

Parish Council Minutes for October 24, 2019

Opening Prayer: My Parish.... Just Listen what applies to you?

Welcome: New Vice Chair - Gary Leiendecker

- Where have I experienced Christ/seen the face of Christ this past month?
- Where have I witnessed our parish/our parishioners being a radiant light and/or a bold witness?

Review and Approve September Minutes

Attendance: Sandy (& Howard) Hoffmann, Karen Karr, Judy Peckham, Carl Cooper, Dick Roseland, Fr. Chuck Barthel, Alex Norrenberns, Ed Lewandowski, Gary Leiendecker, Rob Telthorst, Becky McDonnell, Steve Rotherme, Mary Ann Schulte

Absent: Carol Mason, Deacon Randy Howe

Commission Reports:

Admin/Finance: Carl Cooper

- No meeting in Oct.
- 3 months in fiscal year. Fundraising revenue is down. Everything else is on budget
- Emergency response video for after the event to start to make plans for responding to an emergency. Part of what is needed is a databank of what people can do for others – plumber, construction, etc.
- FEMA chaplain certification was suggested. More information being sent to PC members.

Athletics: Judy Peckham

- **Re-Write commission description before Parish Council Elections**
- Volley Ball Tournament will be held November 8-17.
- Volley Ball Playoffs November 12, 19, and December 4-11 AAA will host the South County Soccer Playoffs. They are looking for 7th and 8th grade timekeepers.
- AAA is looking for ideas for recruiting new members.
- The Assumption Parish Auction is October 19
- 2 new lay directors volunteered for the golf program.
- 1 new lay director volunteered for the basketball program. They would like to find 1 or 2 more to assist.

Christian Formation: Karen Karr

- Live from Mary Mother ... It's Saturday Night
 - October 26 - There will be a 6:30 Mass in which Fr. Chuck will take us on "A Walk Through the Mass". There will be desserts and refreshments after the Mass.
 - There are no future programs planned at this time.
- Contemplative Prayer Group
 - Meetings - first and third Saturdays of the month at 9:00 am.
 - The Core Team is working on creating an event entitled Contemplative Dialogues, where participants would share thoughts and experiences regarding their contemplative journey, e.g. things that have helped, hindered, insights, lessons learned.
- Pro-Life Committee
 - In November they will begin selling Missouri right to life Christmas cards.

- Stewardship
 - On November 17, there will be a Liturgical Ministries Workshop, which will be a follow-up to the Spiritual Gifts Inventory.
 - In January or February, there will be a Parish Festival of Ministries. We suggest that David Baranowski be put on the Parish Council Agenda to help us prepare for this. Ed Lewandowski is arranging this with David.
- Our annual Day of Prayer will take place on the first Saturday of Lent (February 29, 2020) from 9:00 - 3:00. Guest speaker, Susan Komis.
- Inter-Faith - Meeting Our Neighbors. Most is going to other places to see their structure and the lives of other faiths and peoples. Put information in the bulletin and announce before Masses. Sign-up Genius would be helpful as well.
 - October 19 - Hindu Temple
 - November 10 - St. Louis Islamic Center
 - December 11 - New Northside Baptist Church
 - March 15 - The Confluence Zen Center
 - March 22 - Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
- Inter-Faith Partnership (information to come)

Christian Service: Rob Telthorst

- The Giving Tree project needs volunteers to help make ornaments this month (ornaments can be made at home) and on November 9th to set up the Giving Trees.
- Christmas Gift/Food drive for the Rock Church will be the weekend of Nov. 30-Dec. 1.
- Unbound would like to send a priest to tell about the mission and participate in mass or even substitute for Fr. Chuck if need be. Do we have time for this presentation?
- SVDP needs Life Coordinators to help with the Pregnancy Care Centers. A life coordinator would be assigned to a pregnant mother to walk with them through the pregnancy.
- Provided vouchers to 2 families for clothing, furniture, beds, bedding and housewares. The voucher credit was earned by the 3 Vincentians who work at the thrift store every week.
- Scrap metal earnings are down as the primary market for scrap metal so we need more donations just to keep the same earning level. We are receiving a new aluminum can receptacle as an Eagle Scout project.
- Need a volunteer willing to spearhead environmental issues/education with Peggy Glasscock.

Evangelization: Steve Rothermel

- Invitations to both the men's and women's Catholic Conference in 2020 were sent out via Flocknote to all parishioners.
- We will be meeting in November to brainstorm on ways to bring in new and back old members of the parish.
- Woman's retreat had about 12 attended

Health: Mary Ann Schulte

- AED Units - Discuss the possibility of renting portable AED units. Michele is talking to someone in the Archdiocese to weigh our different options.
- GriefShare – 10 participants an increase of 3 over the past month.
- Surviving Divorce Care – About 6 people each week.
- Blood Drive for American Red Cross – September 24th Results – 25 units of whole blood was collected. Two people were deferred. January 21st is the next blood drive Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center “MVRBC”.
- Breast Cancer – October 26 Breast cancer survivors info get together
 - “Coffee and Chat” with Mercy South Nurse Navigator Saturday, October 26th from 9:30 – 11:00am

- Mass of Remembrance – November 2.
- Good Samaritan Driver Report. Two people were served a total of 3 times.

