

FROM THE PASTOR' PRINTER

The Numbers Are In

I am happy to announce that the net profit from the festival is in, and it is \$102,858. This is very close to the prognostication of our extremely intelligent business manager, Mike Newton. It is also the amount because of the hard work and dedication of so many people,

and I cannot express my gratitude enough to all who made this year's festival a success. (It goes without saying that I am grateful to God who makes all this happen. Thank you, God; thank you all.

The Winds of Change Will Be Blowing Soon

When a family moves, you will often hear from parents that things will be different in the new house. The differences may range from small things such as wiping your feet when you come in because this is new carpet, to much larger things such as making sure the kids know which bus to take and where to get off. Moving to a new church is just the same, except we are working with 1,500 people knowing what to do and where to go. In order to make the transition easier, we will begin to introduce changes in the Mass over the coming months until we move into the church, so that they become second nature to us by the time we move.

An additional reason for the changes is that Archbishop Schnurr has issued updated directives on Eucharistic ministry which he expects every parish to follow. These changes are small, and most we are in accord with.

Some of the changes may seem to not work as well in our present church, but will work very well in our new church. Whenever people from other parishes tell me that you all are glad to have me, I tell them that the people of St. John's are very patient and forgiving people. We will need that patience in the coming months of transition. Making changes now will make the move much smoother for us all.

A Table to Bear the Bread of Angels



The table on which the tabernacle will sit has an oak base and granite top. This is not only because of the size and weight of the tabernacle, but also because it should communicate the weight – importance – of what it holds, the Eucharistic Lord.

Cost \$5,500

Because the cost of the granite has changed, the price is now \$2,000 less than in the *Treasures of our New Church*.