

PARISH COUNCIL

The Fourth QuarterDeborah Zourdos, Council President



The fourth quarter can be the most exciting part of a football game! This time of year, the NFL is in full-throttle mode with teams vying for position in their conference. The discipline created in the previous months of practice and strategizing is now counted on to carry the team throughout the rest of season to a winning record, and possibly a championship. In many cases the fourth quarter of the game becomes the highlight of the team effort to claim victory, with fans on the edge of their seats in anticipation of the outcome.

Our St. George team is now in the fourth quarter of a successful year! Together we are creating an environment in which the church will complete the year with a positive outlook for 2008 and However, we have not completed the final quarter! We need the efforts of all stewards to remember the discipline involved in working together for the good of the whole. There is work yet to be done! Whether you are a ministry leader, an active member of a ministry, a steward in good standing or a steward who needs to recommit to the parish, everyone's efforts are essential in the success of the parish.

There are many important events coming up that the Parish Council views as crucial to finishing the quarter with a victory. First are the 40th Anniversary events coming this month on the 20th, 27th and 28th. Your attendance will make these celebrations a success. Second, updates to your personal information for stewardship records need to be confirmed so that the technology committee may send you a log-in and password for the new CCB (Church Community Builder) system. Early in November, on the 6th, the fall parish assembly will be held. This semi-annual meeting of the parish family will be an opportunity to review our finances, learn about our ministry activities and nominate stewards in good standing for the Parish Council. Following this meeting, the Parish Council elections will be held on December 9th.

An additional Parish Assembly meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th. This will be an evening of information to update our stewards on all the work that has been accomplished by the Strategic Planning Committee for the future expansion and construction. The architect for the strategic plan will be in attendance to make the presentation.

I ask all of you to make the final effort during the fourth quarter to complete your stewardship commitment to the parish, get off the sidelines and participate in the action, and make it a priority to help in the final stretch and ensure a winning season for St. George.