**Parish Council Minutes March 3rd 2021**

1. **Mass attendance**. Bigger crowds on Saturday evening and 11:00 Sunday are requiring chairs in the gathering space. We hope this trend continues. In addition to the Sunday 11:00 livestream, we are livestreaming Friday evening Mass and Stations of the Cross.
2. **Holy Week**. We anticipate overflow attendance for Good Friday and Easter morning. We will be ready with overflow liturgies in the gym. Minor changes will take place during these liturgies to ensure safety. For example, the cross will still be venerated on Good Friday, but it will be at a distance with no touching. Washing of feet will take place with a smaller number of participants and a separate water basin for each person.
3. **Bulletin mailing**. We are mailing approximately 100 bulletins per week to parishioners who have not been coming to Mass. The response has been very positive.
4. A new **Fireside Chat** is promised soon.
5. The **offertory increase program** that was rolled out in mid-February has had a great response. Tallies will be made available when completed.
6. The **church renovation meeting** that took place February 25th proved beneficial in spurring additional thoughts for discussion. Methodical planning is critical to success of a project of this scope.
7. The vertical oak slats in the sanctuary could be used for a fund-raising project, making oak crosses. The Knights of Columbus are willing to help.
8. **First Communion** will take place May 2nd at 1:00 and 3:00. Dividing the communicants into two sessions will allow for more family and friends to attend.
9. **Gifted and Sent**. Fr. Drew Curry and his team will be giving four different presentations at Saint Charles, focusing on evangelization. The dates are April 11th, May 16th, June 6th and July 11th.
10. **School renovations** continue at a slow pace, but should be complete soon, giving us two new classrooms.
11. We cycle four **new members** on to the parish council each spring. We invite council members to recruit and we will also look for interested individuals through the bulletin. We would like to get a representative cross section of our parish on this council.

Attendees: Bob Current, Dan Schneider, Joe McKenna, John Minick, Keith Heimann, Margaret Ryan, Patty Sosenheimer, Steve Bentz, Steve Lutz, Susie Hague, Fr. Tom, Fr. Thomas. Special guest: Augustine Ryan.

Next meeting: May 5. There is no April meeting.