

January 10, 2021: Pastoral Council Summary

Opening prayer: Aisling Zaccarelli, Vice-Chair

Sophia McNiff, guest, Chair of the **Community Ministries** Commission, shared the following items:

- Reviewed many of the ongoing activities, such as Food Drives, the Christian Mission, FeedNC, and Food for Days programs, plus the Pregnancy Center and Respect Life ministries
- Reported that the various ministries are not feeling not too many challenges from COVID limitations
- She sees a lot of opportunities for parishioner involvement

Pastor's Update:

- Father Mark reported on the 8 Christmas masses, felt attendance roughly 1400 total
- The church continues "best practices" per CDC guidelines for sanitation against COVID; there are no known contracted infections from church attendance
- Stained Glass window installation expected to start in 4-6 weeks, with completion before Easter
- Expects excess contributions of \$22K+ over assessment for DSA, and excess > \$4K+ for Priest Retirement Fund

Finance Council

- Offertory and Capital Reserve Fund are running ahead of the YTD budget
- While attendance at mass is running at approximately 30% of pre-COVID, Offertory is near 70% of pre-COVID

Manager's Update:

- Parish Pastoral Plan – final updates being requested from Commission chairs
- Electronic votives have been installed and working fine

Building and Facilities

- Received approval for 7 repair and maintenance projects, exceeding \$130K in expenditures, including replacement of stair treads in PLC, repairs for *Day Chapel* roof and *church HVAC systems*, plus door replacements in the Administration building with access and alarm upgrades

Evangelization/Communication

- New Pastoral Council member Paula Kelly is their liaison. Additionally, they have two new members!
- **FORMED** signups continue to grow; will be hosting a watch party for *Mary, Mother of God* movie. Plans forming for another watch party for a movie on St. Joseph.
- They are continuing the evening Zoom showings and discussion of **The** Mass from Word on Fire.
- Discussed the current wording of their mission statement to more reflect the theme of evangelization.

- They are creating a 12-month calendar for their activities and discussing their objectives for the next 4+ years of the Parish Pastoral Plan.

Liturgy and Worship

- The last meeting was in December where the discussion was primarily over Christmas masses
- Next meeting date TBD

Parish Life

- *Scripture and Spirits* online session with guest Fr. Paul Asoh scheduled for January 12.

Stewardship

- *God First* initiative continues. A Logo has been created. They are developing a Stewardship video and plan a letter to parishioners regarding this program.
- They are considering creating a Ministry Summit for the spring
- 5 more people completed the *Living Your Strengths* program recently. One should contact Kristi Brawley if interested in learning about your gifts.

Ecumenism, Education & Formation, and Latino Ministry all had not recently met, so are no updates.

Old Business:

- The council's *Bylaws* are now posted on the Pastoral Council web page.
- Work on the PC member handbook continues.

Open Forum Discussion

- *On-campus* meetings remain difficult to hold under COVID restrictions

Closing Prayer: Ian Campos