

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Council Meeting

May 25, 2021

6:00 PM

Rectory

Minutes

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Deacon Larry Conrad, Seminarian Chris Kight, Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais, Chris Durbin, Rodney Schwartz and Claudia Valladares

Absent: Francisco Flores, Sojo Ngoy and Ben Warrell

Father Ryan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Parish Finances

The Financial Report for April was reviewed. Finance Council will meet tomorrow night.

Renew Work

A concrete ramp on the side of the church will be poured this week.

Installation of the glass product covering the stained-glass windows is complete except for those at the rear of the church.

New stained glass has been added to the window in the Sacristy.

The ship date for the remainder of the lighting package is May 31.

After the scaffolding is removed it will take approximately 5-6 weeks to install the flooring and pews.

Historical tax credit is forthcoming.

Liturgy

A Mass will be offered at St. Joseph Cemetery at 11AM on Memorial Day.

Confirmations will take place the first two Saturdays in June.

A Corpus Christi procession led by Fr. Basilio and Seminarian Chris will take place on June 6 at 3:30 PM. The procession will begin in the Parish Hall, process to the Square in downtown Bowling Green and return to the Parish Hall for Benediction.

Worship Aids will be provided again starting in June.

Parish Life

A farewell celebration for Fr. Basilio will be held the weekend of June 5 and 6 with cookies, doughnuts and coffee after the Masses. A similar celebration will be held to welcome Fr. Corey Bruns when he arrives

The new weekend Mass schedule has been published. Fr. Ryan stated he has heard mostly positive comments about the change.

The "BG Catholics" is a Young Adult Group and will have its first meeting June 12. The group is intended for anyone age 18-35 regardless of parish.

The Hispanic Group will hold a sale of tamales and other food items on July 11.

Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass will resume in June.

The group discussed a variety of ideas for parish events to offer opportunities for parishioners to get together again. Since there are still group size restrictions it was decided to hold a Potluck on June 23 at 6:00 PM for those age 50 and over. A similar event for those under age 50 will be scheduled at a later date. A Reverse Raffle was tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2022.

Other Business

Fr. Ryan reported Camp registration is 80% full and that Ben Warrell has been able to hire a particularly good group of individuals for Camp staff.

Rodney Schwartz announced registration for next year is up to 328 students. Six new staff members have been hired for the coming year. He is exploring the possibility of obtaining a bus for the school.

Miscellaneous

Since the last Parish Directory was published in 2016, Kathleen Baumgarten is interested in developing a new one. Council agreed that would be worthwhile.

Fr. Ryan stated he was unable to locate a professional cleaning crew to provide cleaning for the church. Volunteers will be recruited for this task. Kellen Winstead has developed an extensive cleaning checklist for the volunteers. Chris Durbin offered to help with this project.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM with a closing prayer by the group.

Next Parish Council meeting will be July 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the home of Melissa Baysinger.