**Parish Council Meeting Minutes October 26th, 2022**

Attendees: Steve Bentz, Don Clemmer, Katie Eckrich, Liz Furniss, Susie Hague, Keith Heimann, Jared Hoy, Joe McKenna, Patty Sosenheimer, Chris Stock, Fr. Tom, Fr. Koehl

1. On September 30th we hosted a **parking lot party** as the Bishop Dwenger/Luers football game was projected in real time on the big screen. Things went well, though the food truck ran out of food and the weather became cold. We will look at a similar event next year, maybe earlier in the year. [Note after the meeting: Joe has been in touch with Notre Dame. As long as this isn’t a money-making event, we would have permission to show an ND game.]

2. A **Marriage Encounter** retreat was held in the parish this weekend. Roughly 14 couples participated and reviews have been good.

3. Five members of the parish council will serve lunch at the **Rescue Mission** on December 20th.

4. **Walking With Moms in Need** is a new ministry in our parish that has already helped several young moms. A parish collection of diapers and baby items produced great results.

5. We hope to soon have the Saint Charles **nursery** staffed during the 11:00 Mass every week. A parishioner has stepped forward to be our organizer and other adults are interested in helping.

6. The polishing of the **terrazzo floor** did not yield the results we had hoped. Four full days will be needed to fix the handful of damaged areas. We hope that the terrazzo crew can return after Christmas so that we can have Mass in the Gathering Space and not cancel school Masses.

7. The Saint Charles Borromeo **statue** positioned at the front entrance of the Gathering Space has chipping epoxy on the exterior. While fiberglass statues are not expected to last outdoors for generations, we are hoping to find a way to repair it. The sculptor, Hector Garcia, has a son who is researching possibilities.

7. **All Souls Day** is November 2nd. A special Mass will be offered at 6:30 pm. We will read the names of parishioners who died in the past year and light a candle for each.

8. An **interfaith Thanksgiving gathering** will take place at the Temple on Old Mill Road on November 22nd at 7:00. Fr. Tom will offer a reading and several members of our parish will be in attendance.

9. Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. We will use our usual **Christmas schedule**. We agreed that there is no need for a 5 p.m. Mass on Christmas evening.

10. **Street evangelization** teams are being organized in different parishes in our area. The diocese is organizing a meeting on May 6 to learn more about opening conversations and proper approaches. We will like to send a few people

11. Information is being gathered/evaluated for a new **parish picture directory**. We are thinking, ideally, of winter 2023. We would probably like to have options for both an online directories and printed directories.

12. Several developments for the **Eucharistic Initiative**: We will host a Eucharistic Miracle display in the Gathering Space on Nov. 5/6. A diocesan conference will be held on January 14th 2023 right here at Saint Charles. We will have a parish 40 Hours devotion with three evening speakers on Feb. 25-27 of 2024. A national congress will be held in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024. More info will follow on each.

13. **Unity Night** takes place November 16th at 7:00 pm in the Hession Center. This is an attempt to invite Protestants and Catholics together for time with praise music.

The next parish council meeting is January 11th at 7:00 pm