



CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

We need your help in designing the logo
for our Fall Festival!



Theme: *"Is this Heaven? No, it's Blessed Sacrament."*

FALL FESTIVAL LOGO DESIGN CONTEST RULES

- **Who can participate?**: All youth in grades Kindergarten through 12th.
- **What is the design criteria?**: Our theme this year is: *"Is this Heaven? No, it's Blessed Sacrament."* This is a twist off of a quote from the movie "Field of Dreams." The logo must include the following three criteria:
 1. Some sort of field (ex. baseball field, cornfield, or any other field you can imagine);
 2. Some image of heaven (ex. clouds, sky, or anything else you can imagine); and
 3. Some image of Blessed Sacrament (ex. our Church, our community, or anything else you can imagine having to do with Blessed Sacrament or our faith).
- **Where can you turn in your logo design?**: You have two ways to turn in your logo design: (1) There will be a designated box located at the back of the church in the Gathering Space; or (2) You can take a color picture and email it to Maggie England in jpeg or PDF format at: [**magsengland13@gmail.com**](mailto:magsengland13@gmail.com).
- **When is the due date?**: All logo submissions are due by **SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017.**
- **Who will decide which logo to use?**: The Parish Community Life Committee will vote on which logo will be used as the main image for our Parish Fall Festival in October. All remaining logos will be used as part of the decorations for the event itself.
- **What do you win?**: The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Palmer's Family Fun.



CALLING ALL BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISHIONERS!! The Parish Community Life Committee has heard your call, and **we are bringing back our Fall Festival!** Sunday **October 22**, 2017 is the new date! We are looking for many new faces to help us in the various areas of the festival. **WE ARE INVITING ALL PARISH MEMBERS** interested in helping us organize and plan this festival to attend a planning meeting on **SUNDAY, JULY 30, at 6:30 PM in PUTZ HALL.** We'd love to have your input and help in bringing this festival back to our parish!! **Questions?:** Please contact Maggie England at: 319-939-8409 or email: magsengland13@gmail.com.

Stewardship Review: Sacrificial Giving Envelope Program Report

Dear Fellow Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Community:

In early May your Finance & Administration Council initiated a series of mailings with **two goals:** **First** was to invite parishioners to **in a spirit of Stewardship review their annual financial support** of the parish and its mission, received through budget envelopes or electronic fund transfers (EFT). **Second** was to **increase the number of households using EFTs** as their means of contributing, primarily because it is less subject to fluctuation for any number of reasons in a parishioner's life.

Two months have passed since we initiated that effort as a parish family. While there may be a few responses still to come, it is time to report on the success that this effort has been for us.

The number of **parishioner-households contacted was 930**. Some of our 1049 households were not due to being in retirement homes and other reasons. Of those contacted, **396 (42%) households responded**, 72 of whom were more sporadic or inactive but indicate now will be regular contributors.

Average total weekly envelope-offering at the start of this stewardship effort was **\$13,808**. The total increase indicated was an additional **\$1,423 per week**. **Over 52 weeks, this new indicated level of giving would bring in an additional \$73,996!** This amounts to just over a **10% annual increase in (Envelope/EFT) budget sacrificial giving**. Recall that over the last almost five years since a similar review by this parish, our Envelope/EFT income has remained essentially flat. This increase puts us a bit ahead of what 5 years of inflation have taken from our budget.

At the start of our effort, **145 households used EFT as their means of giving (15.6%)**. In most parishes, 5% to 7% use EFT. Over the course of our mailings, **66 households signed up for electronic means of giving** which brings us to 22.7% of the parish using EFTs.

Also in the 396 respondents were **32** who made outright gifts to the parish, rather than plan on an increase to their Envelope/EFT giving. The total of these one-time gifts was **\$19,620**.

We engaged Parish Fundraising Solutions to facilitate the mailing of my letters. An effort like this is too time-intensive for our limited staff, and due to the confidential nature of one's financial support, inappropriate for a large group of volunteers. Their services cost **\$11,400**.

Your response is a graced and clearly faith-filled expression of love for our Lord, and dedication to the life and mission of our parish. We hoped to close the recent shortfalls in our annual budget income, and provide resources for our 5 Year Pastoral Plan. You have fulfilled those hopes in a wonderful way! I certainly feel blessed to be your pastor! May God bless you as stewards of His gifts! *Fr. Tom*