

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
January 29, 2024**

Present

Bro. Paul Hoffman, Fr. Mike Nartker, John Mitchell, John Bruening, Scott Gueterman, Holly Schwein, Lee Burroughs, Mary Kishman, Bonnie Davis, Fr. Tom Kenney.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bro. Paul led Council with an opening prayer.

Open Discussion with Fr. Tom Kenney

Open forum with Father Tim Kenney on the state of the parish and feedback from parish council.

Financial Update

John Mitchell reported the finance committee is meeting monthly and working with the business manager to get monthly reports. A summary of funds spent on the capital improvement projects was reported at the January meeting.

Social Justice Fund

All of the six Social Services ministries applied for a grant. Debbie Young is leading the committee. Mary Magdalene House only requested \$7,000. The others requested \$25,000. A final decision on Grant awards is expected by the end of February.

Projects Awaiting Proposals and Project Updates

John Bruening provided an update on the church renovation projects.

- Proposals requested for the Rectory roof repairs.
- Plaster repairs on the church ceiling are complete. The scaffolding in the balcony will remain until painting is complete.
- Church sound system – The floor mats were repaired and closing out the invoice with ICB.
- Steeple Repair - 75% of the work is complete.
- Landscaping – Several boxwoods are damaged. Lee Burroughs recommends waiting until spring to evaluate what needs to be replaced.

Vote on Masonry Work for Louver Area

John Bruening requested a motion for council to vote to approve the proposal from Imbus Roofing for masonry work on the steeple tower. A copy of the proposal was provided for review. The proposal in the amount of \$108,600 was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

Parish Council voted to approve the proposal.

Parish Updates

Bro. Paul provided updates on the parish:

- Weekly Mass attendance averaged 236 in January which is up from 169 in January 2023.
- Sunday, February 4 in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is the Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. Contributions to this appeal help fund Catholic Charities, Prison Ministry, Campus

Ministry, Vocation Ministry, New Evangelization Efforts, St. Rita School for the Deaf and other outreach efforts. Our website has an audio presentation from Archbishop Schnurr regarding the appeal. Envelopes will be in the bulletin.

- Sunday, February 4 will also be the annual blessing of the throats as we celebrate St. Blaze on Saturday, February 3.
- Father Mike's February Scripture Study will begin on Sunday, February 11 after the 11:00 AM mass.
- The Parish Pre-Lent Retreat is on Saturday, February 10.
- A Funeral Planning Program/Presentation will be held on February 25 by Gilligan Funeral Home and Calvary Catholic Cemetery.
- Wednesday Lenten masses and light dinners at the Purcell Marion Chapel and Atrium will begin on Wednesday, February 21 with mass at 5:30 PM and dinner to immediately follow.
- Please keep our many ill parishioners in prayer including John Bange.
- Parish calendars arrived and can be picked up in church.

Beacons of Light

Sessions for Parish Families to attend are being held on Monday evenings. Fr. Mike shared the schedule.

Open Discussion

The rental agreement and liability insurance needs to be addressed with the Board of the HELP Program.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7PM.