

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 02/19/2024 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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

Staff: Fr. Fred, Fr. Ryan

Fr. Fred led the meeting in a prayer for renewal with our Eucharistic Lord. Members shared their reflections on aspects of the prayer that touched them in some way.

Pastor News, Action Items, Topics-

Fr. Fred:

- The council agreed to use the program through “Our Sunday Visitor” that Fr. Fred suggested would serve as the means to assist parishioners in their financial support of the parish. Fr. Fred shared in more detail how the program works and how it would benefit our parish.
- Parishioners enjoyed the first Soup and Stations last Friday. This Lenten event begins in the parish hall for soup at 6:00 pm and continues to the Church for the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.
- All Day Adoration starts Feb 21st at 9:30 am. Parishioners can sign-up in the entrance of the church for various times to be present with the Lord.
- Extra confessions Wednesdays 12noon to 1:00 pm; Saturdays 12noon to 1:00 pm.
- There will be a penance service on March 11th at 6:00 pm.
- Taize prayer will occur on April 26th and May 17th.
- “The Chosen” series may be shown on a Saturday in Easter.
- The 33 days toward the Eucharistic Consecration is going well. Parishioner feedback on the book and participation in the Thursday night sessions is very positive.
- The Precious Blood will be offered at the Easter Vigil and on Divine Mercy Sunday.
- There will be meditation time offered post communion with the dimming of lights at the 9 and 11 am masses. Council members shared their positive responses to the dimming of the lights with the focus of light on the Cross post communion.
- A video called the “Veil Removed” will be shown February 25th at all Masses.
- The Pancake breakfast is the first weekend in March.
- The St. Joseph Celebration is on March 9th. Information is in the bulletin.
Easter Masses will be: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am in the church and 9:15, 11:15 am in the parish hall.
- Bob will secure busses for the Easter Masses.
- Council members reported positive feedback from participants in the Leadership Formation Day event.
- Approximately 35 parishioners will make their Confirmation and Holy Communion on April 14th at the 9:00 am Mass.

Church Financial Status:

- The Parish is doing well.

Rectory Update:

- Barry reported we are making progress. We have had seven unsolicited contributions.

Facility Upkeep projects:

- We purchased two Automatic Defibrillators.
- The roofs of the Church, Parish Hall & Office need to be replaced.

Action Items and Notes

- Volunteer Appreciation night is April 19, 2024. The theme is Route 66. Fr. Fred asked the council members if they would think about having an activity where gifts/prizes can be obtained.

Fr. Ryan:

- Fr. Ryan is so happy that many people are attending his Saturday morning teaching sessions. All seats were taken in the upper room of the parish hall last Saturday.
- People are signing up to take the bus to participate in the March for Life on March 1st with the support of volunteers with the Sanctity of Life. Fr. Ryan is the chaplain for this ministry.
- Fr. Ryan is planning to have the youth involved in the last Friday Stations of the Cross. Ashley is working with him for this activity.
- On March 3rd Fr. Ryan and the men of the schola will sing at the 9:00 Mass.

Next Parish Council Meeting: March 18, 2024 (3rd Monday of the month) at 4:30 PM

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison (recording secretary)