

April 22, 2018: Living Our Faith with Passion and Purpose

Last Saturday night was a phenomenal event at Holy Rosary with Matthew Kelly. Our church was packed with parishioners and many others from the area. Matthew has a special gift for communicating the truths of our faith and inspiring people to live their faith with passion and purpose, which was the title of the event. He challenged all of us as a church, parish and individuals to be more passionate and purposeful in living out our Catholic faith. He said we need “game changers” if our Catholic church is going to survive in America. The statistics are showing that we are hemorrhaging members, especially young people.

Through humor, stories and practical suggestions Matthew taught ways to live our faith with passion and purpose. I was paying close attention to the things he was saying and over time would like to bring some of these suggestions to our Holy Rosary community. At the intermission I was able to spend some time talking with Matthew in private. In that conversation much of the work begun with our Pastoral council this past year was affirmed. Many of the things we talked about are what our Pastoral Council and I have been exploring and discerning this past year as ways to renew our parish. I believe Matthew understands the state of the Church in America. Through his organization, Dynamic Catholic, he is providing resources and content to help parishes be more effective in communicating the truths of our Catholic faith.

I would like to thank Cindy Olson and her many helpers who were invaluable in the planning and execution of the Matthew Kelly event. I think the good fruits of this event will have a lasting effect on our parish.

Some time ago I mentioned that a new altar was being built by parishioner Sonny Tremoulet. The altar is now complete and I am happy to announce that on May 13 at the 11AM Mass Archbishop Peter Sartain will be here to consecrate the new altar. The consecration of an altar is a beautiful ceremony during mass and I invite everyone to come to this special event for our parish.

On another note, we will be offering Mass reader training for anyone who may wish to be a part of this ministry. Jeffrey Morse, who is offering a musical course and will be starting a children’s chorister program at our parish, will be conducting the reader training. If you may be interested in joining this ministry to be a reader at Mass, please call the office.

In Christ,

Father Vincent