

St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2019 – JOINT FINANCE AND PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members Present: Cody Baker, Fr. John Dougherty, Kayley Goldsmith, Kathy Hymel, Erin Lashlee, Brian Leasure, Kevin McDevitt, Kate Meyers, Maria Mudry, Joyce Pulich, Deacon Zach Rathke, Dorcas Rockwell, Kathy Reyes, Raphael Riojas, Grant Robinett, Fr. Karl Romkema, Senaida San Miguel, Stephanie Villareal, DeAnn Walker, Ann Zigmond

Pastoral Council Absent: Michael Arguello, Jim Cartwright, Rosa Pena, Deacon Zach Rathke

Visiting: Michelle Fontana

Opening Prayer – Fr. John Dougherty gave the opening prayer.

Approve absence of council members: N/A

Review of the Minutes – N/A

Overview of Council:

As an icebreaker Parish and Finance Council members shared their experience of the parish and hopes for the future.

Finance Report:

- Parish is \$36,000 ahead of Last year
 - School Breaking even
 - E-giving has improved Parish cash flow
- Capital Campaign is going well about 50% of goal
 - It was noted that there may be some fatigue in the parish given all the asks for money lately.

Parish Council Report:

- Chairwoman Joyce Pulich provided Finance Council members with a brief overview of the functions of the pastoral council.

Pastor's Report:

- Open House for Volunteer Appreciation on 11/22 from 4 – 8 pm at the Family Center. Rectory Open House for parish leadership councils on 12/21.
- Frs. James and Harold are in their new home (on Euclid St.). Both priests are helping to cover daily masses. Fr. Karl does the scheduling.
- Encountering Christ Capital Campaign:
 - \$934,246 raised, 53% of goal, 140 gifts
 - December 7th and 8th will be Commitment Sunday and is expected to raise additional amounts for the campaign.
 - Spanish Mass will pledge a total amount that will be collected from through an additional collection at that mass over the next five years.
 - It is anticipated that the parish will attain 75% of the parish goal.

- The Parish Stewardship Sundays for Time, Talent, and Treasure will be the last Saturday and Sunday in January.
 - There will be a ministry fair in the church foyer that weekend.
 - Ministries will be grouped together. At last count the parish has over 70 ministries.
 - The Stewardship Committee is in the process of being reinvented and reconvened.
- Parish Construction
 - Rectory Addition – Plans so far
 - 4 bed, 2 story structure which is a different configuration than initially envisioned.
 - It is anticipated that construction may begin on this building in 9-12 months.
 - Holy Family Hall – Plans so far
 - 1st floor will have a meeting room for 110 – 126 people.
 - 2nd Floor will have a 56 person meeting room, possibly space for 3-4 offices or a conference room on that floor.
 - If some of the offices are placed in the hall Fr. John would like to create a pastoral room for meeting with parishioners, planning funerals, etc. This is difficult now because there is not a lot of space in the priests’ offices.
 - There is also the possibility of adding a 3rd floor.
 - Council members reiterated that it was important to both councils that the meeting space promised to the parish for the past decade materializes.
 - A question was raised about improving the signage in front of the parish. Fr. Karl and a group of parishioners will take a look at it and consider ways the signage might be improved.
- EIM Compliance
 - Reminder that some council members are still not in compliance and that an upcoming training to be held at the parish could help fulfill this requirement.
- Parish Growth
 - It was commented that that there has been a lot of growth in the parish, and that this is a good thing. But we also need to be proactive in responding to this growth. If anyone had ideas about how that might be accomplished, he or she should talk to Michelle Fontana.
 - It was also noted that getting people involved in ministry is sometimes as simple as issuing a personal invitation and that council members were urged to be alert for these opportunities.
- Young Adult group
 - 40 people attended the last meeting, so this group is getting off to a good start.
- Deacon Zach Rathke’s Ordination
 - Ordination will happen in April after Easter.
- St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic School
 - School is moving on accreditation which will begin next year.
 - Kids, teachers, and staff had an all school thanksgiving earlier in the day.
 - Lunch and Learns have replaced the Open House previously held in January. These have been generally successful.

Closing Prayer – Cody Baker led the closing prayer.

Future Meetings: 1/16, 2/20, 3/26 (Joint with Finance), 4/16, 5/21, 6/18