We had a good Building Commission meeting on Wednesday evening. From the meeting came a list of projects – large and small – that we will be addressing in the coming year. Nick Martinoli gave an excellent presentation on his Eagle Scout project: a tower for the wonderful bell we ring before our weekend Masses. The bell dates to 1913 – the very year our parish was founded. The Building Commission discussed what we will need to do in order for Nick to carry out this project. We also talked about the Eagle Scout project of Scotty Cragerud regarding a playground area for our children.

One of the projects that has been pending is the renovation of the church restrooms. I am sure you have noticed the deterioration of these rooms (see picture below). The deterioration stands out even more after the renovation of the restrooms in our parish hall. We will begin this work on Monday.

As we move ahead with this and other projects, I will try to keep you posted. We have lot to do in maintaining our excellent buildings and grounds. I am grateful for those who volunteer their time and talent – and to all who share financial resources to keep our parish attractive. You may use the Capital Improvement envelope to make a donation to building and ground needs.

At the Building Commission meeting we talked about how to make our parish facilities more inviting for wedding receptions. I have become aware that the wedding reception can be a huge obstacle for many of your couples. We have a wonderful facility and our Building Commission came up with a number of ideas to make it more attractive for receptions. I have asked Custodian Cathy Lenac to help me coordinate this effort. If you have questions or ideas, please talk with her.
We had a beautiful wedding last weekend: Matthew Waddell and Nicole Boutiller. Above is a picture of the bride and groom, along with Pastor Sam Strohm who participated in the ceremony. I want to do more weddings in our church – and I ask your support so that we can have the best possibility facilities.

To help with building needs, we have a potential Annual Catholic Appeal rebate of $11,691. I thank all who have made a pledge and ask your diligence in fulfilling your pledge. I have place on my bulletin board the most recent ACA Campaign Status Report. It shows how we are doing in relation to other parishes in the Archdiocese. As Shakespeare says, “On Fortune’s cap we are not the very button – nor the soles of her shoes.”

We had a Youth Empowerment Morning on Saturday and the Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo after the evening Mass. This Wednesday we have our final World Youth Day meeting prior to the August pilgrimage. Thank you for all your support for our young people. We still have a ways to go in our fundraising, and so I appreciate your ongoing prayers and help.

At the Parish Picnic next Sunday afternoon we have the World Youth Day Send-Off. Please plan on attending the Picnic which begins about 1 p.m. I have enlisted the help of my cartoon characters to make the invitation. At the Picnic we will have the drawing for the World Youth Day raffle. You can purchase tickets after Mass – and at the Picnic itself.
And speaking of young people, we have an Altar Servers Training on August 3 at 7 p.m. Young adults, high school students and children who have made their First Communion are eligible to become altar servers.
Marv, Picnic el próximo domingo.

Los Caballeros están cocinando hamburguesas y perros calientes.

¿Perros Calientes??

¡Los únicos perros que me gustan a mí!