Liturgy: Carol Mason (Pat is filling in)

- Suggested we try using a statue or other symbol placed in the back of church for people to pick up if they would like to present the gifts at mass. Fr. Chuck suggested that Lisa speak about this topic from the pulpit. No date set.
- Another option would be to have a head hospitality minister to ask a family to bring the gifts up.
- Please bring this back to the liturgy commission to re-think these options.
- Servers will be recruiting through PSR & the pulpit announcements soon.
- We will be doing the "counting" at masses during the month of October for the archdiocese.
- Research showed that adding a door to the chapel would cost upwards of \$10,000.00 and that did not include the construction. It is not certain that it would help to lower any sounds coming from the office.
- October is Respect Life Month

Social: Becky McDonnell

- Trunk or Treat – over 200 people signed up to attend
- 11 New parishioners at Pasta Dinner. This event increased over last year.
- October 29 - YACHT Club event: "Made for More" presentation at SMMA. Open to anyone from our parish. No other events planned at this time.
- November 2 - Bridge Bread Sales after all masses
- November 14 - Sensational Seniors visit to Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, followed by lunch at Hodak's
- December 6 - 7:00 pm Annual Advent Glow - Men, women and children 8th grade and up are invited to hear about the hope that comes with Christmas. Babysitting available if needed.
- December 15 - Happy Birthday Jesus Party - All are invited- the event starts with 11:00 am mass, followed by lunch and activities in the parish hall. Unwrapped baby gifts can be brought to baby Jesus and will be donated to Our Ladies Inn.
- January 25 - Progressive Dinner. Babysitting provided by our youth group.
- Quilters meet every Tuesday at 9am
- Poker night – January 24 – tentatively scheduled

Youth: Alex Norrenberns

- Prayer Group in the Youth Room Every Wednesday Night from 8 to 9 pm
- Sun, Nov 10 Spiritual Night 7 to 9 in the Youth Room
- Friday, Nov 15 – Set up Christmas Sale in Vestibule
- Sat & Sun, Nov 16 & 17 Christmas Sale after all Masses. Sat. night immediately following working the Christmas Sale after 4:30 Mass –HERBST BONFIRE for Youth Group.
- Sat & Sun Nov 23 & 24 Christmas Sale after all Masses – Clean up and Pack on Sunday following 11:00 mass and Sale.
- Dec 1 – No Youth Group
- Invite past youth group members to the Happy Birthday, Jesus event. (Dec. 15) If they are over 18 and would like to work, they will need the Protecting God's Children class.

Ed Lew:

- PSR Rosary – good turn-out of PSR families
- Stewardship Update – Dave Baranowski will be on the PC agenda to discuss this topic. He has some ideas on the Festival of Ministries event to help us plan this

- event.
- Lenten Day Of Prayer – First Saturday of Lent (Feb. 29). More to come soon.

Pastor: Fr. Chuck

- Jubilee Activities
 - ❖ Steering Committee Members: John & Sue Giljum – Don & Marilyn Weber – Kent LeVan – Ellie Schulte Adams – Fr. Chuck
 - ❖ Activities will be in 6 areas: Service – Liturgical/Spiritual – Social – Looking to the Future – Memories – Details, such as mementos, signs, etc.
 - ❖ Some events:
 - Parish Mission: February 20 – 25, 2021 > Conversion > Fr. Pete Schavitz
 - Mass & Dinner on Saturday, July 31, 2021 > with an Archbishop???
 - actually date of the 1st parish Sunday Mass
 - One Major Social event in late September / October > Homecoming / Oktoberfest
 - A Memory Quilt has been commissioned.
 - ❖ Parishioners from the Ad Hoc committee have been asked to serve on the committees / others will be invited.
 - ❖ What will be our theme? Invitation in the bulletin to come up with a theme. The main focus is words but art work can be added.
- Annual October Mass Count – typically we are over half full for 4:30 and 9:00 masses. 11:00 mass is the least attended mass. We are at 25% of members attending mass.
 - ❖ How do we increase the percentage? Do we pounding the pavement and start going house to house inviting people back or absent members to the parish? This would be a huge undertaking and will require time.
- Two Nov. weddings

Vice Chair: Gary Leiendecker

- Is it possible to take out a pew for those wheelchair-bound to have a place to sit other than in the aisle?

Chair: Dick Roseland

- At least 4 PC members took a refresher on Flocknote and Sign Up Genius > Thanks Ann
- Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly take-aways: over 1000 invited about 90 showed
- Our parish has a big advantage with Dave Baranowski out front with stewardship, the suffering church book and talks and the spiritual gifts evaluation.
- Rev. Craig Holway mentioned he heard someone say that they get more from service ministry than they do from mass
- Jared Bryson Religion Good to Know, Good to Be, Better to Do.
- The efforts of Stewardship/Spiritual Gifts inventory and our Parish Prayer, how do we measure effectiveness? What tools does the Council have to evaluate this movement and what sort of time frame?
- Do we need to start pairing things down? Do we need to start combining ministries or groups? Do we need to start looking forward to what's coming up to use our time wisely and map out activities? How do we use our parish resources better?
- We have people in our church from outside our boundaries at weddings and funerals. What can we do to help them and make them feel comfortable?

What's the Buzz???

- Announce that people with green nametags are new members of the parish

- If you need data information about parishioners, please contact Ann. She can generate a spreadsheet with specific information you need.
- Call new members to ask for help with different activities.
- Infinity Church has 270 parking spots and we have 200 parking spots.
- Possible PC retreat to help organize activities for next calendar year.
- For 2021, please don't add new activities but continue to do existing activities

October Closing Prayer: Mary Ann Schulte **Snacks:** Becky McDonnell

Next Meeting: November 21, 2019 - 7:00 PM

November Closing Prayer: Dick Roseland

Snacks: Sandy Hoffmann

Reminders: Update Article submissions / No Dec PC Meeting / Jan 4 PC Party at the Roseland's