

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 24, 2021**

**Present:** Pastor Ryan Harpole, Deacon Larry Conrad, Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais (via phone), Rodney Schwartz, Sojo Ngoy

**Fr. Ryan opened with a prayer.**

**Parish Finances**

RENEW: Income is over expenses in January and two payments were made to Conrad Schmidt.

Finance council will recommend the rental cost of the restored church for weddings based on the following information collected thus far, which includes H.S.'s Charges: \$1000 for non-parishioners \$500 for parishioners with a \$1500 deposit and other documents provided with comparable charges. Discussion of optional pricing \$300 for parishioners and \$600 non-parishioners. Discussion of deposit and whether or not it would be refundable, and this should be considered in with the pricing.

Pew Sales going to be made available to the public. We have quite a few left and need to move them out of the warehouse.

PPE Money (\$68,000) will be renewed (most likely).

Jane is retiring ; Lori Million will be our new bookkeeper.

**RENEW**

FB live video updates are being done weekly and posted to our website RENEW page.

Project is on schedule. Angel artwork coming!

Potential add-ons: pole barn (30 x 40/50)

Thomas, the project superintendent, is on site.

Lighting- We had \$60,000 budgeted; the first plan wasn't good, but our second plan is. The lighting will include additional lights on the exterior, including on the bell tower/steeple. We will have a new electrical system for the lights.

Historical tax credits: Bayne is trying to get more options to find credits. There's one quote of \$20,000 to find credits (EOA).

The main sacristy is finished, and the working sacristy has condensation that will be fixed before a closet is to be built.

**Liturgy**

Rite of Election: Fr. Basilio and Fr. Ryan will do R.O.E. on non-weekend masses.

Penance service will be March 21, 2021, beginning at 5:00 pm.

Adoration is being lead by Chris Kight on Sundays during Lent at 4:30 pm.

Altar Society: Darla French and Hispanics comprise the committee that decorates/prepares.

Stations of the Cross will be Fridays at 6:00 pm in the school gym.

March Reflections: 3.10 & 3.24 lunchtime reflections on the Prodigal Son.

Chrism Mass: For priests only this year on the Tuesday of Holy Week.

### **Parish Life**

Fish Fry Friday: carry out only.

We hope to have a celebration at the altar dedication.

### **Gasper River**

The upcoming summer camps plan to operate at a 50% occupancy

Getting adult retreats; all restrictions will be followed.

Gasper River recently had a group of 60 WKU kids.

### **Saint Joseph School**

2021-2022 school year registration has started; fifty students have registered so far.

Teachers are getting vaccinated.

Budget planning.

Advertising is being increased.

Referral Awareness program will start.

Academic team and archery (lots of interest) are up and running.

CARES Money came from the city. Another EANPS grant is coming.

Plan to keep COVID-19 restrictions in place for Fall in case they continue.

### **Knights of Columbus**

Clean-up Day: May 1st 9:00 am to Noon

K of C hosting "Into the Breach" program for men: 1st Saturday of the month after the 8:30 First Saturday Mass. Seven men attended the last meeting.

**Next Parish Council meeting will be March 23, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the Stone House.**