

TREASURES FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

Next Sunday, February 11th from 2 to 6 PM

Harrison Knights of Columbus Hall ♦ 10490 North State Street ♦ Harrison, Ohio 45030

For more information, please call Jessica at 513-367-9086 x217

Stop by anytime. There will be refreshments and food.

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S PRINTER

WHAT AND WHY?

At the open house next Sunday and in the book showing the items we need for our new church, there will be some things that you may wonder about. First, what is it? Secondly, why do we need it.

DEDICATION CROSSES - Dedication crosses are placed on the walls of the church in the places that the Archbishop will anoint with oil. They serve as a reminder that this building is dedicated to the Lord. The crosses have candles attached, which are lit on major feasts and on the anniversary of the dedication of the church. There can be twelve crosses, representing the 12 Apostles or four representing the 4 evangelists. We will have four - two on the front wall, and two on the back wall - and they are modeled after the first cross that stood upon our first church.

BOOK OF THE CHAIR - Have you ever noticed that when smaller servers hold the Roman Missal for the priest, they almost topple over? Well, the bishops and the Holy See (the pope's offices) have too. A new smaller book, containing only the texts that are prayed from the presider's chair, is being published. It is not out yet, and so we do not have a picture of it. I am sure the American Backbone Association will be happy to hear this.

WHY A THURIBLE STAND? What are we using now? The thurible is the bowl on chains that contains the lit coals for incensing. (The bowl containing the unburned incense is the boat, and the server who carries these is the thurifer (not to be confused with the surfer at California beach Masses). Obviously, the thurible gets very hot so by hanging it, the surface is not touching anything. Currently, we are using a contraption not designed for a thurible that I found in the attic, but it's flimsy and can tip over, not a good thing with fire. (We are having our present thurible refinished.)

WHY "STICKLESS" COLLECTION BASKETS? Because our pews will be longer than the sticks and the reach of the average usher. We will pass the basket from one to another. We have enough baskets that it will not take long.

WHY A COMMUNION CUP TRAY? The tray is designed with edges that will keep the cups from tipping. It will be made for our size and number of cups. (We will not have glass Communion cups.)

WHY DO WE NEED SO MANY PURIFICATORS? The purificator is the napkin used to wipe the chalice and purify the vessels, because we will use 9 at each Mass and 2 at each weekday Mass, not counting weddings and funerals, and on the chance that they might not get laundered each week, we need that many. (Our present ones will be pretty worn out by then.)

WHY DO WE NEED A DIGITAL PIANO AND A "REAL" ONE? The digital (electronic) piano is for the music practice room.

WHY SO MANY TREES AND BUSHES? The city requires us to have the number of trees and bushes and also what kind so that the privacy for surrounding residents is provided.

See you at the open house!