

Guardian Angels Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Clergy in Attendance: Fr. John Lendvai, Fr. Andrew Fischer, Fr. Aaron Kriss and Deacon Wood

Council Members Present: Dave Wygonik, Tom Babinsack, Mary Beth Danik, Joan Cupec, Dave Kuniak, Justine Long-Meyers, Clem Lovasik, Mary Ann Urbanski, and Dave Kuniak

Fr. John began the Pastoral Council meeting with a Prayer to St. Joseph.

There were no corrections to last month's minutes.

Updates:

Our Fish Fry was the best we ever had. Heather Wygonik & Joan Cupec did a fantastic job organizing and running the event. We had a great group of volunteers and appreciate all the help from everyone.

We have sent out 2,972 Census Forms. We have received 748 forms back which is about 26%. Fifty-two of those responses are from people who, for various reasons, no longer want to belong to Guardian Angels.

We added the list of interests in the census to try to get people involved. A lot of times those things get lost in the shuffle and are never followed up on. We have been organizing the information as we go so when we are able to, we can begin these ministries and activities.

As far as those census forms not returned, we are not sure what method we will use to follow up.

The numbers we gather from the census are submitted to the Diocese in Annual Reports which then are used to determine how the Diocese distributes resources and personnel.

The Census also helps us to reduce costs by trimming our mailing lists. It eliminates those who are deceased and those who have moved which cuts down on copies printed and postage.

On May 1st and May 8th we will have 29 students making their First Holy Communion and then on May 17th, 19th and 21st, Fr. John will confirm 49 students.

So far this year, since July 1, 2020, we have had 32 baptisms, 7 weddings, and 146 funerals.

We are going to start planning for the Parish Festival. It will run from July 14th through the 17th. The company that supplies the rides and the company that provides the games will be following state guidelines and procedures.

We are waiting for guidelines from the Diocese which should be provided soon. We are also in need of a kitchen coordinator so if you know anyone who can help, please put them in touch with Heather Wygonik.

Along those lines, we can go ahead with the Sawdust Carpets for Corpus Christie. We were unable to make that decision back in February but with things opening more, we can move ahead with that.

Dave Kuniak replied that he had already canceled everything.

There has been no change in the health and safety guidelines as far as the Diocese is concerned. We are still trying to keep people safe. We know people are unhappy about the situation, but we are going to stay the course. If we have been following the 6-foot guidelines all along then how can we all of a sudden go down to 3 feet of separation. Fr. John's feeling about making changes is that it is all or nothing. He will wait until word comes from that Bishop that we can open.

Even though more people are getting vaccinated, some people are still afraid to come back to church. Even though new people are coming back, we are finding that we have a lot of no-shows. Deacon Pat raised the number at Most Blessed Sacrament to try and get the church filled because of the number of no-shows every week.

Fr. Fischer commented that it was nice to see some of our families returning to Mass.

There is not much to report in Finances except that we are still running at a loss. We have been able to make some cuts in cable and phones systems, saving us \$5,000.00 annually.

The Ladies of Charity are now able to visit the homebound and nursing homes.

We are going to begin using Flock Notes, a software that will help us communicate through email and text.

We will also begin using Ministry Scheduler Pro which will help in scheduling our volunteers in ministry and will also enable us to communicate with them via email and text.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 25th @7:00 pm in Patterson Hall

Closing prayer was offered by Fr. Aaron Kriss.