

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES. NOVEMBER 2021

PURPOSE: TO DISCUSS NEW BUSINESS AND PARISH-WIDE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Pastor's Note: Fr. Michael opened with a summary of current discussion items. Archbishop Kurtz will attend St. James the third week of Advent where we will also celebrate the Our Lady of Guadalupe. This may be the final time the Archbishop will attend St. James prior to his retirement.

New Business:

Advent by Candlelight. Olivia Dvorjak discussed the upcoming Advent by Candlelight mini retreat and celebration on December 11, 2021. An announcement and registration will be in the bulletin soon. This event, for women of Saint James by women of Saint James, will accommodate approximately 120 women. Claire Dwyer is the guest speaker. Learn about Claire at eventhesparrow.com.

Parish Directory. Lorna and Lou reviewed information on the Parish Directory. The last parish directory was 2018. To complete every five years, preparations will begin for an update in 2022. The directory may be online or in hard copy format. The committee also discussed establishing a stewardship process for the Hispanic community. The Hispanic community has grown to nearly 200 at weekend Mass.

Thanksgiving Dinner. Cheri and Lou updated the committee regarding the Thanksgiving Dinner details. Approximately 278 have registered for the Thanksgiving Dinner with 900 total meals expected. Two Christmas programs will be held this year for the needy.

Committee Reports:

- **Family Faith Formation** – Olivia. Ongoing Faith Formation programs have begun again, including Family Faith formation, the middle school youth ministry, high school youth ministry, marriage date night, the young adult Bible study committee, the RCIA groups, women's and men's groups and the other committees. Olivia updated the council with details on the upcoming programs. The times and groups are listed in the bulletin.
- **Finance** – Greg. The Parish finances were discussed with the council. Year-to-date progress and future budget items which included compensation recommendations and planning for the upcoming year. Two new foundations / endowments have been established for Planned Giving. One endowment is for the Parish and the other is a Tuition Assistance Endowment for the School.
- **Worship** – Jeff. Multiple training sessions have been held for various mass ministries including Eucharistic ministry and Alter servers. Advent planning is currently the priority.

- **Hispanic Worship** – Jackie. Celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held at the church the 3rd to the 10th.
- **Parish Life** – Lorna. The international rosary which was held went very well. Play group will be started again. Parish Picnic is having a meeting for 2022 planning. Need additional volunteers for the rosary committee and door greeters. The rosary committee will be reconvened once COVID fears are cleared.
- **School Board** – Fr. Michael. The school board structure was discussed. Additional engagement with the families will be a focus. Preliminary discussions have been held regarding additional transportation arrangements / bussing for students in Meade County.
- **Stewardship** – Lorna. Working on the stewardship booklet. Stewardship weekend is in January. Watch the bulletin for details.

Next Meeting – December 7, 2021.

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