

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 12/15/25 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Council Members Present: Fr. Fred, Fr. Ryan, Dan, Joe, Barry, Lynne, Lisa, Deb, Wendy, Leigh Anne, Bob-President / Minutes: Leslie

Opening Prayer: Fr. Fred led the meeting with a prayer followed with reflection among the members.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes from Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were approved.

### Parish Council Membership Terms:

- We have some council candidates to consider. We will consider additional candidates and follow-up with those being considered at the next council meeting.
- Two present council members will continue through March. Bob, our Secretary and President will be ending his term of service after the January 2026 meeting.

### Review of the Planning Calendar for 2025:

- Fr. Fred noted that Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> sacrament of reconciliation at 10:00 AM went very well. A good turn-out.
- The Pancake Breakfast and the Angel Tree Advent activities were well supported by our parishioners.
- On Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> a large turn-out of parishioners attended the 9:00 AM Mass in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe. Many parishioners attended a festive celebration hosted by the Guadalupe Ministry in the Parish Hall following the Mass.
- Fr. Ryan's Saturday AM teachings are well attended. Very positive parishioner feedback.
- Busses will be provided for ease of parking for the Christmas Eve Mass.
- Gift bags and certificates with gift cards from grocery stores for example, have been provided for the teachers with St. Matthew's parish in Phoenix.
- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Bernard's Parish will host the Clairvaux Legacy Night social and dinner in conjunction with the support of the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF). Due to a limited number of invitations a RSVP will be required.
- Fr. Fred is looking into scheduling a possible mission weekend to support the Maria Africa Foundation with Fr. Simon giving a presentation at Masses.

### Evangelization/Discipleship – Divine Intimacy/Spiritual Friendship/Witness:

- The Hallow App is doing very well. Parishioners are starting to use the App to request prayers.
- Dan reported at this time there are 8 formed and active groups with Christ in Our Neighborhood (CION). A follow-up with these groups to engage in CION during lent is being considered.

### Finance Administration update:

- Fr. Fred will be determining the best time to begin the rectory project.
- Fr. Fred is considering the best time to introduce the Mission engagement weekends. At this time there have been good responses to Mission engagements.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Ryan ended the meeting with a prayer.

Upcoming Council Meetings: next meeting dates: Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 23<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison, recording secretar