St. Joseph Parish/Finance Council

April 25, 2023



1. Opening Prayer – Lectio Divina led by Molly
2. Old & New Business
   1. Approve Pastoral-Finance Council Minutes from previous meeting – approved by Rob Joniaux, second by Jamie Davister. Minutes will be added to the website.
   2. Bishops Appeal Update – Goal is $26,013. St. Joseph is currently at 76% of goal. Trying to get a volunteer to speak at mass in May to help promote the Bishops Appeal.
   3. News from the Office Parish Team:
      1. Pastoral Ministry News – Molly
         1. Care Ministry Update – Volunteers are visiting homebound parishioners. They are now giving out knitted prayer squares to families at meetings for funerals. The Bishop would like a focus on the Eucharist. Molly is working on more Lectio Divina events in the future. Molly is also working on a plan for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). She will be meeting with the coordinator at St. Bernard to obtain further information.
      2. Faith Formation News – Becky
         1. Past Year – wrapping up Faith Formation year. Becky asked what we have heard. Good feedback. Becky mentioned that she was impressed with the Confirmation students as they were confirmed in February and continued to come to Faith Formation for remainder of year.
         2. Registration has started for next year. 30% of families have registered to date. Registration for Totus Tuis is out with 30-35 kids registered already. Totus Tuis will take place July 23-28. Will need 2 host families for the leaders. Parishioners can sign up to host the 4 leaders for supper.
      3. Business Area
         1. One by One funds update - $1,385 available. Collecting through December 2024.
         2. Parish Annual Financial Needs Letter – waiting until after Bishops Appeal – August most likely. Discussion on how to proceed with that.
         3. Discussion to have next Annual Meeting in October.
         4. Council Member Terms and Nominees – Members terms are coming up. Need new parishioners to step forward. Nominations will be upcoming.
         5. Other Business – Changing structure in office – Mike will move more into Operations Manager role. Annette will move into working with the financials. Looking to hire for more administrative tasks. Looking for one person from each church to spend one day/week.
      4. Ministry Discipleship Corner – Molly
         1. Lenten Retreat Opportunities Comments – Molly asked for feedback on events. Good turn out for Seven Churches visit. Also, positive feedback received from Father Gary’s speech at St. Kilians.
         2. Upcoming Events.
            1. Maximum Cabey Talk
            2. Fall Bible Study
         3. Parish Mission Planning – will start back up in Fall.
   4. Buildings & Grounds
      1. Bat Problem – Received proposal from Werner for $2,500-$2,800 to seal up spots. Tuck pointing to start May 8th. Telling Werner that we will wait until after tuck pointing is done and then will have him come in and inspect.
      2. Tabernacle Railing Update – The railing is at the painters, hoping to be completed this week.
      3. Lawn Cutting Update – Mike met with 2 individuals who have agreed to take care of lawn cutting. They will figure out schedule between them. They have trailer to haul lawnmower.
   5. Any Other New Business
      1. Parish Photo Directory – waiting for 2nd proof to come back
      2. Organ Meeting Update – Karen trying to contact Linette to set up planning meeting. Will need to tie sound system to new organ.
      3. Discussion of getting some new chairs for the gathering hall with arms on for those that it would help in getting up/down.
   6. Finance Council Breakout
      1. Statement of Financial Position / Statement of Activity Review
3. Closing Prayer

Submitted By: Shannon Liebergen, Secretary – Finance Council