

MEETING: 2/20/2023 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Council: Jim S, Lynne, Debra, Louise, Dan-VP, Michael, Barry, Bob-President; and minutes by Leslie

Staff: Fr. Mike, Fr. Simon, Ryan

Pastor, News, Action Items, Topics: Fr. Mike led the meeting.

The NEXT COUNCIL MEETING is March 20, 2023 at 4:30 PM in the parish office.

The Following news and topics were presented by Fr. Mike

- Fr. Mike shared his positive experience attending the Andrew dinner event for men considering the priesthood. Over 100 men attended the dinner.
- At the Priest Appreciation dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Mike was surprised when the Bishop announced Fr. Mike's next assignment is with St. Simon and Jude parish as a part-time Associate pastor.
- Fr. Mike noted that due to the logistics of moving to St. Simon and Jude as a part-time pastor, St. Bernard's stands to gain some financial benefit.
- Feb. 23, 2023 a staff meeting is scheduled with Fr. Fred.
- Fr. Fred and Fr. Simon are considering the benefits of residing together in a house rather than separate apartments as soon Fr. Simon's lease ends.
- Fr. Fred will be here one week in March and one in April. Fr. Fred will meet with the parish council at some time during that time frame.
- The "Blessed She Retreat" held at St. Bernard's was a huge success. However, a larger than expected number of people attended the event. Council members discussed the hosting of this and future potential events and questioned whether our parish hall and kitchen facilities are suited to conveniently and comfortably support events of this size.
- Ryan will be transitioning from a full-time to a part-time position. He will remain in charge of all catechol staff at St. Bernard's. Ryan will be on campus one set day a week and may provide additional opportunities to meet in person as needed. Ryan will be providing his services remotely the majority of the time to fulfill the needs of his work schedule at St. Bernard's. Ryan is confident the staff he works with can work more independently which supports this transition. A cost saving benefit to St. Bernard's will occur.
- We have two to four students going through the RCIA program from Notre Dame Prep. Fr. Mike and the parish council were in accord with a proposal to encourage RCIA candidates to attend the Holy Thursday mass and Good Friday services prior to the Easter vigil service.

Building and Fundraising Update:

- Mike said February 24, 2023 is the date we are due to submit the permanent application to build the rectory. He is requesting a delay for submission of the application due to the time frame allowed from the acceptance of the application to the time for ground breaking,

- Barry said we are making progress with funding Tiers 1,2,3. Letters are going out this week. He suggested updates on our funding campaign could appear in the parish bulleting to keep people informed.

Director of Family – Ryan

- March 19, 2023 is a presentation on the Shroud of Turin will be presented by Deacon Peter Auriemma from St. Bernadette's parish. The event will take place in our parish hall and is open to all parishes.
- A new ministry "Mothers and Others" is starting up at St. Bernard's. A meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2023 at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to start the program. Information will appear in the bulletin regarding this ministry.
- April 14, 2023 is "Date Night" at St. Bernard's. Cynthia and Peter, a married couple 40 years plus have been invited to speak on the strength of their marriage through the Sacrament of Marriage.
- Ryan is working of obtaining a well-known speaker for next year's Eucharistic Congress event.
- According to Ryan we have about 30 children registered for their first communion or confirmation here at St. Bernard's.

Director of Business – Bob

- In April plans are in process to have a dinner event to support Fr. Simon's Maria Africa ministry.
- A going away party for Fr. Fred will occur after the Sunday Mass on the last weekend before he leaves for his sabbatical. This provides an opportunity for parishioners to get together to have some time to meet Fr. Fred.
- June 4, 2023 is a special date for Fr. Mike as this will be 48th anniversary year of his ordination to the priesthood!

Fr. Simon:

- Fr. Simon will conduct the Stations of the Cross during lent on Fridays. The time will be 6:00 p.m. Notice of the time will be emphasized in the bulletin.

Actions, Items and Notes:

- Lynne's husband will meet with Mike Huesman to share some of his expertise with the painting process for parish maintenance repairs with potential cost saving benefits.

Posting Minutes: Deb will forward council minutes to members as well as to be submitted for the web site.

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison (recording secretary)