

St. James Church of Wilkinsburg Stewardship Ministry

It has come to the attention of the Stewardship Ministry that some questions have arisen about the funds for the chapel remodeling.

A committee was established to determine how the parish should honor Father Metzler. The committee arranged for Father's stain glass window and the new church sign. Since anonymous donors provided funding for those, the committee decided that remodeling the chapel would be appropriate to honor Father Metzler by the entire parish. Prior to his death Father Metzler was discussing how to make the chapel a more inviting place for socials and prayer.

The Parish Pastoral Council accepted the committee's recommendation and charged the Stewardship Ministry to raise the funds necessary for remodeling the chapel. The Stewardship Ministry discuss the parish's options for fund raising with the Diocese and the Diocese recommending using the Mission for Church Alive mechanism. If the parish used the Mission mechanism, the Diocese would provide the following:

- The 60%/40% split between the Diocese and Parish would be waived and all funds raised would be devoted to the chapel.
- All monies raised would not be considered as part of the parish assessment for the Parish Share Program.
- All record keeping and collection would be handle by the Mission staff free of charge.
- The only cost for the parish would be the initial cost of printing and mailing the fundraising letter.

The Diocese's recommendation was accepted.

If you have any additional questions, please contact a member of the Parish Pastoral Council or Stewardship Ministry.

