

Parish council meeting November 19, 2020 6:30pm – 8:00pm

PRESENT: Fr Ross, Tim Doval, Jim Laferriere, Elizabeth Crail, Ann Hagestead, Anna Mouton, Patty Walter

EXCUSED: Jim Villano, Roberta Carnahan, Barb Fennessy, Lourdes Bernal, Gina Torres, Ricardo Rodriguez,, Carolyn Dukes, Tom Vorderbruggen, Molly Murphy

Parish Council minutes from the October 15th meeting, on-line @ sacredheartak.org

Opening prayer

Recognizing Larry Chenaille: Larry passed away on Saturday,,November 14. Larry helped as Extraordinary Minister and Sacristan, and member of the Knights of Columbus. A Memorial Mass scheduled for Saturday at 11am. Prayers offered for the repose of the soul of Larry and prayers for his wife Daphne and family.

Latin Mass & Covid: Fr Tom has sent out a notice that Fr Dismis, the Dominican Priest who travels up from Anchorage to provide Latin Mass and assist at ICC, has contacted the covid virus. And for safety and health reasons, he will be staying in Anchorage. A reminder that we need to take precautions seriously, by wearing masks and not attending Mass if sick, with covid symptoms or have been in contact with known positive people.

Giving Tuesday: Thank you to Patty Walter for helping to connect Sacred Heart and our Diocese with Giving Tuesday which is December 1st. This is counter cultural to the Black Friday and Cyber Monday where people spend money on which benefits the economy, whereas Giving Tuesday which is meant to encourage people to remember the reason for the season and being charitable to other needs in the Diocese. Over the span of twelve years the roof that Ed Ross helped to put on the cathedral is wearing out, and we need to look at replacing the roof, perhaps this summer. One estimate was around \$100,000.00. Without a capital campaign or Giving Tuesday, we have increased our building fund by \$10,000.00 since the beginning of the fiscal year. And with the money on hand from private savings, we should be able to move forward on the roof project, perhaps encouraging a capital campaign of selling roof tiles.

Recognizing Cindy Jacobson: Cindy has been our Engineer for the Diocese, has been very instrumental in facilitating repairs and improvements at Sacred Heart and our parishes throughout our Diocese. Cindy has also been an integral member of the Safety and Security Team at Sacred Heart. She has been with the Diocese for eight years and will be leaving her position end of November. We thank Cindy for her contributions to our parish and Diocese.

Upcoming events:

A four-day parish retreat will be held at Sacred Heart, covering the four last thing; Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell, with each evening and topic being covered by Fr Welcome, Fr Ross, Fr Robert, and Fr Tom.

From the Thanksgiving weekend through beginning of January, we will see the seminarians back in our local area as the seminaries will be on extended break due to travel and covid restrictions between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We should see three of our four here, and will keep up with classes on line.

The Servidors will be back in Fairbanks for approximately nine days at the end of December. The priests of the Institute of the Incarnate Word and the Sisters of the Institute of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará are wanting to establish a permanent mission here in the diocese. There will be several opportunities to meet the Religious beginning with a young adult evening on December 30, Family Day at Immaculate Conception Church on December 31st, a Marian Afternoon at Sacred Heart on January 1st, and a family evening in Delta Junction on January 2nd.

Diaconate Ordination: Warren Lucero will be ordained as permanent Diaconate on December 8th at Sacred Heart.

Fr Humberto will be here from Anchorage, December 4th to the 14th, ministering to our Hispanic Community. He will celebrate the 5:30pm Mass on December 9th, followed by a Communal Penance, with priests available from 6pm to 8pm. On December 15th and 16th, similar Mass and Communal Penance will be hosted at St. Raphael and St Nicholas Churches.

Christmas Mass Schedule will be at the regular scheduled times, however, the Presiders will shift around to cover all needed Masses. Fr Ross will cover the Christmas Masses at St Raphael, and Bishop Chad will cover the 4:30pm, 7pm, and the 11 am on Christmas Day, and Fr Robert will cover the midnight Mass. The plan is to have musicians at all the Christmas Masses, with some safety adjustments due to the pandemic. Some possible adjustments would be the Cantor chanting, known as Recitity, with instrumental music.

Closing comments from council members:

- Concern in dealing with the occasional disruptive or outbursts that might disrupt the Liturgy.
- Thank you to Fr Dilio who has been assisting at Sacred Heart and will be re-deployed and leaving Ft Wainwright. Fr Robert will assist in covering the Saturday evening Masses. Please keep the church at Ft Wainwright in prayers as they will not have a Catholic presence with Fr Dilio's deployment and as Deacon Stan and family will be relocating to Arizona.
- The Food bank is doing well but they could use donations of turkeys and pies. Local police did a food drive at Cosco which helped. The Food bank may be serving 10,000 thanksgiving meals this year, and chicken, meat and fish donations are welcome. Thank you to President Trump for redirecting fresh farm boxes to the Fairbanks food bank since many restaurants have been closed down due to the pandemic.
- Our Catholic School is doing fantastic in maneuvering through this pandemic.
- The Associates of St Joseph found a way to outreach in the midst of the pandemic. The group put together 13 large flat rate boxes full of goodies to be sent out to the priests, brothers and sister in our outlying parishes. The charism of the Associates of St Joseph is Love of your dear neighbor, and this project fit well. The plan is to create similar thank you packages for our local priests.
- The Safety team has created a handout inviting parishioners to consider being part of the volunteer safety team. Handout was distributed to parish council members, and asking council members to suggest possible interested parishioners.
- Adjustment in the spray bleach that is used to sanitize the pews. Concern over the pews and damage due to spraying, and possible cost of getting the pews refinished.
- There will be no PC meeting in December.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting scheduled for January 21, 2021, Thursday, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

(**update: no PC meeting in January)

PPC meeting minutes for November 19, 2020, submitted by Parish Council Recorder