

**St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic
Church Parish Pastoral Council
June 9, 2022 – In Person & Zoom Meeting @ 7:15PM**

Attendees: Fr Ken, Fr James, Deacon Don, Deacon Fred, Jen, Meg, Mirka, Randy, Jason, Susan, Brain, Josh

Opening Prayer

May Meeting Minutes - *Moved by Meg, Seconded by Brian*

New Business

Faith Formation Update

- 1st Communion (82 kids) and Confirmation (32 kids) Masses went well - hosted a reception following Confirmation Mass but attendance was light so will likely not continue with this next year
- VBS - hit 120 registrant maximum; things are going well with planning
- That Man Is You - had first core team meeting recently; Program launch on Sept 1 on Thursday morning from 6-7am
- RE - registration will begin in August - will continue to offer RE and Family of Faith
- Mission Pathways - new platform designed to implement evangelization plans (organize events, track parishioners participations) - this also links with parishsoft and will assist with the organization of sign ups
- Advent Book Studies - will meet on Mondays from 7-8:30 and will study Deacon Matt's book, They Saw Through God's Eyes

Knights of Columbus

- Helped moved an elderly member into an apartment recently
- Officer elections recently with installment of officers planned in the next month
- July 11th - will host a family event where David will introduce and promote That Man Is You to the Knights

Events on July 2-3 & 9-10

- Fr. James Going-away Reception - July 2-3
 - Need someone to help coordinate the reception after Masses - ordering/picking up cookies, set up table/chairs on Saturday
- Fr. Ryan Andrews Welcoming/Soon-to-be Fr. Alex Kramer Reunion - July 9-10
 - