

# St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Parish Pastoral Council

## May 12, 2022 – In Person & Zoom Meeting @ 7:15

Attendance: *Jennifer, Meg, Susan, Randy, Mirka, Paul, David, Jason, Josh, Fr. Ken, Fr. James, Deacon Don, Deacon Fred*

Opening Prayer

April Meeting Minutes - *Moved by Paul, 2nd by Meg*

### New Business

#### Faith Formation Update

- First Communion Mass - May 1st went well with Fr. Larry, May
- Confirmation Mass - May 22
- VBS (June 20-24 from 9-11:30am) - registration is open for the children of the volunteers and will be opened up to the whole parish on Monday, May 16
  - Still accepting volunteers for VBS
  - Limit of 120 children - expect the registration to be full within a few days
  - Custom T-shirts will be created for VBS - forest green and dry-fit - will be available for anyone to order
- That Man Is You - core group of volunteers is set
- Received large donation of new, free RE books/posters from OLIH since they are transitioning to new books
- End of RE year - hosted a May Crowning event but unfortunately attendance was low; hope to increase student involvement next year by having an RE class to follow the May Crowning

#### Knights of Columbus

- Blue/Red Mass on Thursday, May 26th
- New officers will be installed at the end of June
- 75 people at the last Knights breakfast
- Two scholarship winners chosen this year - \$500 per scholarship
- State council is having annual outing at end of July - hosted at Otter Creek this year
  - May have an opportunity to host the dinner for the event and will receive \$2000 towards the school - considering using this for the cost of playground equipment
- Proceeds from fish fry may be used to purchase another frier
- Likely will continue to volunteer with Drake basketball games
- Memorial Day Fallen Soldier Program for those in the 4th degree

#### Parish Outreach

- Voted 'Best Church', 'Best Pastor', 'Best Principal', 'Best School', and runner-up for 'Best Teacher' - in Ankeny Living Magazine
- School will be advertising at Ankeny Summerfest
- Welcoming Committee will resume visiting new members homes

- Other opportunities for community outreach?:
  - Backpack Buddies
  - Work with Knights on collecting suitcases to provide to those children in Foster care
  - Urban Bike Ministry - Thursday nights, 7 different routes in DSM to visit homeless camps - make burritos and then deliver to those in the community

#### Oxtoberfest Funds

- Vestments were purchased in Rome - two white chasubles, two white dalmatics, two white priest stoles, two humeral veil, funeral pall, three red chasubles, two red dalmatics, two green chasubles/dalmatics - all for \$5,800
  - Will arrive in approximately 1.5 months
- Ideas for funds from next years funds?:
  - New missals? - would like to wait possibly/hopefully until addition of new church
  - Possible need for more storage?
  - Will continue this conversation and brainstorm more ideas

#### Committee Updates

Welcome Committee

Social Concerns

Liturgy

Finance

- Ahead of budget for ADA - should not have to pay as much to ADA as we budgeted for, but will have to pay more for clergy with the increase from half time to full time associate pastor
  - Currently SLTE covers 50% of salary of half time pastor but OLIH covers the rest of the priests benefits - now SLTE will have to cover full salary/benefits of full time pastor

Other

#### Father Ken's comments

- Transition between Fr. James and Fr. Ryan is schedule to occur sometime in July but can be flexible given the start of Dowling's academic calendar is not until August
- Three new sponsor couples - 13 weddings planned for this summer
- With the addition of a new full time associate pastor - will be considering altering Mass times and possibly adding a Mass on Monday

School

- 280 students enrolled for next year - budgeting for 300 students
- Will plan a going away party for Fr. James and introduce Fr. Ryan
- Deacon Alex Kramer - would like to do Masses of Thanksgiving on July 9-10 - he is applying for a plenary indulgence for those who attend this Mass
- Biking For Babies - June 25th - event will be utilizing the parking lot
- Continuing to search for two open teacher positions - SLTE salaries are approximately \$12,000-15,000 lower than Ankeny Public - but have provided approximately >10% in raised over the past few years

- When the Diocese Regionalization occurs, then all salaries and tuition throughout all schools in the Diocese will be the same
  - Ignite Campaign is to increase available funds for teacher/school salaries

#### Budget updates

- Will be adding playground equipment due to increasing enrollment

Next Meeting – June 9, 2022

- Will plan to take the month of July off

Closing Prayer