

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 12/18/2023 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Lisa & Lynne: excused

Staff: Fr. Fred, Fr. Ryan

Fr. Fred started the meeting with a prayer. He handed out a commentary on St. Joseph and his life with Mary and Jesus. The team shared their thoughts reflecting on this. Fr. Fred discussed an article from Church Life Journal entitled “Misunderstanding the Rise of Nones” which he asked the Council Members to read as well as to watch a video of Curtis Martin using the Focus model; the “Method of the Master.”

- Bob reported the busses are ready for parishioners to use for transportation to and from Christmas Mass (to their cars in a parking lot) and the Knights of Columbus are helping.
- Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024 is the date for Leadership Day. The event is in the planning stage for a Mass at 9:00 AM, activities in the parish hall, presentation of a video and small group sharing may take place.
- A committee will work on the planning and preparation for the Leadership Day event.
- Fr. Fred said he received very positive feedback from parishioners regarding the Eucharistic Procession that took place.
- Council members reported positive feedback from parishioners regarding the use of the Advent Note sheet provided at Mass to assist parishioners in their journey to be watchful, alert and “listen.”
- The advent penance service supported by eight priests was very successful as many people attended.
- Date Night was very successful with 70 children attending. There may be opportunities to schedule another Date Night event in the spring.
- Fr. Fred reported he is looking into having a Lenten retreat.

Save the Dates for Upcoming Even

January 17th - Winter Visitor Luncheon

January 27th - Wine & Cheese after 5:00 Mass - sponsored by the Knights p

March 3rd - Pancake Breakfast

April 19th - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - Theme is Route 66

Building and Funding Update: Letters went out to parishioners thanking them and all donors for their support.

Fr. Ryan is looking forward to having a Lenten retreat. He is hoping this will be an opportunity for increased parishioner participation and blessings. Fr. Ryan enjoys teaching and has topics he plans to present teachings on. Suggestions from the council included Live Streaming and Saturday morning sessions, perhaps approximately an hour long for his teaching. Fr. Ryan extends an invitation to all that “his door is always open” as he makes himself available to hear from our parishioners.

Next Parish Council Meeting: January 15, 2024 (3rd Monday of the month)

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison (recording secretary)