

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 03/18/2024 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Council: Jim, Deb, Louise, Michael, Lynne, Barry, Dan, Bob-President; and minutes by Leslie

Absent: Lisa

Staff: Fr. Fred, Fr. Ryan

Fr. Fred led the meeting with the Litany of Saint Joseph prayer. Members shared how St. Joseph's titles and patronages touched them in some way.

Pastor News, Action Items, Topics-

Fr. Fred:

- The first two weekends in November, (2nd, 3rd and 9th, 10th) will start "Our Sunday Visitor" program. Fr. Fred will send our parish community an impact report informing parishioners on why and how giving impacts the community.
- The Capital Campaign will be presented on the weekend of the 20th, 21st of April. A packet & envelope will be provided this weekend. Fr. Fred will send a letter to parishioners with an update on the Campaign and how they may contribute if they haven't so far.
- Fr. Fred reviewed the varied the Lenten and Holy Week Masses and devotions. The schedule will be in the bulletin centerfold. Continued use of the centerfold for formation items is planned.
- Bob will secure buses for the Easter Masses.
- On Sunday, April 7th there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children between the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses in the courtyard. The theme of the activity is "From the Tomb to Pentecost."
- Taize prayer will be offered at the end of April and in May.
- Ashley is planning an Emmaus Hiking event for youth including scripture reflection and Mass.
- A parishioner would like to start a ministry for grief support, with a potential start in the Fall.

Church Financial Status:

- The church is doing well showing an increase over our budget guidelines. Greeters in the Hospitality Ministry are recognizing regular, returning and new parishioners attending Masses.

Creating New Opportunities for the Community:

- Bob has had requests for a Gift Shop at St. Bernard's.

Action Items and Notes

- Barry has a team to put inserts in the book Holy Moments that will be distributed to all parishioners attending Palm and Easter Sunday Masses.

Fr. Ryan:

- Fr. Ryan is grateful for the turnout to his Saturday morning teaching sessions. They are well attended. In the future Fr. Ryan may do additional teachings once a month.
- The youth will participate in the Stations of the Cross this Friday in a special way.
- The church is getting some items that provide information regarding human development. A fetal model, a video and images of human development will be made available for viewing.

Next Parish Council Meeting: April 15, 2024 (3rd Monday of the month) at 4:30 PM

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison (recording secretary)