

Guardian Angels Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 24, 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, and Mary Ann Urbanski

Fr. John began the Pastoral Council meeting with a prayer.

There were no corrections to last month's minutes.

Updates:

David Wygonik gave an update on the Summer Festival with three handouts, the Financial Report, Sponsor Lists and Raffle Winners. Our total profit for the event was \$84,234.99. Everyone was very pleased with the outcome in spite of the rain. People who bought tickets came back to use them after the rain stopped. It was nice to have our parishioners from the entire parish volunteering and attending the festival.

Fr. John extended a thank you to Dave & Heather Wygonik and all the volunteers who made the event possible.

The money raised will go to paying bills, as we recently paid our school taxes of \$25,000.

Vacation Bible School was held this past Sunday, August 22nd. We had 24 children attend. It went very well; the children had a great time.

CCD begins on September 19th, Catechetical Sunday.

On September 11th we will be having a Prayer Service to honor our first responders. The service will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament at 1:00 pm and will last 30 to 40 minutes, followed by a reception provided by the Ladies of Charity.

The combined choir of Guardian Angels Parish will be participating.

As of August 24th we have not gotten any responses to the invitations we sent out to our first responders.

Someone suggested that it might be because there are so many other things going on that day.

October 3rd is our Parish Feast Day. We will be having a 12:00 noon Mass at Holy Martyrs which will be followed by a social of some kind. The social part of the celebration is still in the planning stage.

Dave Wygonick suggested that we continue offering something each month as an outreach.

Joan Cupec reported on Guardian Angels participation at the East Deer Community Celebration. They were there from 2:00 pm until 9:00 pm selling Root Beer Floats and Strawberry Shortcake. Flyers to identify us as Guardian Angels parish were made for the table by Jodi Galecki-Banyas. It was a great event as participants assisted one another and worked together to make the event a success. \$334.00 was raised.

A suggestion was made that we have a table banner made for events like this.

Fr. John said that he has been meeting with Sharon Hachman, our diocesan consultant. There is an eighty-one page packet of procedures to review before we will begin to move towards closing or repurposing buildings. Closing church buildings is a long, evolved process as there are 3 or 4 pages of information that must be gathered for each of the buildings within the parish. It is estimated that the **initial phase** of this process will take 3 to 6 months.

As reported in last week's bulletin, Deacon Pat is retiring. There will be a job description and an application available in the Parish Office beginning September 1st.

We have been trying to develop our communication platforms. We have the bulletin, our website and Facebook. We are now going to add Flocknotes as a means of communicating with the parish through text or email.

Judy McCullough described what Flocknotes can do and then asked the Pastoral Council to sign-up. You sign up for text simply by sending a text to GAPGH (all caps) to 84576. You can also sign up via email to guardianangelsparish.flocknote.com. Judy asked for volunteers to assist with Flocknote Sunday, the weekend of September 25th & 26th. These volunteers will speak before Mass begins and help our parishioners sign-up for the service.

*Please note that it **was incorrectly stated** that Flocknote is a one direction communication software. You can indeed respond back to anything that is sent to you.

Question

The question arose, will we be changing Mass times?

Fr. John said that for now, we will be sticking with the pandemic schedule. Since we are down one priest, we can't do as many masses and the fact is, that there are so few people attending that there is no reason to add additional masses.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28th @ 7:00 pm in Patterson Hall.