**Parish Council Meeting Minutes February 7, 2024**

Attendees: Chris Stock, Don Clemmer, Joe McKenna, Steve Jahrsdoerfer, Mike O’Neil, Linda Gutoskey, Dennis Redding, Keith Heimann, Steve Bentz, Jared Hoy, Deacon Rob Lortie, Fr. Tom, Fr. Bobby

1. The school window replacement project is expected to cost $1,000,000. Final documents are in the works and contractor bids will follow.

2. Directories have been delivered to most Parishioners. If you have not picked yours up, please see an usher after Mass.

3. The St. Joseph House dinner provided by the Parish Council was provided in mid-January. The next date to assist will be July 18, 2024.

4. We are reaching out to Pastor Timothy Lake at Union Baptist church for some level of interaction between the two parishes.

5. Eucharistic Initiative

a). The Saint Charles Forty Hours of Devotion is fast approaching. February 25, 26 and 27 will provide opportunity to sit in quiet adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. We are asking for sign ups to ensure that at least two individuals are present during each hour when Mass is not being celebrated. Returning native son of our parish Father Patrick Mary Briscoe will serve as guest speaker at 7:00 pm on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. We will likely plan a simple reception following the Tuesday evening Mass at the conclusion of the forty hours of devotion.

b). A study group has formed and will meet every Wednesday of Lent after the 8:15 am mass in the community room.

c). Single day tickets are now available at the National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Indianapolis July 17th through the 21st.

6. A Catholic apologetics group will provide thought-provoking discussions every Saturday of Lent from 9:30 - 11:30. Come for the coffee and refreshments, stay for the fascinating topics.

7. We will soon be soliciting candidates for new Parish Council members and discerning at our May meeting. They will take the place of the current four year members who will retire in June 2024.

8. Bequest

a). Saint Charles has partnered with Saint Mary’s to provide Father Wimal a car to drive as he embarks on his next chapter as a Bishop in Sri Lanka.

b). $500,000 will be placed into the Hession-Canter fund to act as a parachute in the event Indiana ever cancels the state tuition assistance.

c). The Youth House on our campus will likely be demolished at a future date and rebuilt in a more dynamic and useful configuration to serve the needs of the parish.

9. Father Bobby is noodling around with the formation of an outdoor Summer Bible study program. Possibly on Thursday evenings, more details to come.

The next Parish Council meeting will be April 17th at 7:00 PM.