**Parish Council Meeting Minutes January 11th, 2023**

Attendees: Steve Bentz, Don Clemmer, Bob Current, Katie Eckrich, Linda Gutoskey, Susie Hague, Keith Heimann, Jared Hoy, Steve Lutz, Joe McKenna, Chris Stock, Fr. Tom, Deacon Rob Lortie

1. We welcome the newly ordained Deacon Rob Lortie who has recently been assigned to Saint Charles.

2. The Parish Council will be providing food to the Saint Joseph Mission House in the evening of Thursday January 19th.

3. A new parish photo directory is in the research stage and Steve Bentz has been in communication with a company. If anyone has interest in assisting in any way, please reach out.

4. Steve Lutz gave a presentation on the importance of Chaplains in all branches of the United States military. There are currently 187 active chaplains, but there is a need for 800. This is a current reality that will not soon be remedied. Steve has reached out to Father Jacob Meyer to see how we can assist his efforts in any possible way.

5. The Rescue Mission is being solicited to see if our parish can serve meals again in the future. Steve Lutz serves regularly at the mission and there are times that *his* crew is short of people. Maybe next time he can reach out to the Parish Council email listing to round out any shortfalls in labor.

6. Walking with Moms in Need is a newer ministry within the parish. Word is currently being spread through referrals from Parkview and several doctors’ offices. They are currently working with at least six families on a regular basis to assist and many more on an as needed basis.

7. The imperfections in the terrazzo floor of the sanctuary have now been repaired. New carpet has been put down in the ministry rooms in the back of the church and the outdoor St. Charles statue is undergoing repair.

8. Saint Patrick’s Church may be extending an invitation for fellowship on January 29th. More information to follow.

9. The Eucharistic initiative is taking place here at Saint Charles January 14th.

10. Forty hours of devotion is a multi-day event that will take place at Saint Charles February 25-27, 2024. The guest speaker on Sunday and Monday will be our native son Father Patrick Mary Briscoe. Bishop Rhoades will speak on Tuesday.

11. Current parish projects include a new boiler in the Hession Center, remodeling at the youth house and new windows in many of the school rooms. Bids are currently being solicited so that we can make an informed decision.

The next parish council meeting is February 1st at 7:00 pm