**Parish Council Meeting Notes for Wednesday October 7th, 2020**

1. The Bishop Dwenger football game will be projected in the St. Charles parking lot Friday. Food trucks will be present from 6-8 pm. If this is well attended, we may repeat for BD the playoff run. The parish has purchased a screen and projector suitable for outdoor use. We can do this again or possibly show movies in the future.
2. Corona virus update
3. Church – nothing new to report, thinking of ways to increase attendance.
4. School - Averaging about 10-12 kids quarantining at any given time. Not necessarily because of the virus or exposure, sometimes due to common cold or being cautious.
5. Communion offered in the parking lot outside of Mass?– The idea was presented, but it doesn’t seem like the time to pursue it. We await any new directives from the bishop.
6. Two of six nursing homes have invited us to continue a monthly Mass. We are now taking Communion to home bound parishioners who desire it and feel comfortable with our safety measures
7. Welcoming Committee – Is in place to welcome new parishioners to the parish.
8. RCIA: 1 catechumen, 8 candidates, 1 interested but not yet committed.
9. RCIA for Catholics: 16 – Pretty much at capacity.
10. Christmas book giveaway – We have purchased 1,000 small books of reflections by Mother Teresa to give away at Christmas Mass.
11. The diocese is considering placing three seminarians in our rectory for at least part of Christmas break.
12. Seminarian bake sale – No numbers yet, but seems to have gone well.
13. Outdoor Rosary Noon, Oct. 10 – For the past month, our parish has offered weekly outdoor rosaries for our nation. The 10/10 rosary is a nationwide event offered each October, including all of the mysteries.
14. Borromeo Bash, 2/6/21 is a *go* based on a survey of those who have attended in the past. Tickets won’t be sold until January, and in the worst-case situation, this could be turned into a virtual event.
15. Very hard ground has been broken by the Knights of Columbus for a pro-life monument near the Gathering Space doors.
16. The feast of St. Charles is Wednesday November 4th. Ideas were thrown out to celebrate our namesake: dedicating the new pro-life monument that day, writing support notes to seminarians, decorating the Saint Charles statue, exposing the Blessed Sacrament in the evening, and possibly a blessing of pets (missed on St. Francis’ day.) We will continue to throw around these ideas.
17. A 2020 school renovation plan was to add two classroom spaces. One is done and one is in the bidding process. The teacher’s lounge is almost done with a few improvements.
18. A sanctuary renovation plan is being discussed. Blueprints and price estimates are in process. We will schedule a parish-wide meeting to look at drawings, hear from the architect and discuss the project, probably during the winter. The church will be unusable during the renovation and all Masses will be moved to the school gym for several months. Long range planning is needed to ensure that social distancing requirements are over so that we can fit in the gym, also that there are no weddings scheduled during this time period. Our target date is for work to take place from Christmas 2021 until Easter of 2022.

All members present but Margaret Ryan. The next council meeting is November 18th 7 p.m.