**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2022**

Meeting held in the Fireside Room.

**Council members present:** Brian Lutes, Renee Berens, Father Barnes, Jill Nelson, Michelle Rosnow, Dick Frie, Judy Ashley, Dean Flicker, Trustee Les Wilmot and Trustee Jan Zaruba.

**Members absent:** Donny Lill, Tim Davis, Melissa Anderson, Ryan Graham and Karen Dehmer.

**Others present:** Zahayra

**Meeting called to order by Renee Berens**

Opening Prayer led by Father Barnes

**Synod Update – Father Barnes:** Father Barnes provided a brief update on the Synod process. The Synod Parish Leadership Team is discerning how to take the next step in the process.

**Are we a welcoming Parish? – Update – Michelle/Karen:** Marcia Flicker drafted a letter to be sent to new members of St. Henry that has been approved by Father Barnes. The letter invites new members for a breakfast and a tour. The letter suggests ways new members can get involved with St. Henry’s. Michelle also mentioned placing sheets in a basket in the gathering space that allow visitors to express interest in becoming members of St. Henry’s. Discussion occurred about the process for following up with new members.

**Housing Update for Father Barnes/John - Father:** Dan Dupay signed a two-year lease for a townhome in Monticello for Father Barnes and soon to be Deacon John beginning June 2022.

**Summer Mass Times - Father:** Father would like to consider a summer schedule consisting of a 9:30 a.m. Mass in English and a Spanish Mass at 11:30 a.m. The Saturday evening Mass would remain at 5:00 p.m. The proposed schedule would begin in June and continue through Labor Day. A benefit would be fuller Masses during the summer with more energy. The Council supported this suggestion.

**LAB Update – Dean:** Dean explained a Deanery meeting was held last week with Bishop Hebda. Dean provided a brief update from the meeting. The Deanery provided an update on issues related to the Native American Boarding Schools. The Deanery discussed concerns about St. Thomas not following some Catholic practices and sharing the identity of the Catholic Church.

**Hispanic Community – Zahayra:** Zahayra mentioned that members of the Hispanic Community are meeting at the end of this week. The Hispanic Community is trying to encourage older high school students and young adults to participate in ministry positions at Mass. Zahayra mentioned that attendance at Mass has been up.

**2023 Fiscal Year Budget – Father Barnes:** Father Barnes submitted the budget for 2023. The Parish Council discussed the budget that included notes regarding ways in which the budget changed. Father Barnes shared the minutes from the Finance Council Meeting from March in which the 2023 budget was approved. Dick made a motion seconded by Judy that carried unanimously to permit review of the budget and allow feedback to Dan Dupay by April 28.

**Liaison Updates and Open Forum:** Dick mentioned an insurance claim has been submitted relating to damage sustained by the building due to a power surge caused by the recent storm.

Meeting adjourned 9:06.

Closing Prayer led by Dean. Recorded by Brian Lutes