

## Attention:

### Kids pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Come join us for an adventure trip to Crocodile Dock! Visit Bible bayou, sing, learn the swamp stomp and have fun doing other activities! Visit the dock side drive in and snack shack! Each day is a new adventure!

All this happens June 1 – 5 from 9:30 am until noon.

As a bonus, attend Mass at 11:30 on Friday followed by a family pot luck lunch.

As an added bonus, participate in a celebration Mass, Sunday June 7 at 8:30 am.

Do all this for only \$15 per student (no one will be turned away for financial reasons)

Pick up your adventure sign up form at the kiosk or church entrance and return the completed form by next Sunday, May 24th.

We hope to see you there.

PS: We could still use some adult help for group and station leaders. Call Cheryl at 334-4221

## FACC

You have probably heard this term several times while at Sacred Heart, but what does it mean? FACC is the acronym for Francis of Assisi Charitable Concerns. Just as St Francis of Assisi was known for his kindness and charity, so, too is the FACC of Sacred Heart.

A committee was formed approximately six years ago for the purpose of reaching out to those in need in the parish and in the community. It was called the St Francis of Assisi Charitable Concerns Committee. Subsequently it was shortened to FACC.

The committee fulfills its purpose in many ways some of these are:

- Making and delivering holiday food baskets to those in need. This changed last year to sponsoring a holiday dinner for all members of the parish and community
- Providing gas and food vouchers
- Giving grants to families suffering a major calamity or illness
- Sponsoring education for eight children in India.

The activities of the committee are primarily funded by a monthly second collection as well as a soup and sandwich meal during Lent.

The committee currently has approximately 14 members and could always use more. They usually meet about four times per year and devote approximately 20 hours of their time to this special ministry.

If you would like to be a part of FACC or know of someone that we might be able to help, please give Ross Kasowski a call at 334-3817

## Building Project

Now that the storage shed is completed, most of the landscaping done and the building construction fund checking account depleted, it might be fun to look back to see what our time, talent and treasures have accomplished.

The story begins in 2004 (that's right, eleven years ago) when several gentlemen of the parish got together to explore the possibility of building a new ground level fellowship hall with kitchen. They began to meet regularly and the Building Committee was formed. Ideas were tossed around and some sketches and cost estimates were worked up.

In April of 2005, three parish meetings were held to get input on what parish members felt were the needs of the parish. 72 people participated in the meetings. They identified

several facility needs including, improved fellowship space, more office space, universal handicap accessibility, and update or replace the rectory.

A building fund was established in 2006 and we began contributing to the project. Planning continued to address the additional needs that were identified. It was also determined that the existing rectory was in need of a great deal of work and would probably be in the way for any future construction. Consequently, in 2007 and 2008, a new rectory was built off site and the existing rectory was demolished. Office space was rented.

The building committee continued work on different concepts and designs until the spring of 2010 when the design of the current structure was presented to the parish at an estimated cost of \$750,000 to \$800,000. This design included a new front entrance, full size elevator, gathering space, office space, handicapped accessible restrooms, a family room and a second entrance to the church. The project was approved provided that at least half of the cost would be in the building fund prior to construction beginning. This milestone was met in 2011.

Construction began with a ground breaking ceremony in early August 2011. The building was dedicated in September 2012 with an approximate cost of \$690,000. Contributions of time, talent and material not only reduced the cost from estimate but also allowed added refinements to the original project. Some of these included remodeling the old church entrance, installing solid mahogany doors, installing black ash trim, restoring and relocating a stained glass window to the church entrance, new altar and cabinets in the chapel, and the list goes on.

We received a 15 year loan for the amount of \$350,000 in July of 2012. \$100,000 was returned in December because it was no longer needed to pay for the building construction. We were able to make an advance payment of

\$31,000 in February 2015. This changed the last payment date from July 2028 to March 2026. As of May 1, 2015 our loan balance was \$182,672.07.

We also approved removing the old garage and constructing a new storage facility in 2013. Paved handicap parking was also added with these items completed this spring.

Finally, this April, we agreed to use the remaining \$21,000 in the building construction fund to pay off the balance owed for repair of the church steeple and help fund the art glass window restoration and storm window project.

The contribution of time, talent and treasure by the members and friends of Sacred Heart Parish has, indeed, accomplished much these past 11 years.

Financial Summary  
July 2006 Through April 2015

	<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$812,338	
Loan	<u>\$250,000</u>	
Total Income		\$1,062,338
	<b>Expense</b>	
Construction	\$941,312	
Loan Payments	\$87,695	
Contribution to Steeple Fund	\$3,089	
Contribution to Window Fund	<u>\$18,151</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$1,050,247</u>
<b>Fund Balance in checking</b>		<b>\$12,091</b>
<b>Remaining loan Balance</b>		<b>\$182,672</b>

Approximate Cost of Building Project  
Components

Rectory Remove and Replace	\$207,000
Church Addition	\$690,000
Storage Shed	\$ 12,000
Parking/Landscape	\$ 9,000