

## FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

**April 7, 2020**

**Present:** Rev. Jazdzewski, John Durtschi, Sarah Gordee and Sharon Sliwka. Meeting held via teleconference. Dan Marx was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Rev Jazdzewski and began with an opening prayer.

**Financial Statements:** March financial statements were reviewed by the Finance Council. Sharon updated the members on the financial impact Covid-19 has made on the Parish with suspension of weekend Mass. As anticipated, adult envelope collections have gone down. Online Giving is now available through the Parish website. Sharon applied for payroll assistance through the federal government Paycheck Protection Program, as part of the Covid-19 stimulus plan. If certain parameters are met, the SBA will forgive the loan. The PPP program is designed to financially assist employers with eight weeks of payroll and some utilities.

John Durtschi asked if the Diocese of La Crosse has given Parishes additional time to pay the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Currently, the Parish is \$14,250 under goal. This assumes all pledges will be paid by June. Father Jazdzewski hasn't been notified by the diocese of any considerations regarding the DAA, so the expectation is the shortage will need to be paid by the Parish in June.

**Old Business:** The Sacred Heart Church Elevator / Renovation fund currently has received \$52,000 towards pledges. The amount is being held in a restricted account at St. Ambrose Financial Services. Father Jazdzewski confirmed Bishop Callahan has place a moratorium on building projects while a study is done regarding a capital campaign for St. Joseph Cathedral in La Crosse. It's possible a diocesan campaign may tie in with individual parish campaigns, depending on the results of the study.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Two bids have been received for the demolition of St. Patrick School building. They are under consideration by the Council members, but with the pandemic shut down, progress has been stalled.

**Other Business:** Father Jazdzewski mentioned the garage at St Patrick's campus might be removed, pending the results of the school demolition decisions. If so, he suggested additional space be added on to the back of St Patrick's Church sacristy, to possibly be used for meeting, funeral lunches and such. John Durtschi expressed hesitation in planning additional work at St. Patrick's Church until improvements are done at Sacred Heart Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM with a closing prayer.