



PJ's NEWS **4th Quarter - 2024**

"To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone."

Reba McIntire

Parish News

Parking Lots – We did it! After a 6-month struggle to secure diocesan approval, we signed a contract with Sunland Asphalt. Sunland removed the old asphalt and carted it away; over three days, 7 dump trucks delivered about 700 tons of asphalt that was expertly put in place and rolled; new pavement markings and parking blocks completed the job.



Trunk or Treat

On a beautiful Halloween afternoon, over 60 children grabbed treats from the trunks of our cars parked near Lowell Blvd. Thanks to your donations of candy and cash this was a no cost event that helped us connect with many of our church neighbors. Moms and Dads (and their dentists) appreciated having a safe place for trick-or-treating.



Break In –

It happened again! Not a glass door this time but the glass sidelight on the right side of our red entry doors. Looks like whomever broke in rummaged into boxes in the storeroom at the top of the stairs in the narthex, but it doesn't appear that anything valuable was taken.



Finally, Action on Securing Meyers Hall –



The owner finally took steps to secure the building. He boarded up the door that had been allowing folks to enter and stay in the building. We have been working with Councilman Kevin Flynn's Office to get the owner to board up the other doors and windows.

New Fence –



We now have a physical and psychological barrier between our property and old Meyers Hall. Hopefully, our neighbors can now better understand what is church property, and what is not!

Community Meetings - approximately 13 people attended our two meetings. Attendees appreciated getting an update on the status of old Meyer's Hall and on the actions the owner and Kevin Flynn's office have taken to secure the building. Several people expressed concern for the safety of the crosswalk to the park on Lowell Blvd. We suggested they follow up with Kevin Flynn and will advise them to attend one of his monthly community meetings.

Hygiene Bags for Homeless – Vestry members distributed 25 hygiene bags to the homeless on the corner of Federal Blvd and W 14th Street (just south of Colfax Ave). The bags were filled with your donations of socks, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. We were greeted with smiles and a thank you!

Community Ministry Christmas Gift Drive – we participated again in the children's gift drive sponsored by the Community Ministry. Parishioners bought gifts for 15 needy children. We also adopted a local family and purchased Christmas presents for their five young children



Advent Tea – The Care Team hosted a fabulous Advent Tea again this year. We had an amazing array of homemade goodies lovingly prepared and served by Carolyn, Tim, Janelle, Linda, Paulette, Rose, Sally, Victoria & Gordon.



Christmas Pageant – the children did a super job again this year presenting the pageant at our Christmas Eve service.



Financial Status

Stewardship Drive – For 2025 we received 16 pledges for a total of \$52,600.
Thank you!

There are only two days
in the year that nothing can be
done. One is called Yesterday
and the other is called
Tomorrow. Today is the right
day to Love, Believe, Do and
mostly Live

Dalai Lama

