

Sacred Heart – St. Patrick Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
7:00 PM remotely via Go To Meeting

Present were Chris Woodford, Rev. Jazdzewski, Chad Ronnander, Elaine Carlson, Laura Miller, and Kris Miller. Audrey Boerner was excused.

• **Opening Prayer:** Meeting was called to order by Chris Woodford at 7:04 PM. Rev led prayer after reading the coming Sunday's gospel from Mark.

UPDATES

• **Family Life Committee** (Kris): This committee had a meeting on Oct. 26. New members have much enthusiasm and energy and are interested in getting projects going. The Information Table is being developed. Time has been spent on designing a space or spaces which could be inviting, useful, and mobile, while considering what else is happening in our gathering space, such as hospitality, scrip sales, etc. Table/desk has been designed and could be built, once there is a better understanding for the project. Discussion included developing a calendar of topics and scheduling volunteers to staff; possibly using Ministry Scheduler Pro to manage these volunteers too. Myrthe will consult Liz about this possibility. There is a desire to start new projects. Next meeting is Nov. 16 at 6:00 PM.

• **Community Concerns Committee** (Elaine): Nothing new to report on these current ministries. The office did receive an email from a local nurse, which highlighted the severe shortage of caregivers in the Eau Claire area. Elaine will reach out for more information and the CCC will discuss how or if we might be able to help with sharing info on the need, encouraging volunteers to help with outdoor chores, etc.

• **Sacred Worship Committee** (Audrey): Audrey sent a report from their most recent meeting a few weeks ago. They discussed Holy Days and their Mass schedules and Advent preparations, including the National Evening of Prayer on Dec. 8 and decorating for Christmas. Christmas Mass schedule will have a Friday evening service on Dec. 24 and a Saturday morning service on Dec. 25. Sunday Masses for the 26th will be as regularly scheduled.

• **Education Committee** (Chad): Nothing new. The Formed series Presence added a bonus meeting to include the extra features offered with the programming. Those attending have gotten much out of the series. This committee's next meeting is Nov. 30.

• **Finance Council** (Rev.): Didn't meet in November. Next meeting is currently scheduled for Dec. 7. Kris plans to attend as PC representative.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Parking Lot:** Construction continues to go well. Lines are expected to be painted later this week. Completion of landscaping and an additional sidewalk between the rectory and St. Patrick's, which will allow people to park in the lot then enter the church from the front, since an additional handicapped accessible ramp will be included, will occur if weather permits.

• **Cornerstone:** Continues to be stored at a parishioner's business. Will it be incorporated into landscaping and at what cost? A decision should be made soon, so it can be prepared for installation or allowed to be repurposed and removed from storage.

• **Sacred Heart Steps:** The contractor was notified about the irregularity in one step, and plans have been made to inspect with him. No further complaints have been made about the steps since that first week.

- **Elections for Parish Council:** Four parishioners have stepped forward to run as candidates. Their survey answers were posted in the Nov. 7 bulletin and will also run in the Nov. 14 edition. Election day is Nov. 21. Ballots will be printed by Nov. 15 and available during regular office hours for absentee voting if parishioners are unable to attend Masses on Nov. 21. Voters will be instructed to vote for two of the four candidates.

- **Other Rebuilt Ideas Progress:** There will be another Rebuilt reading group, probably facilitated by members from previous reading groups; Sunday Evening Candlelight Mass, Children's Mass at 10:30, and Post-Mass Hospitality are still in discussion/planning stages. Since the newly reformed Family Life Committee consists of many Rebuilt alumni, these ideas should become projects of that committee. They can discuss and develop the action plans necessary to bring these projects to fruition.

- **Saturday Evening Mass:** or Sunday evening Mass? Would adding a third Mass bring people back? Would contributions increase? Volunteer involvement is key. Ten regular volunteers are needed to rotate through duties at a service. Currently, only six people have committed to volunteering to help with a Saturday Evening Mass. Conversation needs to continue. The Sacred Worship Committee has been, and will continue, to look into the possibility of adding either a Saturday afternoon or Sunday evening Mass, as that Committee will ultimately be responsible for organizing any new Masses that are established. So the matter rests in that Committee for now. (The main obstacle, as mentioned in the minutes, may be a shortage of volunteers committed to staffing a third Mass.)

- **Strategic Plan:** Tabled until after elections.

- **CHURCH SWAP** took place on Nov. 7. The parking lot blacktop was in place and Rev. opened the lot for parking.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Capital Campaign Progress:** This campaign will begin in Jan. or Feb. of 2022. Funds raised will benefit the Diocese of La Crosse and each parish. There are no definitive actions for this parish to take at this time.

- **Synodality:** The parish needs to meet with a sample of parishioners for discussion and a report must be generated and presented to our Diocese by Feb. 15, 2022. These ideas will be synthesized into a diocesan report that gets synthesized into a USCCB report which is presented to the Synod at the Vatican. For next Parish Council meeting, members are asked to review the Synod guide and consider on which questions SHSP should choose to focus and how to best represent our Parish's point of view. After PC elections, new members will be provided the necessary links so they will be prepared for discussion, which will take place next meeting.

There being no other items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Closing Prayer was led by Rev. Jazdzewski.

Next Meeting December 7, 2021 (New members will be installed and resigning members will be thanked.)

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy.