

March 29, 2010

Dear Parishioner,

Come and pray with us this **Easter** –

- Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 7:00p.m. – April 1 & 2
- Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m. – Saturday, April 3
- Easter Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. – April 4

So what ever happened as a result of the **air infiltration project** last summer? I am glad you asked. Preliminary analysis for the last three months shows an **average decrease of \$39 per day** over the previous two years – a savings of over \$1,100 per month.

We received an 18 month **mortgage** renewal at **6.25% for 18 months**. Our previous rate was 7.5%. This is a monthly savings of \$4,000 for the parish. Our banking partners are working with us to be in a position to obtain a long term mortgage when it comes time to renew this agreement. However we have one major **obstacle** to overcome – having **sufficient income to cover our expenses**.

From July 2009 to February 2010 we have spent **\$48,469** more than we received. Our preliminary budget for July 2010 to June 2011 anticipates a **\$42,000** deficit. This is a lot of money – especially in today's economy.

St. Anne needs your help now and in the months ahead! We are over 900 households at this time. Can you give **\$1-2 more per week or \$5-10 more per month**? Purchasing **\$200 of SCRIP each month** for your everyday purchases can make this happen without any extra money out of your packet. It could be that simple for our parish to take this important financial step. **Will you help?**

The budget for 2010-11 will be decided at our June 9th Parish Council meeting. In order to balance our budget, we will need to see an increase in giving in April and May.

Thank you for making St. Anne your parish.

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Don Thimm
Pastor