**Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 1st, 2021**

Attendees: Steve Bentz, Bob Current, Susie Hague, Linda Gutoskey, Keith Heimann, Stephanie Keefer, Steve Lutz, Joe McKenna, Dan Schneider, Patty Sossenheimer, Chris Stock, Fr. Tom, Fr. Koehl

1. The contact tracing and quarantining of **Covid**-positive and suspected positive individuals has resulted in a number of absences for our students and a few teachers. The students are able to continue their studies safely due to our educator’s ability to instruct those in class as well as those at home (no minor task by the way). Weekend masses have regained a sense of normalcy with servers back in place and the pews filled up with pre-Covid attendance numbers. Funeral luncheons have resumed for those who wish to participate.

2. **Church** **Renovation**

A. The diocese has offered the final approval to proceed with this big project. Schenkel construction has been selected to do the work, and is projecting a May 20th completion date. This means we will be celebrating Easter Mass in the gymnasium this year, but it is better than celebrating at home with a televised Mass. The Cathedral will host St. Charles’ First Communion on May 1.

B. Coordination remains key in making sure all events move forward with viable locations, including a few weddings that have “backup locations” in case the project runs a bit long.

3. The **capital campaign** has begun to fund the project, and will continue through the month of September. A kickoff video will be shown at every Mass September 11 / 12 with a quick talk from Keith Heimann. Kelly Tippmann will speak at September 18 / 19 Masses. Father Tom speak and hand out pledge cards September 25 / 26.

4. **Sr. Genevieve** was showered with love and surprise visits at the September 1st daily Mass as we remembered her 50 years in religious life (the bulk of which has been with us here at Saint Charles). Special guests included familiar faces from the past such as Fr. Jacob, Fr. Nathan, and Fr. Polycarp along with fellow sisters that made the trip from Avilla to cap off the festivities. We will recognize Sister also at the October 24th coffee and donuts after Mass.

5. LeeAllen Fortin’s **ordination** has been postponed due to illness. More information to follow soon. *[post-meeting note: November 27 is the new ordination date.]*

6. **Catholic Relief Service** would like to organize a St. Charles chapter that would focus on assisting those in need residing in third world countries. We are looking for any volunteers that may be interested.

7. **Cardinal Fest** has been officially scheduled for Sunday September 12th. We continue to monitor health and wellness risks to proceed in the best manner.

8. The **Seminarian Bake Sale** will be held without baked goods this year as we watch the Covid spike. Exact dates to come soon.

9. **Church landscaping** improvements will take place on October 15th and 16th. Volunteers are welcome to help. No experience needed.

10. **St. Vincent De Paul Society** will be holding a “stuff the truck” event on October 18th and 19th. They will be accepting donations of clothing, furniture and of course dollars to help those in need. The SVDS is also sponsoring a walk for the poor that will take place October 3rd. This is a low impact walk or run in which you can “sponsor” a participant.

11. **Kingdom Builders** is a beautiful ministry offered for women. Monthly gatherings feature a speaker, Adoration, and music.

Next meeting: October 6th at 7:00 pm.