

Shared Business Office Begins on July 1st, 2018

Some significant changes are underway in response to Bishop Matano's request a year ago that we consider seriously the re-alignment of staffing and ministries, including a shared finance/business office.

- The pastors agreed in January to begin a shared business office on July 1, 2018. They have been meeting as a group with Shawn Gillen-Caryl, regional finance director, since then to work out logistics and implementation.
- Why? To allow staff to specialize but also have back up for time away, to reduce duplication, and to benefit from economies of scale so that we use parish financial resources most responsibly.
- After a hiring process, the following accepted the new positions: Star Yankton and Kim Guinnip (full-time business managers), Sandi Mettler and Jerome Brabant (part-time bookkeepers). Before the hiring process began, Patricia Tamburrino decided to retire on 6/30 after a long, fruitful time serving Ss. Mary and Martha, and Susan Talamo resigned effective the same date. We wish them both well in their future endeavors and thank God for their dedicated service.
- Forty-two of our collection counters gathered on 6/7 to learn more and ask questions. ***We always need more counters! If you are interested in joining one of your parish's counting teams, please contact Shawn Gillen-Caryl @ 252-7261.***

This move to a shared business office is the first visible change coming from the ongoing planning effort. (There had already been agreement on creating two clusters and a weekend Mass schedule for whenever any of our priests move to senior priest status or different appointments, but these changes remain in the future.)

Please pray for the wellbeing of all those impacted by this change and continue to pray for our six parishes.