

CHURCH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

Parish Council Meeting

May 13, 2019

In attendance: Fr. Bill Cosgrove, Deacon Sam Mobarek, Charlie Gardella, Kathleen Dwyer, Elaine Conover, Louis DiMauro, Fr. Michael Achanyi, Deacon Jim Suchy, Cary Llaurodo, Lynne DeVuono, Ellen Rice, Ann Marie Kaczorowski

Guests: None

Excused: Glen Dietrich, Jayan Joseph, Jessica Giglio

Absent:

The meeting started at 7:00 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. At 7:50 PM the parish council meeting moved to the conference room. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Religious Education:

First Holy Communions were successful. The homilies were interesting and individualized by both Fr. Michael and Fr. Bill. Confirmations begin this week. 66 candidates will be confirmed this year. Registrations going on, slowly dripping in (187 registered to date.) The Office is looking for a part-time secretary for the office, speaking Spanish is a requirement.

Kid's Ministry

St. Cecilia room in the Church Basement will be cleaned. The storage room will be turned into the Kid's Ministry room and the St. Cecilia room will be utilized as a meeting room with limited storage. Carpet installation and painting in process, hope to be complete by Vacation Bible School.

Hospitality:

Elaine just caught up on new parishioners' welcome cards; about 15 will be mailed out. There have still not been any volunteers for Baptism picture taking. Elaine suggested that the officiant can take the pictures and send them to her. Deacon Jim says he forgets. Elaine thought of setting up a breakfast for the baptized parents, but it did not work. It usually doesn't work for new parishioners also.

Youth Ministry

5 new young team members were chosen for 2019-2020. Youth Ministry is doing well. \$932 was raised for Catholic Charities Vegetable Garden. \$543 was raised through the Paint Night Fundraiser. 17 Youth are attending the Steubenville NYC conference. The Car Wash is scheduled for June 22nd.

Adult Faith Formation

Last presentation in April, not many attendees. Meeting May 14th @10am for September programming.

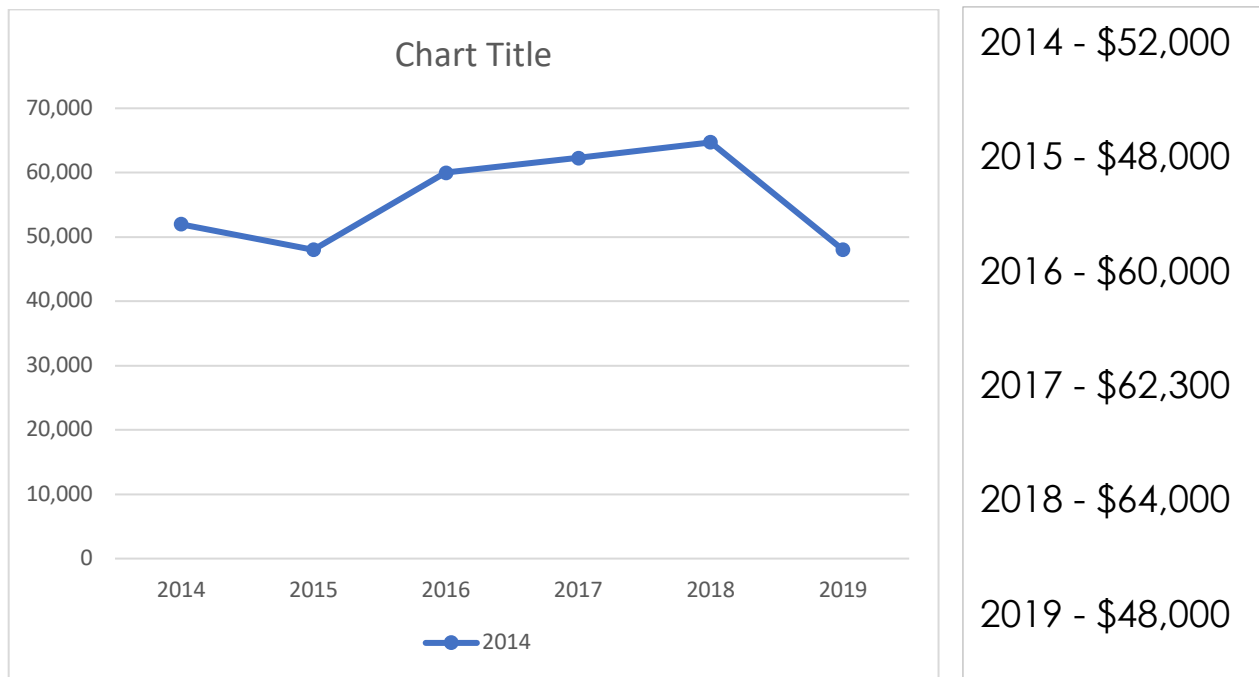
Jail Ministry

Deacon Sam has been leading the jail ministry for the past few weeks. He takes Communion to the prisoners. There have some requests a Catholic service. He's enjoying the ministry very much.

Pastor Updates

- Next year there will be one seat available for Parish Council.
- Easter Sunday collection (for a 3-week period) was \$48,000. The collection is down \$15,000 from last year. Fr. Bill suggested that the collection may be down because:
 1. Clergy sex allegations
 2. New Tax Laws
 3. Less tax deductions
 4. Medical expenses-less deductions

Easter collections from 2014-2018



- Cardinals Appeal is 10-12K short, hopefully we will make goal by end of June.
- Rectory house is two thirds complete, air and heating have been installed, walls are being painted. The completion of the project is expected to be at end of June or early July.
- Joe Crothers will be ordained to the permanent diaconate on Saturday, June 15 at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Sunday, June 16 he will officiate his first Mass as Deacon at the 12pm Mass and there will be a celebration in the Church Basement to follow the Mass.

- Deacon Jim, Ann Fallon, Beth Rooney, Jessica Giglio, and Father Bill will attend the Re-Built Parish Life Conference on May 23rd in Westfield, NJ.
- Parish Council and Father Bill received petitions to bring back the 6:30 AM weekday Mass and the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass. Father Bill said there will be an evaluation. Elaine is concerned 6 months is too long to wait to get the parishioners back. Father Bill said changing the time is necessary to examine the results. He feels that people go to church at their convenience. 6:30AM daily Mass usually does not have intentions because few people attend. Discussion went back and forth.
- The Archdioceses will be having a meeting with the cluster of churches, St. Augustine, St. Anthony, St. Frances and St. Paul, evaluating Mass duplication, youth ministries, etc. The decision has been made by Father Bill and will be revisited in the fall.
- There is a spam message being sent out to Fr. Bill's contacts asking people to purchase gift cards or give his money. This is a scam.

Safety Committee:

The committee is evaluating bids from 3 vendors for security cameras for the Parish and parking lot. Monitors should be placed in Parish office/sacristy.

Social Action:

The Center for Safety and Change collected over 1,000 items during their collection.