

2/15/22 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Present: Fr. Mike Nartker, SM, Brother Paul Hoffman, Phil Louis, Bonnie Davis, Ruth Trentman, Lawrence Rentz, John Mitchell, Holly Schwein, Gail Miller and Mary Ragland

Opening Prayer: Brother Paul

School Report: read by Phil (Joanne out sick)

February less eventful calendar wise. Staff sickness leveled out. February 25 end of the second trimester. Staff In-Service March 4. Working on the 2022-23 calendar. Open enrollment began the end of January. Excited to be able to have 6th grade Camp Joy trip March 14-16. Hoping to resume other in person activities in the third trimester.

Pastoral Team Report: Brother Paul

Fr. Tim Kenney, SM enjoyed his visit here last month and submitted the requested letter to the Archdiocese confirming Marianist commitment to the Parish for the next few years. We will continue first of the month Donut Sundays to encourage community building after mass. Urbana Cafe is supplying the coffee. Gail Miller offered to provide sustainable coffee cups. Phil offered to help pick up donuts. Fr. Mike will offer Saturday morning confessions during Lent as well as Mass in the Purcell Chapel on Wednesdays at 5:30. There will be no soup and salad suppers this year. The Ash Wednesday mass will be in church. A facilities walk through was done with Terry Meinking to assess needed capital projects and a list was made to be presented to the Finance Council for consideration at the next meeting. Mass attendance is down as well as donations. Brother Paul will try to find the attendance numbers for 2019 Pre-Covid to compare. PPC members will brainstorm ideas to try to raise the numbers recognizing that the Pandemic is still affecting attendance and donations all over the Archdiocese. Gail Miller requested that PPC members contact info be placed in the bulletin and/or on the website.

Finance Council: John Mitchell (Don out sick)

Last meeting was January 13 and the next one scheduled for February 17. Discussion was about declining attendance and mass collections. Concern is for the budget process which is due July 1, 2022 and cuts that may need to happen. Donations are down by \$52,000 to date. Ruth will try to compile a list to compare to people who have left the parish. Encore technologies, an IT consulting firm, is in the process of assessing our equipment and systems pro bono to help plan for future needs of the parish.

Calvary Cemetery: no report, Donna absent

Parish Directory: Holly Schwein

Holly will make an announcement at the end of both masses February 27. Signs are already up in church. Letters will be sent to all parishioners inviting them to sign up. Sign up tables will be in front of church in March. Will be able to sign up on-line. Holly will be recruiting volunteers to help make personal contact with parishioners.

Beacons of Light: Phil and Fr. Mike

Pastor assignments were made public last Friday and Fr. Mike made an announcement at both masses over the weekend. He will remain the pastor of SFdS. Fr. Adam Puntel will be the new pastor of the parish family. He reached out to Fr. Mike and anticipated that he had enough priests (Fr. Barry Windholtz and Fr. Eric Roush) for masses at the other parishes and would not need help. Brother Paul generously volunteered to attend any family meetings that may be held in the future.

The Parish Retreat Day is scheduled for Saturday February 26 10-2 in the school cafeteria and will be limited to the first 30 who sign up.

Job descriptions for Fr. Mike and Brother Paul are being completed and will be ready for the Provincial by March 1.

PPC recruitment of new members (2-3 needed) for the May transition when Phil will retire as President and Mary will be finishing her 6 year term.

Phil reported some complaints about the cold temps in church last weekend. Fr. Mike reported that the pilot light that kept going off was replaced and will double check that the timer is not cutting the heat off during mass.

Gail Miller reported that the Children's Ministry for 2-7 year olds would like to resume once Covid fears are allayed in the next few months and hopefully families will feel comfortable returning to mass. She will also be assessing the need for new volunteers.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ragland