Pastoral Council Meeting

August 5, 2021

Members Present: Fr. James Gross, Diane Gunderson, Virginia Wilson, Ellen Rose, Virginia Esslinger, Ellen Rose

I. Call to Order – Fr. Gross called the meeting to order.

II. Prayer – Fr. Gross led prayer.

III. Review Agenda – Agenda approved.

IV. Standing Reports

a) Pastor’s Report - Fr. Gross reported that a new director of religious education was hired. Jennifer Fetsch will start August 15th. Don Palmiscno will help train her.

A crew from Tim Shea’s has been working on the rectory back yard. A huge thank you to them and all their wonderful work. CJ Rose and some volunteers will put up a fence between the garage and the house. CJ has gotten a couple bids for materials.

Glenn Hansen from Craftmasters will fix the rectory roof and he will start the hospitality campaign project in mid to late October. Vilandre’s is donating the fixtures. He will be getting tile samples to choose from so that they can be ordered soon since it has been taking a long time to get product. Funeral lunches could possibly be done at funeral homes, if necessary, during construction.

The 100 Year Anniversary of Court Marquette Catholic Daughters, the Fall Supper, KC breakfast are just a few of the events coming up.

On the weekend of September 10 & 11 Father Gross has asked a newly ordained permanent deacon to speak at all the Masses that weekend.

Father asked for input about other events that could be done. An organ recital, bingo parties, Lenten talks with soup supper and maybe a religious movie were some ideas. The young families would like to have an evening in the gym with pizza. A Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was also suggested. Virginia Esslinger said that April is Volunteer Appreciation Month so we should plan for it then.

b. Health/Social Concerns/Prayer Shawl Ministry Report – The ministry will have their next meeting on August 23rd and will be doing another LaGrave meal after the meeting. They will be cooking for LaGrave on August 9th, August 23rd, September 13th, and September 27th.

They will be making plans for the Jesse Tree once again this year and are also hosting the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 11th.

Virginia has contacted WelCor and they will be having a flu shot clinic at the same time as the Fall Dinner.

c. Religious Education Report – Father Gross informed pastoral council that Jennifer Fetsch has been hired as the new DRE. Don Palmiscno will be in a transitional role. Jennifer will work approximately 15 hours a week. Father is hoping that families are contacted to encourage them to get their children back in religious education after covid. Laurel Ann developed a spreadsheet of children that have been baptized that are of the religious education age and they will be contacted to welcome them to Sunday School.

RCIA will start again in mid-October.

Confessions will begin again on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 to 6:45 when CCD starts.

St. Timothy’s in Manvel will be hosting confirmation this year.

Virginia Achen will be starting a scripture study also.

d. Knights of Columbus Report – The Columbia Club has been sold. The KCs will be meeting to schedule their breakfasts soon.

e. Altar Society Report – The kitchen cleaning took place on May 10th with a great crew.

Several funerals have been served.

The altar society completed the reorganization of items in existing spaces to clean out the storage closet that will become a restroom.

A request was made for the Altar Society to clean the church once a month before their meetings. They will start at 6:00 pm on meeting evenings.

Plans are being made for the Fall Supper on September 26th and raffle tickets have been mailed out with an informational letter about the raffle and the supper.

St. Mary’s Altar Society purchased a new washer after the old one could not be fixed anymore.

A Bible study is planned for the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

They have decided not to have the month of money until some time around Lent.

f. Liturgy Committee Report – The committee will be meeting on September 14th at 6:00. There have been a few new lectors and a couple new sacristans. In September eucharist ministers will need to be scheduled.

A new procedure for sacristans is that they must stay in the sacristy until Father and the altar servers leave.

The September meeting will be planning the October rosaries.

All Saints is on Monday so that means it is not an obligation this year, however, Father will have a Mass anyway.

g. Finance Council Report – Fr. Gross mentioned that we are a bit shorthanded in the office due to Laurel Ann and Vicki on leave for an extended period of time.

V. New Business – None

Adjournment – Next meeting is Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Rose, Business Manager