**Parish Council Meeting May 5th, 2021**

Attendees: Steve Bentz, Bob Current, Sam Ensley, Carole Fuller, Susie Hague, Keith Heimann, Steve Lutz, Joe McKenna, John Minick, Margaret Ryan, Patty Sosenheimer, Fr. Tom, Fr. Thomas.

- **Classroom additions**. The long-anticipated two classroom additions have been completed and will be ready to host students at the beginning of the 2022 school year.

- **Pandemic status**. Church services and school activities are moving along as well as can be expected with the current safety precautions in place. Bishop Rhoades will give direction on future adjustments to the plan. The Sunday 11:00 am mass will continue to be livestreamed with no plans to change at this time. Students continue to wear masks and follow precautions in school.

-**Fr. James**. Father James will be spending at least one additional week covering masses for his brother’s parish in California.

-**Offertory Increase Campaign**. The offertory increase campaign was very successful in terms of one-time gifts as well as increased weekly / monthly donations. Response cards continue to arrive. OSV advises using this program for three years. The council was very positive about repeating, though the timing could be tricky with a capital campaign in the fall.

-**Church Renovations**. Our parish continues to move forward with the church renovation planning. An undertaking of this nature requires thoughtful consideration to minimize disruption and mistakes. The bishop and the diocesan art and architecture committee have given an enthused approval. Multiple quotations are in process and we look to begin a financial campaign in the fall. The goal is to close the church for renovations from Christmas to Easter of 2022. Due to a wedding schedule, if that is not possible we will likely delay until Christmas of 2023.

-**Gifted and Sent**. The first of four different “Gifted and Sent” programs took place in the church on May 2nd. The presentation was very good and we look forward to three events on May 16th / June 6th and July 11th.

**Parish Directory**. It has been nearly five years since we published our last parish picture directory. We are being approached by salesmen and asked if we would like to begin a new directory. The council suggested waiting until capital campaign and renovation activity are squared away.

**New members**. We thank Adam Freiburger, Carole Fuller, John Minick, and Margaret Ryan as they cycle off from a 3-year term on the council. We discerned Sam Ensley and Dan Schneider to stay for a fourth year in order to even the terms in our membership. We then prayerfully discerned four new members who will begin a 3-year term: Liz Furniss, Linda Gutoskey, Stephanie Keefer, and Chris Stock.

We are grateful for those who have served on the council and we are grateful for those who expressed a willingness to help.

Next meeting (for both outgoing and incoming members): June 2