**Parish Council Meeting Minutes May 3rd, 2023**

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

1 ReMember **Church Directories** has officially been contracted to provide the 2023 Saint Charles photo directory. Photography sessions will be by appointment only beginning July 31st and run through mid-August. We will ask the parish to submit photos for the parish pages. Further details will be made available in June and July.

2. June 3rd the Cathedral will host the **ordination** of seven young men as they move forward to the Diaconate / Priesthood. Attendance is by invitation only to ensure seating for family and friends. The event will be livestreamed on Redeemer Radio and youtube. After the ordination, our own Deacon Jake Schneider will celebrate his first Mass as a priest at 11:00 on June 4th at Saint Charles.

3. Due to upcoming summer activities, volunteers that staff the **Sunday nursery** ministry will be diminished. The nursery will likely be open for only one Mass on the weekend.

4. The **church renovation** is officially over! We continue to tweak lighting configurations and have ordered a sponge cover for the ambo microphone to cut down the popping noise when a breath hits the microphone directly.

5. The **Saint Charles statue** has been returned to its rightful location at the main entrance of the gathering space. One more project completed!

6. An **interfaith gathering** will soon be scheduled to tour the local Greek Orthodox sanctuary off Wallen Road.

7. **Saint Joseph mission dinners** continue to be offered by varying factions of the Saint Charles faithful.

8. Saint Charles has been financially assisting a **seminary in Uganda** for a number of years now. The purchasing power of the US dollar provides many blessings to the seminarians and they respond enthusiastically. Among other things, funds have been used for porridge, maize flour, 220 textbooks, and an indoor oven with cooking pots.

9. The 2023 **Lenten and Easter events** included

 a) Morning adoration from 7:30 – 8:00

 b) Stations Sunday 3:00 and Friday 7:00

 c) Morning of Reflection, March 18, 8:15 – Noon

 d) Penance Service March 29, 7:00 PM

e) The Saint Patrick’s parish dramatic rendition of the passion received enthusiastic praise from all who attended

10. Friday **after-school adoration** has enough participants to continue.

11. There are multiple opportunities to participate in **Eucharistic Initiatives** across the diocese.

a) The Saint Charles youth procession will take place May 31st

b) The Saint Charles Corpus Christi procession will take place June 11th

c) A pilgrimage across the Fort Wayne / South Bend diocese will take place from June 4th through the 11th. Pre-determined legs of the journey range in miles as we process in adoration from parish to parish.

12. **Parish projects** continue to proceed with quotation and scheduling of labor. Examples include replacing two boilers in the Hession Center, enlarging the available space at the youth house on the Saint Charles campus, refurbishing the parking lot and replacing many windows in the school classrooms.

13. **Parish Council members** accept a three-year term and we cycle members on and off the council every year. This year we thank the following members who are cycling off: Bob Current, Susie Hague, Steve Lutz, Stephanie Keefer and Liz Furniss. We welcome new members: Dennis Redding, Mike O’Neil, Stephen Jahrsdoerfer, and Cynthia Crosby.

14. The Saint Vincent DePaul Society is hosting a special event featuring **Father John Sheehan**, a Jesuit priest and entertainer on Sunday May 21st at 7:00 pm.

 The next parish council meeting is June 7th at 7:00 pm