

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
September 17, 2024**

Present

Bro. Paul Hoffman, Fr. Mike Nartker, Holly Schwein, John Bruening, Scott Gueterman, Mary Kishman, Rosemary Byes, John Mitchell, Lee Burroughs.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bro. Paul led Parish Council with an opening prayer.

Financial Update

John Mitchell reported the Finance Committee meets on September 19. The Committee will close out the 2023/24 fiscal year with a report and will provide an update to the parish at a future Mass.

Help Program

Bro. Paul reported the agreement was shared with the Help Program for use of the space in the church basement. The Help Program has expressed concerns with the terms outlined in the agreement including parking, weekend access, and storage. The Help Program board will meet this week to discuss the agreement.

Rectory Roof

John Bruening reported that Imbus Roofing started work on the Rectory roof. The scaffolding erected for this project will not impact the school traffic or parking. John Bruening is getting quotes on the upper windows.

Bell and Controller

John Bruening reported an anonymous parishioner paid the cost for the church bell repairs. The bell controller is programmed to ring between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. The controller has features that can be programmed for weddings and funerals. Training needs to be provided to the staff and volunteers that work these events. The Verdin Company is working a proposal for a new Bell frame to be considered for future budgeting. The Verdin Company also has the original bell clapper at their facility.

Recruitment of New Members

Volunteer opportunities for the parish ministries and committees will be posted in the bulletin.

Parish News

Bro. Paul provided updates on the parish:

- Mass attendance is trending upwards. Total attendance for the month of August was 943, up by 8% over August 2023.
- The average weekly Mass attendance for 2024 year to date is 242.
- Brother Bill Grundish's celebration for his 70th jubilee as a Marianist was very successful and he and his sister, Sister Louise really appreciated all the work that was done for it.
- The school year started well but is still in need for a religion teacher/campus minister. Joanne Browarsky continues to fill in to teach religion for grades seven and eight and

teachers for grades three through six are now teaching religion. They are being compensated for their extra work.

- Mission Sunday on September 1 with Father Joseph Guerrero, M.J. was very successful with over \$1,000 raised for his ministry. Thanks to the parish for their generosity.
- The follow-up Synod Listening Session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.
- Once a month we have the DeSales Campus meeting to address parking as it relates to organization events. We have had no significant parking issues but the middle of the week gets tighter. This could be due to school auxiliary personnel who are in during the middle of the week.
- The first two Purcell Marion varsity football games have gone off without incident or parking issues.
- Finance Council will further discuss an assistant for Gloria in the business office this Thursday.
- Brother Bernie Ploeger, Assistant Provincial of the Marianist Province of the United States will be visiting us on November 21-23, 2024. We will possibly move the November parish council meeting to November 21 if he is available to meet.
- A director of religion will be available to the school in January.

Beacons of Light

- A Beacons of Light report was submitted by the parish staff. Fr. Mike met with Ken Cornish to review the report and our progress as a parish.

Marianist Values

- The next monthly Saturday workshops on Marianist values will be held on October 26 with Bro David Betz.
- Fr. Mike is hosting 5 sessions on the history of the Eucharist after the 11 a.m. Mass in October and November.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.