

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pastoral Parish Council Meeting
October 25, 2021**

6:00 PM

Rectory

Minutes

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Parochial Vicar Corey Bruns, Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais, Chris Durbin, Francisco Flores and Rodney Schwartz

Absent: Deacon Larry Conrad, Sojo Ngoy, Claudia Valladares and Ben Warrell

Father Ryan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Parish Finances

The Financial Report for September was provided to Council members prior to the meeting. Finance Council will meet tomorrow night.

It now appears we will need to borrow \$500,000 from the Diocese which can then be repaid in 15-24 months. This amount is less than originally believed.

Lori Million is leaving her position as Director of Finance. Sharon Luster will assume the position and will receive training from Jane Browning.

Renew Work

The new kneelers will be installed next week.

Concrete work is being completed around the parish hall and church offices.

Moisture continues to be detected at the rear of the church. Experts have differing views on the cause of the moisture. The area is being monitored using a moisture detection meter. It was decided to wait 6 months before determining what action should be taken.

Liturgy

All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation since it falls on a Monday. There will be a regular Mass at 7:00 AM and a Spanish Mass at 6:00 PM.

All Souls Mass will be held at the St. Joseph Cemetery at 11:00 AM on November 2. In case of rain, it will be held at St. Joseph Church.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will take place at 8:00 AM. There will be no Confessions or Spanish Mass that evening.

There will be a Penance Service on Sunday, December 19 at 5:00 PM

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe falls on a Sunday in Advent. A gathering in her honor will take place at 2:00 PM that day.

Parish Life

Fr. Ryan reminded Council Members that their 3-year term of service will end on June 30, 2022. Father explained the process he will use to determine new members. He will solicit nominations at Masses in February. Nominated parishioners will be contacted to see if they are willing to serve. Final members will be chosen at a drawing by lot at a Mass in June. Fr. Ryan has used this method at previous parishes and found it works well.

The BG Catholic group continues to flourish with sixty-nine members attending one or more events. Fr. Corey announced numerous gatherings which are planned for the remainder of the year.

The Renew Fest held on October 24 was well attended. Jackie Valladares won the chili cookoff.

The group discussed whether to have a Christmas Party but tabled the idea for now.

The members of the altar society continue to provide a valuable service to the Parish.

An Over 50s Gathering will take place on January 17, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

A Reverse Raffle will be held on March 19, 2022.

Volunteers will deep clean the Church after each First Saturday Mass.

Other Business

Rodney Schwartz reported the Schools' Annual Talent Show is this Friday. The Christmas Program will take place on December 14 at SKyPAC. Seventy students have signed up for the new Archery Program. A Middle School Baseball Coach has been located and St. Joseph School can now have a team.

Music

A Musical Program is being prepared for All Souls Vespers which will be held at 7:30 PM on Sunday, November 7. The number of musicians who are currently participating in the choirs is the largest we have ever had.

Miscellaneous

An individual is being sought to lead the Youth Ministry. If no one is found by January, Fr. Ryan will do so.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM with a closing prayer by the group.

Next Parish Council meeting will be November 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM.