

## Pastoral Council Meeting of September 24, 2020

*Saint Paul the Apostle Parish Community exists for the sole purpose of carrying out the Mission of Jesus Christ, the salvation of all Humankind, by living and spreading the Good News.*

### I. Opening:

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM, in the parish hall for social distancing, with prayer by Father Joseph.

### II. Members Present: Fr. Joseph, Virginia, June, Rick O., Rick M., Brian, Glen, Jody, Rita, Henry, Gary, Cathy, Doug, Patsy, Denise, and Ange

### III. Pastoral Team Reports: none at this time

#### 1. Liturgical Life:

- a. At this time, we will continue with one lector, no EMs, and one altar server during Mass celebrations. Lectors are reminded to familiarize themselves with the readings beforehand and also to conclude each reading by proclaiming "the Word of the Lord".
- b. Father announced that Monday is a fasting day with an hour in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for an end of the pandemic.
- c. Beginning in October 2020 First Friday and First Saturday Masses resume. On First Friday's there will be confession before the Mass, but no anointing of the sick until the end of the pandemic. We will be remembering those who have contracted the virus and praying for healing at this Mass.

#### 2. Parish Life:

- a. Deacon Frank retired as DRE at the beginning of August this year and Gary Robinson, our future deacon, has taken on the position.
- b. Cathy Fichtel is retiring in October. St. Paul's is presently looking for a youth minister to fill the position.
- c. Knights of Columbus will hold a drive thru fish fry October 25, outside the parish hall parking lot.
- d. Parishioner, Gary Robinson will be ordained, God willing, on November 7<sup>th</sup> after the 5pm Mass. Plans are underway to have a reception for Deacon Frank's and Cathy's retirement and Gary Robinson's ordination.
- e. Due to the pandemic will not have our usual Fall Festival activities, however a raffle will be held. The date of the raffle prize drawing is scheduled for December 6, 2020 at 1PM.
- f. We are targeting for Ethnic Fest 2021 to be in line with the dedication of the religious education building sometime in April. Hopefully, the pandemic situation will no longer be an issue that prevents these festivities.
- g. Lent of 2021 begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Easter of 2021 is Sunday, April 4. Father has recommended the Women's Acts Retreat be scheduled sometime between this time frame given the that our women have already prepared for it. The theme will be: "Hope In the Promises of Christ".
- h. There are no plans for a Teen ACTS retreat in 2021, given that we'll have a new youth minister, however we will plan for a Teen ACTS retreat in 2022.
- i. Rick Marcantonio provided the following update: Construction of our new religious education building continues on schedule. Issues with well water have been established. Should any further issues arise the contractor has assured they will be taken care of. Catholic Charities agreed to add an option to build a presentable 12x12 store front canopy outside room 4 and in Room 3 storage modifications for \$10,000.

- j. After the new building is completed St. Paul's will look into starting an after school free tutoring program for middle school and high school students. St. Paul's is looking nb for anyone interested in planning and organizing this project. This person will help to organize and plan for tutors and students and help Father to check with donors and expenses for tutoring materials.
- k. Father welcomed, parishioner Rita Sperry who helps to maintain our website.
- l. Scheduled pastoral council meetings in 2021 are as follows: 2/11, 9/16, & 11/4. Should the need for an impromptu meeting arise notification will be issued via e-mail.

**IV. Closing Prayer** The meeting closed with prayer by Father Joseph