**Parish Council Meeting Minutes August 3rd, 2022**

Attendees: Steve Bentz, Bob Current, Susie Hague, Patty Sosenheimer, Chris Stock, Keith Heimann, Jared Hoy, Fr. Tom

1. **Renovation**. We still await the arrival of the more permanent light fixtures around the outer ring of the sanctuary. It’s a good thing we purchased the less expensive temporary fixtures to get us by in the short term. Additional lighting will also be added to brighten up the main altar area and pulpit. We are also looking into a temporary ramp to allow a wheelchair into the sanctuary.

2. **Interfaith Opportunity**. A preliminary contact has been made with the Jewish Temple on Old Mill Road, asking about some kind of interfaith exchange. We discussed what format this might take. Some council members recall that in years past they took groups to the temple for a tour and an explanation of the Jewish liturgy. Maybe we could ask about such a possibility and suggest that we would be very open to some prayer together. Such an event would probably work best with small and predictable numbers, not with an open parish invitation. We could make an invitation for a similar event at St. Charles… a tour of our church, a talk about our liturgy, and a chance to pray together, maybe singing psalmody.

3. **Parish Directory**. Our parish directory is now six years old. We agreed that it is probably time to update. Different companies offer different styles of directories. Some provide professional photographers who take family portraits and print a book. Others offer a service in which people submit their own photos and the parish posts an online directory, adding and deleting families as the parish changes. There are likely companies which have some combination. Steve will do some research for us.

4. **Youth and Young Adult Ministry**. We have some important ministry taking place in our parish which could be expanded if we had more staffing. We are currently interviewing for a new full-time parish staff person.

5. **Pause and Praise**. The first Sunday of every month in the Hession Center is home to “Pause and Praise”. This is a time for praise music which is drawing in some fresh faces. Come join us from 10:15 to 10:45 am and enjoy.

6. **Marriage Encounter**. Saint Charles will be hosting a marriage encounter weekend on October 22nd and 23rd. You must pre-register for this event and space is limited.

7. **Cardinal Fest.** Our parish festivalwill be held Sept. 9-11. Organizers have things moving and sponsors have been very generous.A teen dance will be held on Friday evening with a DJ and food. Games and Food Trucks will be available on Saturday from 3:00-7:00. Tours of the rectory chapel will be offered on Saturday from 3:00-5:00 and 6:00-7:00. (avoiding the evening Mass time.) An adult beer tent and corn hole event will be Saturday evening 7:30-11:00. On Sunday, a 5K run and fun run will take place.

The next parish council meeting is September 7th at 7:00 pm