



## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES. APRIL-MAY 2021**

**PURPOSE:** TO DISCUSS PARISH-WIDE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND NEEDS TO INCLUDE IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

**Pastor's Note:** The Archdiocese of Louisville has entrusted individual parishes to lift some Covid restrictions. Father Michael says this will begin on Pentecost weekend and will include:

- Entrance through all church doors. Seating in each pew. Hymnal use. Bringing up of gifts.
- Communion recession. An invitation to the Sign of Peace.

**Note:** Masks are still required. No distribution of the precious blood.

- Scott Johnson, the new Saint James Business Manager, will begin May 28, 2021.
- New Associate Pastor Loi Pham joins us the weekend of June 19-20.
- Saint James will hold a reception for Father Kirby June 12 and June 13 and Father Pham June 26 and June 27.

### **Committee Reports.**

#### **Faith Formation (Sister Augusta)**

- Some activities will end for the summer to include Date Night and Family Faith Formation.
- Six people joined the RCIA program.
- Faith Formation summer programs could include a men's and women's night of reflection.
- Sister is recruiting new couples for marriage formation. Step up if you can help.
- Six candidates will join the church in November.
- There is a new Family Life program for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. This two-part class teaches the dignity of human sexuality. Parents only the first date and parents and students on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Attendance is required for SJS students.
- Sister will work on getting teams to help with teaching in the fall.

#### **Fellowship (Lorna Vertrees)**

- Spring and summer 2021 programs are being worked on.
- Fellowship opportunities will be emphasized as requested by the parish.
- The parish-wide survey showed a strong desire for in-person events. Topics on what Catholics believe and why was requested.
- Sister Augusta is working on various programs to include those for the summer.

#### **Finance (Greg Schrecke)**

- Collections remain down.
- St. James received a grant from the Cares Act, Payroll Protection Program for \$439,300.00. This has helped with a cash flow surplus of \$530,472.00 for the first eight months of this fiscal year. Tuition also helped with budget.
- Before tuition, the annual average amount families tithed was \$2000.00 per family. Tuition is \$4000.00 per child. Since 2017 when the tuition began the St. James has been blessed to have individuals who have donated large expense items that did not come out of operating expense, paving the parking lot, 3 HVAC units, picnic tables and phone system.
- The school roof still leaks. Father and others are in talks with company to confirm that Saint James will pay a minimal financial contribution due to roof issues since the school was built.
- The Finance Committee will present the capital budget in June for approval.

#### **Mission Advancement and Stewardship (Jennifer Moran)**

- Ky Gives Day is May 11<sup>th</sup>. Again, have a matching donation of \$20,000. Another \$1,000 will be matched during the day. The money raised will go toward student services. SJS has partnered with Associates of Pediatric Therapy to offer emotional support and to have speech therapy offered at school.

- Enrollment is projected for 373 students for the fall. This is an approximate 7% increase over the prior year. This percentage will fluctuate until the August start date.
  - May 13<sup>th</sup> the school PTO is selling Krispy Kreme donuts.

**Parish Life (Lorna Vetrees)** The parish picnic is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**School Board (Sister Marie Hannah for Coty Oropilla)**

- Sister is interviewing for a full-time assistant principal, Middle School English Literature teacher and a part-time Art Instructor.
- The last day of school is Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Seventy six percent of families applied for family tuition assistance with the school and the Catholic Education Foundation.

**Social Concerns (Mimi Pike)**

- The Saint James Haiti Committee sent a shipment of 76 boxes.
- The Respect Life committee is now meeting in person.
- The St. Vincent DePaul store is active.
- We hope to begin distributing communion at local nursing homes and the hospital soon.

**Stewardship (Paula Knowles).** Stewardship Ministry Training was successfully completed.

**Worship (Jeff Lanz)**

- Server training is going well with additional servers joining in August. Jeff did refresher training with SJS Servers in April.
- Music Ministry is currently training and adding new college-aged members to the Choir and as Cantors. Tim Watts is considering adding a monthly Youth Mass at some future time. Per Strategic Plan direction, Tim is also looking at conducting a Music Ministry workshop in the fall.
- TV ministry is recruiting new members to learn how to record weekend Masses. John Zink leads this team, and is working with Father Michael to identify a "point-person" for technical Issues, etc.

**Strategic Plan Implementation Status for Spring and Summer 2021 Action Items**

**Communication Pillar (Jennifer Moran and Randy Moore)**

- Randy and Jennifer developed a plan for social media outlets and a Parish App. Father Michael would like to study more on what is involved and to prioritize which media outlet will be first.
- Parish communications is ongoing. The staffing and responsibility for the communications was discussed.

**Evangelization (Mimi Pike, Lou Edmondson, Yana Whelan)**

- Sister Mary Agnes will present a session on Evangelization to the Parish Council on June 1. Plans are under discussion to spread this message to the parish at large.

**Faith Formation (Sister Augusta, Cheri Ellis-Reeves)**

- An assessment of 6-10 questions was developed to determine the on-going faith formation needs for those 55 and over. Sister and her team, to include help from Lorna Vetrees, are determining next steps.

**Fellowship (Coty Oropilla, Paula Knowles, Lorna Vetrees)** Spring and Summer 2021 programs are being worked on.

**Finance (Greg Schrecke)** The parish debt is decreasing from school going to tuition.

**Stewardship (Paula Knowles, Jennifer, Moran, Lorna Vetrees).** Stewardship Ministry Training is completed.

**Worship (Jeff Lanz, Jackie and Daniel Ortiz)**

- Spring and Summer 2021 Action Items are in working status.
- Feedback on recent liturgical music selections is positive.

**Next Meeting – June 1, 2021. No meetings in July and August.**

**Questions/Recommendations? Contact the parish council directly at: [parishcouncil@sjschoolonline.org](mailto:parishcouncil@sjschoolonline.org) or [Lou Edmondson at 502.777.7025](mailto:Lou.Edmondson@502.777.7025)**