

## St. Ambrose Parish Council Meeting Decisions

August 11, 2020

- The Bishop's Annual Appeal will begin in September.
- Each parish has been asked to report their plans for religious education and RCIA in response to new Diocesan Guidelines issued because of the pandemic.
- Council approved installing a new camera and workstation to improve live streaming of weekend Masses.
- The parish website was moved to a new host named e-catholic in early August.

September 9, 2020

- We welcomed the participation of our new Pastor, Father Robert Creagan.
- Confirmation will be on November 22. Preparation classes are 6:30 PM Sundays.
- Parish staff and parishioner volunteers are working hard to improve all parishioner communications ... bulletins, newsletters, website, etc. We need parishioner emails to be more effective.

October 13, 2020

- We are receiving positive feedback on live streamed Masses even though it is difficult to measure precisely how many persons participate.
- Christian Service ministries continue in spite of the pandemic. Rosie's garden produced and distributed many vegetables this summer. Council approved a Christmas Giving Tree for Plainwell Pines requesting small cash contributions instead of small gifts because of Covid.
- The parish website had 700 users in September and Facebook has about 124 users per month.

November 10, 2020

- The usual Advent Penance Service will not be scheduled. To insure safety reservations will be requested for Christmas Eve Masses (4, 6 and 8PM) and Christmas Day (10AM).
- Confirmation on November 22 will be a separate Mass at 1PM to insure safety.
- The Advent Giving Tree, rather than collecting gifts primarily for Plainwell Pines residents, will ask for small financial donations. Plainwell Pines staff purchase gifts with the proceeds.

December 15, 2020

- Bishop Bradley has extended Deacon Hal Bohan's leave through March.
- The 4PM Christmas Mass reservations have reached capacity. Other Masses have space. The 4PM Christmas Eve Mass will also be livestreamed.
- The sanctuary lamp hanging in St. Ambrose Church since it's construction hung originally in the old St. Augustine Church on Kalamazoo Avenue. Fr. Creagan wishes to install that sanctuary lamp in the renovated Cathedral. The Cathedral will pay St. Ambrose for a replacement.