

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
February 24, 2020
6:00 PM
Youth Room
DeVries House
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Minutes**

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Deacon Larry Conrad, Seminarian Chris Kight, Chris Desmarais, Francisco Flores, Rodney Schwartz, Claudia Valladares, and Ben Warrell

Absent: Sojo Ngoy, Melissa Baysinger, and Chris Durbin

Father Ryan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Claudia Valladares was welcomed as a new member of the Parish Council.

Financial Review

A condensed Financial Report was reviewed which included the amounts in the Charitable Gaming Account, the Building Fund, General Account, and Rental Account.

Renew

An update on the work of the restoration was presented. Exterior brick work has begun.

The Building Committee recently met with the firms involved in the restoration and the final estimates are as follows:

**Scott Murphy Daniel \$2.9 million
Conrad Schmitt \$1.2 million
EOA \$280,000
Parish Hall \$80,000
Miscellaneous \$50,000**

It is anticipated that work on the church floor and sacristy will begin in August and the HVAC system will be assessed. The pews will be removed during this time and the group discussed options for a location to hold Masses.

Father Ryan proposed adding a shed roof to the side of the Parish Hall next to the kitchen. This would provide a covered space for outdoor cooking and would make deliveries to the kitchen easier.

Fr. Ryan and Bayne Million were interviewed by the Daily News and an article was published on February 13, 2020.

Kathleen Baumgarten has been using various social media outlets to communicate about the project. She will soon be sending out quarterly letters to inform parishioners of the amount pledged and received.

Parish Life

John Villareal has recruited four new members for the Homebound Ministry, three of whom are bilingual.

Liturgy

A Holy Hour service will take place each Sunday during Lent at 5:00 PM.

Confessions will be available on Wednesdays in March from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

A Communal Penance service will be held March 29th at 6:00 PM with several priests present.

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday during Lent at 5:30 PM

Lenten Days of Reflection will be held March 11, 18 and 25 at noon. Henri Nouwen's book "The Prodigal Son" will be the topic of discussion. Fr. Ryan, Deacon Larry, and Chris Kight will each lead a session. A light lunch will be provided.

The Holy Week schedule will remain the same as before with the exception of Holy Thursday, when we will have two Masses: one in English and one in Spanish.

Events

There will be a Fish Fry each Friday evening in Lent following the Stations of the Cross.

The Stained Glass series will continue in 2020, with the next concert on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 PM.

El Mazatlan restaurants continue to donate 10% of revenue from St. Joseph patrons each Saturday lunch and dinner.

The Youth Group will conduct a bake sale at each Lenten Fish Fry. The group will attend Youth 2000 in Owensboro March 6-8. They will stay in the home of former parishioners which will eliminate the cost of a hotel.

Other Business

Rodney Schwartz reported that during Catholic School Week the students collected four large bins of food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The middle school Musical will take place in March. The new pre-school playground is nearing completion. A teacher from WKU, who has a child at St. Joe, has sent several of her students to the school to help with social media. Video testimonials are also planned.

The group discussed the tuition assistance program and ways to better communicate the requirements to parents. A meeting will be held following the Masses for interested parents.

Ben Warrell reported there will be a one-day Camp at Gasper River on April 15 for children with special needs. 100 applications for Summer Camp positions have been received. He also stated the YMCA in Madisonville is giving the camp a climbing and rappelling tower which is 52 feet tall.

Father Ryan provided members of the Council with a copy of the book “Divine Renovation” and asked to be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. The focus of the book is moving a parish from maintenance to mission.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM with a closing prayer by the group.

Next Meeting Date: March 23, 2020 at 6:00 PM