to go!**



(Fr. Joseph Patrick Gillespie is negotiating with the local leprechaun population, but suggests that YOUR generous donations are still critical to the Rainleader Disconnect Project's success.)