

Summary of Pastoral Council Meeting for May of 2022

Financial Report: The Pastoral Council examined, discussed, and approved the proposed church budget for fiscal 2022-23.

Finance and Administration Commission: Dr. Paul Thessing recently retired as Groundskeeper, and volunteers are currently working in his stead. Other volunteers have been sought to keep up the flower beds. About a half-dozen have already responded positively to that request. Youth Faith Formation Director Carina Martinez has taken a position elsewhere, and RCIA leader Andrea Ziminsky is having to give up her role due to a change in her husband's employment. Advertising for these jobs will be going out, but there may also be discussions of possible restructuring/realignment of these duties.

Education and Faith Formation Commission: School Principal Matt Tucker was indisposed, but let it be known that the new high school construction is coming along quickly and moving plans are accelerating. The Youth Ministry is wrapping up its school year activities as are the Adult Faith Classes. Christy Trantina will begin to formulate new ideas for the Fall and welcomes any suggestions.

Social Justice and Charitable Outreach Commission: There was no report, but its members are continually engaged in several projects and are making a difference in people's lives. "You can't say enough good things about the work the Commission is doing," Matt Mallett said. "It's beyond phenomenal"

Parish Life Commission: The Commission is beginning to plan for an event in July to celebrate the Permanent Diaconate Ordination of our two candidates, Calvin Percy and Ramon Argueta. That will take place at Christ the King Church in Little Rock on June 11.

Stewardship Commission: The Stewardship Month is normally in September or October depending on the priest's schedules. The focus at that time will be less on parishioners' treasure and more on the use of their time and talent. They need to be thanked for past efforts and continue encouraging them, and for others who've yet to be involved, to support our church's many ministries that do such good work in this community.

Pastor's Report: Father Tony noted the change for the Saturday Mass from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the summer. He also reaffirmed Bishop Taylor's announcements regarding the placement of priests. All three of ours will remain here, but they'll take on additional duties in July when they begin serving St. Boniface Church in New Dixie. They'll be responsible for saying Mass there on Fridays and Sundays. Some minimal office hours will also need to be kept. The Masses said at St. Elizabeth's in Oppello or St. Francis of Assisi at Little Italy will soon fall to clergy at Sacred Heart in Morrilton and to Christ the King in Little Rock, respectfully. Father Tony announced all high school and college graduates would be recognized at a Mass on May 21. He was also pleased with all the events that took place during Holy Week, and briefed everyone on his recent trip to the Holy Land.