**Parish Council Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023**

Attendees: Linda Gutoskey, Steve Lutz, Bob Current, Susie Hague, Joe McKenna, Don Clemmer, Katie Eckrich, Liz Furniss, Keith Heimann, Jared Hoy, Steve Bentz, Cathy Krouse, Patty Sosenheimer, Deacon Rob Lortie, Fr. Tom

1. **Parish Picture Directory**. We hope to publish a new parish picture directory, with photography taking place at the end of Summer / beginning of the school year. The Gathering Space will serve for sign-ins and waiting area and the photography will be in the Nursery. We need to find out if we have fast and stable internet connectivity in that location. [I am told that we can supplement what we now have.] Some planning needs to be worked out to share the space with church events and nursery occupants on Sundays.

2. The **Nursery** has been open for more than a month now during the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses. Average number of children is about 15 per weekend.

3. **Sound System**. The audio problems that we have experienced in the last few weeks have been traced back to the Ambo microphone. It will be fixed soon and we do understand that the temporary microphone is not ideal.

4. The **Saint Charles Statue** is back in the rightful location. The expense to repair has been satisfied by a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. We hope to get another 40 years use as a result of the repairs.

5. **Electric Works**. Saint Charles recently sponsored a day of prayer in the new prayer room at the GE Electric Works location. This is a non-denominational space welcome to all.

6. **Interfaith Event**. Fr. Tom has made a contact with the pastor of the local Greek Orthodox church. We hope for an event in the Spring and a Jewish synagogue event in the Fall.

7. As we prepare for **Holy Week**, many extra opportunities for worship and reflection are available.

a) Morning adoration from 7:30 am to 8:00 am

b) Stations of the cross Sundays at 3:00 pm and Friday at 7:00 pm

c) March 14 between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm multiple priests will be available for confession.

d) March 18 morning of reflection 8:15 am to noon.

e) March 29 Penance service at 7:00 pm

8. **Good Friday**. Saint Patrick’s Parish has Hispanic group which does a dramatic reenactment of the Stations of the Cross. They have offered to present it at St. Charles at 3:00 on Good Friday. This promises to be a dramatic and enthusiastic event.

9. **Catholic Relief Services** recently gave a presentation followed by an ethnic meal at the Hession Center.

10. “**After School Adoration**” has begun every Friday for thirty minutes immediately following the conclusion of the school day.

11. **Eucharistic Revival** events are planned for greater focus on the Eucharist.

a) April 2: a sacred concert will take place by Heartland Sings at Saint Peter’s church.

b) April 12: Revive Mission at Bishop Dwenger high school.

c) April 27: a sacred concert at the Cathedral.

d) May 6: An evangelization training workshop will take place at Saint Vincent’s.

e) February 25-27 2024 Saint Charles will host forty hours of devotion.

f) July 17-21, 2024. A national Eucharistic Congress will take place at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

12. **Building projects**.

a) The parking lot will undergo repairs during the summer. We hope to also improve lighting in the parking lot.

b) New boilers will be installed in the Hession Center this Summer.

c) Remodeling plans are being formulated for the Youth House. We are blessed with the problem of needing a bigger gathering area for our youth.

d) Bids are currently being solicited for the installation of new windows in the older sections of our school.

13. **Council membership**. We need to cycle in some new members in the spring. Anyone interested is encouraged to reach out to Father Tom.

14. **Walk for the Poor**. The Saint Vincent De Paul Society has picked Sunday October 1, 2023 as the date for their annual fundraiser. They welcome any suggestions for businesses or individuals who would like to be named sponsors for this event.

The next parish council meeting is May 3rd at 7:00 pm