



## Is It Really Worth It?

In the Gospel today, Jesus challenges us to see just how important our faith is to us: “The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant’s search for fine pearls. When he found one really valuable pearl, he went back and put up for sale all that he had and bought it.” When we discover who Jesus really is and what He is all about (in this case, the valuable pearl is the symbol for Jesus), are we ready to let go of other things in our lives that are not really necessary, or perhaps not really good for us at all? We have to ask ourselves if it is worth it to make the sacrifices that all Christians are called upon to make from time to time.

Can we forgive one who has hurt us? Can we love an enemy? Can we help someone in need even though our schedule will be disrupted? If we answer “yes” to these questions, then we are moving in the right direction. Following Jesus is certainly worth the effort. Without our Lord, where would we go? What would we do? Just trying to answer these last two questions helps me realize that “Yes, it is really worth it when it comes to being a Christian!”

*Father David*

## Stained-Glass Windows

You may have noticed the new stained-glass windows on the north side of the sanctuary (far left side as you face the sanctuary.) Along with the new windows in the main foyer of the church, this was made possible by the gift to the parish from the late Bea Kuhn. Bea loved stained-glass windows and I am sure she would be pleased with them. I hope you are pleased with them as well.

*Father David*



*These beautiful windows are a gift from the estate of longtime parishioner, Bea Kuhn. Please be sure to find them next time you visit church. They are even more stunning in full color!*

## Summer Projects

You may have also noticed the dumpster outside the parish hall. We are in the process of installing a new boiler for the school building. This project is related to the installation of a new air conditioning system for the parish hall. A new floor has also been installed in the hall and in Rooms 2 and 3. The old floor was becoming more uneven and certainly endured much wear and tear over the years. The appearance of the space has been greatly enhanced and I am sure you will be pleased with it. The new floor will not need to be waxed so the maintenance will be much easier (and less expensive.) I am truly grateful to you for your generosity that has enabled us to move forward with these projects that were part of the capital campaign we held recently.

*Father David*