Parish Council minutes 8/4/21

Present: Steve Bentz, Bob Current, Liz Furniss, Susie Hague, Keith Heimann, Stephanie Keefer, Steve Lutz, Joe McKenna, Dan Schneider, Patty Sosenheimer, Chris Stock, Fr. Tom

1. **School enrollment** numbers are very good, higher than last year. Religious Ed enrollments are also looking good.
2. **Pandemic status**. School begins next week. At this time, we think that masks will be optional in school but we are not yet sure. We will still have to do contract tracing if any student becomes Covid-positive, putting nearby students on quarantine. Church attendance has been very good lately and we are following diocesan directives, with the liturgy returning closer to normal. The funeral choir is again active, the 9:00 parish choir will soon be activated, and servers will be trained to be scheduled again as school begins.
3. **Church renovation.** We havebids from four general contractors and we will meet with diocesan folks for final approvals next week. The bids were lower than we expected. A wood carver, a painter, and a stone carver are all working on the project. We are waiting for decisions on the sound system engineers and organ protection people until we have diocesan approvals.

During the renovation, weekend Masses and school Masses will be held in the gym. Those who are able can sit on bleachers. Folding chairs will be put on the floor. Other daily Masses will be held in the Gathering Space. Kingdom Builders will be held in the Hession Center and confessions will continue in the rooms off of the Gathering Space.

The oak slats in the sanctuary wall will be saved and turned into crosses, available for sale to help the cause.

1. **Video.** Eric Peat is working for us to put together a video, explaining the campaign. We will use the video at Mass, at donor meetings, and post it on our website.
2. **Capital campaign**. OSV is guiding us and taking care of printing, mailings, and organization. We will ask for 3 year pledges. Before the public campaign begins, we will do personal visits with 20 parishioners and invite 100 to gatherings. On Sept. 11/12 we will show a video before Masses and Keith Heimann will speak. On Sept. 18/19, Kelly Tippmann will speak. On Sept. 25/26, Fr. Tom will speak and we will pass out pledge cards.
3. **Deacon ordination**--LeeAllen Fortin will be ordained a deacon at the Fort Wayne Cathedral, Sept. 4, 11:00 a.m. He will preaching at the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Charles on Sept. 5
4. **CardinalFest** is scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 11/12. The CardinalFest committee is currently discussing options and there are no definite decisions yet. Because of Covid concerns and crowding at some events, the committee is considering reducing the event to a Sunday afternoon event. It will likely not include the beer tent, the junior high dance, and the indoor carnival. It likely will include food trucks, some inflatable attractions, the 5K, and some other outdoor games. More information will be forthcoming.
5. **St. Vincent de Paul *stuff a truck***, Sept. 18/19
6. **Church landscaping.** We are planning to add some beautiful landscaping to the front of the church, using profits from the Borromeo Bash. The Knights of Columbus will help with the labor onOct. 15 and 16.
7. **Divorce group**. Our divorce support group will begin a new season.

Next meeting: Sept. 1, 7 p.m.