

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
January 16, 2018**

Members Present: Fr. Gene, Rick Kammerer , Joanne Browarsky, , Phil Louis, Bro.Bob Politi, Mary Ragland, Madison Kramer, Ellie Wilke

Not Present: Michel Keidel, Don Yelton, Michael Homm, Joe Nurre, Sheri Curran

SFDS Elementary School Report:

The campaign to increase school enrollment got off to a good start with the presentation at Sunday Mass (Jan 7th) generating 12 volunteers to help share the many positive educational opportunities of St. Francis DeSales School to the surrounding communities.

Joanne will speak at both Masses on Sunday, the 28th, both to report on the school and kick off Catholic Schools Week. Open House at the school is set for Jan. 30 where parents are being encouraged to bring another family for touring the school.

Jan. 24, feast of St. Francis deSales, will be celebrated with an all school mass at 1:45 PM in church.

The first Fish Fry of lent starts on Feb. 16th.

The upgrading of the cafeteria floor was discussed. Phil Louis will speak with Terry Meinking in order to catch up with the bids we have received.

Pastor's Report:

On Feb 7th we will begin a once-a-month gospel explanation for children during the 8:30 AM mass. The program for 11:00 AM mass will continue as normal.

There is now a plan in place to begin a 1-hour religious education class for grade school ages between the Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 masses. The committee behind this initiative will be looking for a teacher to run the program and teach the course which will be a paid teaching position. The classes will take place in St. Francis deSales School.

The Holy Week schedule is now set with the only change being that the Holy Thursday Mass will begin at 6:00 PM. During all Lenten Wednesdays, we will celebrate Mass at 6:00 PM in Caritas Chapel at Purcell Marian High School followed by a salad supper.

May 6th has been set as the next afternoon concert in the church. The program has not been finalized.

Due to a work conflict, Mike Posey has asked to step down from his position on parish council.

New Business

The Parish Volunteer Fair is tentatively set for April 22 in the school cafeteria. The fair will be conducted in a similar fashion as last year with individual tables for committees and signup sheets. Phil Louis will explore the creation of a short video detailing the parish volunteer opportunities.

Also, for this year it was suggested that we reach out to committee leads to see if they are seeking more volunteers. If they are well-staffed, they do not need to attend the fair. This might cause more attention towards the committees that have more needs.

Bulletin inserts need to be prepared for the three Sundays preceding the volunteer fair. Phil Louis will prepare something from the insert of last year.

We need to recruit new volunteers to chair the parish picnic this year. Don and Ann want to step down from that position after many years of terrific service in putting a great event together for all to enjoy. Their efforts are much appreciated! **Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2017.**