**Parish Council Meeting Notes 11/18/20**

1. **Corona virus reactions**:
2. Church - An advent service is being cancelled, however we are substituting more opportunities for confession.
3. School - 1/3 of the way through the 180 day school year. We have plenty of kids coming and going on quarantines, but very few actual covid cases. Thankfully zero teachers have been sick with the virus.
4. Confirmation will take place for Saint Charles parishioners 11/20 and 21. 13 students will miss this, on quarantine.
5. We forgot to schedule a **blessing of animals** on St. Francis’ feast day this year. We will do so next year.
6. **Finances**. In 2020, the average weekly donations in most Catholic parish’ are down 14%. St. Charles is only down 7% and we are doing well financially. The seminarian bake sale income was similar to 2019 and the St. Vincent de Paul food drive from early November was also very successful.
7. The **youth retreat** at St. Felix had an excellent response with 44 attendees.
8. K of C fish fry is December 5th from 4:30-6:30, carry-out only. {Note: Since our meeting the fish fry has been canceled.]
9. Three **seminarians** will be moving into our rectory soon and staying until mid-January. They will produce livestream talks on the Wednesdays of December at 7 pm. More details coming soon.
10. **Christmas Masses**. On Christmas Eve, we plan 4:00 and 6:30 concurrent masses in the sanctuary and the gym. We don’t expect overflow crowds for the other Masses.
11. **Borromeo Bash** is tentatively still scheduled for February 6th, minus the casino portion.
12. A **Lenten program** is scheduled for February 28th from 6:30-8:30 with guest speaker Tim Francis.
13. **Cross Catholic Outreach** will be speaking at all Masses May 16 & 17.
14. Current **school renovation** on the teacher’s lounge is finished except for the cabinetry. Bids have been accepted and we will soon begin work on the downstairs music room.
15. **Church renovation**. A contractor is working on estimating costs for our church renovation ideas. Once we have good ideas of costs, we will re-examine our ideas and then prepare for a parish presentation.
16. The bishop is recommending that parishes take part in an **offertory-increase program** offered by Our Sunday Visitor. More information will follow
17. Any good ideas for electronic sign verbiage would be welcomed.

Next meeting: January 13, 7 p.m.