

Guardian Angels Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
7:00 pm – 8:10 pm

Clergy In Attendance: Very Rev. John Gizler, Fr. John Lendvai, Fr. Andrew Fischer, Fr. Aaron Kriss, Fr. Jack Brennan, Deacon Pat Wood

Council Members Present: Dave Wygonik, John Peters, Justine Long-Meyers, Mary Ann Urbanski, Joan Cupec, Clem Lovasik,

Secretary: Judy McCullough

Fr. John began with prayer, introduced Fr. John Gizler, and asked for any changes or corrections in last month's minutes.

## **Review of the last month**

We have added the 4:00 pm Mass at Most Blessed Sacrament

We have begun our raffle ticket sale. We have sold about 450 tickets to date. Making \$8 on each ticket, we have already covered the mailing costs. Anything made after this point is profit.

Deacon Wood will give a financial update at our next meeting. He is slowly working on lowering our expenses and is making some progress.

Fr. John mentioned that we have not been able to find help during the Masses, either as ushers or greeters. He passed around a sign-up sheet. He asked Council to please sign up for Mass they could help with.

## **Update**

The Christmas schedule has been finalized for the moment. It will appear in the bulletin and on the website on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have 7 Masses on Christmas Eve with the first one beginning at 2:00 pm and the latest at 7:00 pm. Christmas day we will run our typical Sunday schedule.

We will begin taking call in registrations on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We want to encourage parishioners to attend just one Mass that weekend. If you go on Christmas, don't attend the weekend Mass and vice versa. We want to give as many people as possible a chance to attend. We will be opening the church halls at both Holy Family and Our Lady of Victory. Please know that this is only for Christmas. We will not be opening them for regular Masses.

Deacon Pat is arranging the cleaning of the churches between Masses. We have one fogger and we are getting another. The disinfectant we use is school grade and runs \$29.00 a gallon. We have been working on finding more efficient, less expensive ways of maintaining proper cleanliness. Our guiding principal has been and will continue to be the safety of our parishioners.

Just as our Sunday Masses, we will have an organist, cantor, priest and lector.

As Christmas looms closer, we need to think about decorating. We will definitely need help at all the churches. We have some college kids who will be back from school to help. We have some high school kids that are requesting to do some acts of service.

There may be less flowers because there is no one around to water them. This is also the time to decide if we can do with less. For example, the trees behind the altar at Most Blessed Sacrament are being held together with tape and wire. Maybe this is the year we stop using them. We can begin decorating from December 20<sup>th</sup> on.

There will be three Masses at Guardian Angels on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am. The sites are Most Blessed Sacrament, Holy Martyrs and Our Lady of Victory.

The confession schedule for Advent will be Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 until 12 noon and Thursdays, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Confessions will only be held at Most Blessed Sacrament and December 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last opportunity to go.

Our New Year's Eve Mass Schedule will be 4 o'clock at Most Blessed Sacrament, 5 o'clock at Holy Martyrs and 6 o'clock at Our Lady of Victory. New Year's Day, Masses will be at 9 am at St. Alphonsus, 10 am at Holy Family and 11 am at St. Ladislaus.

For Immaculate Conception we will have daily Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 9:00 am and we are currently looking at doing a streaming Mass as well.

Fr. John introduced Fr. John Gizler. Fr. Gizler is the Regional Vicar for the North Vicariate with includes 29 parishes/groupings. Fr. Gizler was involved in two different mergers/closing as a pastor so he is very familiar with what we are going through.

He congratulated the pastoral council on making it through the first part of the merger but asked us to be aware that the process is not complete and that there is still important work to accomplish. It is not easy work. It's challenging but you'll get through it and over time, it will bear fruit. You will find new grace and blessings popping up. Gone are the churches of the 60's & 70's. They are not coming back. People will come to the realization on that own that we are far better and stronger when we come together.

It is the Pastoral Council's job to work with Fr. John and the Clergy team to envision where we would like to go as a parish. What are our goals? Our vision? Who do we want to be? We have been entrusted with a role to help our pastor, to become service leaders who help guide the faithful as we move from a maintenance parish to a mission parish.

Fr. Gizler listed a few books which explain how to move from maintenance to mission, how to help our parishioners become more involved, more invested in their life in the church. From Maintenance to Mission by Robert S. River, CSP, Forming Intentional Disciples by Sherry Weddell and Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful,, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church by Michael White & Tom Corcoran and finally, Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples by Sherry Weddell.

Fr. Gizler passed around a handout called *Indicators of a Maintenance-Driven VS. Mission-Driven Parish*. Fr. John asked that the council take it home to read, perhaps pick up one of the books Fr. Gizler mentioned and we will discuss it when we return on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm in Patterson Hall.

Fr. Brennan closed with prayer.