

## **Parish council meeting August 20, 2020 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

PRESENT: Fr Ross, Tim Doval, Jim Laferriere, Elizabeth Crail, Ann Hagestead, Anna Mouton, Tom Vorderbruggen , Molly Murphy, Lourdes Bernal, Gina Torres, Ricardo Rodriguez , Deacon Paul Perreault

EXCUSED: Jim Villano, Roberta Carnahan, Barb Fennessy, Patty Walter, Carolyn Dukes

### **Opening prayer**

### **Distributed Parish Council minutes from the July 9th meeting**

**Presentation of new Sacred Heart Cathedral web presence:** The new web page may be accessed at the URL: [sacredheartak.org](http://sacredheartak.org). The new web presence has several selectable tabs, including Mass Times, Events, Bulletins, Pastoral Council, Calendar, Hispanic Apostolate, Get Involved, Donations, and Sacraments. Also available are homilies both written and audio. On the Home page there are also tabs to access live streamed Masses, letters from the Bishop, Mass times for nearby parishes, and current Covid19 guidelines for parish. The front page can be updated to share upcoming events and other parish information such as the Rosary Congress that will be held at the cathedral October 2-4. There are parish forms that can be printed or filled out on-line. The new web presence is now live, and we will see additions as it continues to develop.

**Mass times from August 1<sup>st</sup> going forward:** Saturday, we have the 4:30pm Vigil Mass, and every other week there will be a Latin Mass celebrated by either Fr Dismiss from Anchorage or Fr Robert. On Sunday, the 9am Mass has moved back to the 8am Mass time. Also on Sunday, is the 11am , 1pm Spanish Mass, and 5:30pm St Mark's Mass. Due to Covid19, St Mark's is unable to gather and celebrate Mass at the campus. The Saturday 4:30pm and Sunday 11am Masses are live-streamed. Fr Kaspar is assisting with the Masses at St Raphael, however, on a weekend when Fr Ross is able to celebrate all the masses assigned to him, times would include: 4:30pm, 6:00pm(St Raphael) Saturday, 8:00am , 9:30am(St Raphael) 11:00am, 1:00pm.

**Religious Education beginning in September:** Adjustments to Religious Education classes have been made due to Covid restrictions and required social distancing. Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception will hold combined sessions for Confirmation class, First Communion class, RCIA class, Baptism and Marriage classes. Confirmation will be held on Wednesday evenings at Sacred Heart using the social hall, and on Thursday evenings, the RCIA classes will meet at Immaculate Conception Murphy Hall. Youth Group will meet on Friday evenings at Sacred Heart. First Communion will meet on Sundays from 9:30-10:45am. For children, we will provide subscriptions for the Pflaum Gospel weeklies. These publications and lessons are liturgically based and correspond with the Sunday weekly Gospels and are very user friendly for family involvement. One suggestion brought forward would be to hold once a month children assembly on either Sunday or Saturday.

**Catholic and Public Schools:** Classes at Catholic Schools restructured, fewer classes per semester, but at end of the year, same number of classes completed. Public schools are not open for students at this time. Three options, some classes on-line and some in person. Until they can have access to schools, the Zoom sessions with their teachers will be utilized. The second option would be to use on-line only, from a teacher in the district building downtown. The third option would be to withdraw from the district and access one of the private on-line schools. This can be changed per quarter if not working for the family.

**Security:** The installation of the new security camera system is about 95% complete. A new front door is on order, which will allow access via an electronic keycard system. Keys will still be required on inside doors.

### **Closing comments from council members:**

- Elizabeth will be available to take missing pictures of council members after the meeting for the parish council page of the Web Page
- Request for review of Security Plan with parish council at next meeting
- Request Update on priests' travel to outlying villages. Fr Stan returning to his home village on August 26th. Fr Alphonsus and Fr Aiden have approval to travel if they can get a flight and an embassy stamp, hopefully within 60 – 90 days. Fr Simon from Nigeria should also be coming in the new year. Fr Humberto comes from Anchorage every month for 10 days, Fr Dilio from Ft Wainwright and Fr Robert are available to assist.
- Apostolate meets on Wednesday evenings for Rosary and prayer. Fundraising ideas for Apostolate.
- Rosary Congress will be held at Cathedral October 2-4.
- Suggestion to add photos of staff and staff names, and photos and names of our seminarians.
- Celebrating the Common thread within our parish ministries that connect our prayers and lectio with the upcoming Sunday readings
- Working on internet access for easier set up for Live stream feeds.
- Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception Church in need of assistance on Thursdays, Saturday and Sundays.

### **Closing Prayer**

**Next meeting scheduled for September 17, 2020, Thursday, 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

PPC meeting minutes for August 20, 2020, respectfully submitted by Parish Council Recorder