

St. Stephen Pastoral Council Meeting

March 8, 2022

Opening Prayer: Father Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Father Greg Oligschlaeger, Danny Sims, Eric Keller, Doug Orf, Matt Hays, Sally Lemongelli and Carol Hagan

New Business:

- Sally discussed how the new offertory envelopes will be distributed. Beginning January 1, 2023 each quarter every parish family will receive 3 months of offertory envelopes in the mail.
- To be in compliance with new Diocesan requirements there will be a change in the way the weekly offertory is counted. As of July 1, 2022 the offertory will need to be counted by 3 non-related people. Parishioners will be asked to volunteer to be on an offertory counting committee. Sally will have a training session to train all offertory counters. The new offertory counting plan will be in place by May 1, 2022.
- Swinkey picnic update: Lee sent samples of the 2022 Swinkey Picnic flier. The flier was approved as presented. We will not rent the ice trailer for the 2022 Swinkey picnic. Instead a chest freezer will be purchased and the ice will be purchased from Phil Campbell. Doug will investigate the purchasing of a chest freezer. We will continue to rent 2 port-a-potties for the picnic. The tent rental fee will be increasing this year. The adult meal price will increase from \$10 to \$12.
- Sister Sue will be retiring at the end of the current school year. Father Greg asked the council to be thinking about what we would like to do in regards to a retirement gift for her. Father Greg also explained the process for hiring a new principal. The goal is to have a new principal hired by April 15, 2022.
- Sally presented a bid from Reliable for pest control of the rectory, gym and church. The Council felt the price and services quoted in the bid were fair and agreed to go with Reliable for pest control.
- Danny presented a bid for snow removal from Kendrick Lawn Care. The bid was for \$300 and included snow removal of both lots, and salt for the sidewalks. This bid was discussed and no action was taken.
- Doug and Danny will stabilize the air conditioner units with gravel.
- Sally will prepare a Swinkey Picnic basket for the annual Holy Rosary school carnival silent auction.

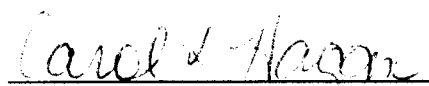
Parish Faith Formation Report:

- Twenty-two second grade students are preparing for their First Eucharist.
- Confirmation will be Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. Nineteen students are preparing for Confirmation. Ten students from St. William in Perry and St. Frances Cabrini in Paris will be joining us. As well as six students from Holy Family in Hannibal. The Ladies of Holy Rosary and the Altar Society of St. William will host a luncheon for the families following Mass.
- There are eleven people in RCIA and 1 observing. Nine of the eleven have decided to move forward to join the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.
- We are about at the halfway point of the current parish study, The Bible and the Virgin Mary. It began on January 20 and there are two options for parishioners to join each week; Monday at 5:00 and Thursdays at 2:00. Donna Long is facilitating the Thursday sessions and Therese Long is facilitating the Monday sessions.
- There has been some interest expressed to Donna Long about having Christ Renews His Parish (now called Welcome) or something similar. She would like to know if this is something St. Stephen parishioners are also wanting.
- We need to continue to encourage all parish volunteers to complete the Virtus worship. There is a new version of Virtus and Donna Long has the new books and videos available for in-person training. Our parishes will be audited at some point for compliance.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2022 at 7PM

Closing Prayer: Father Greg closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Hagan, Secretary



Doug Orf, Chair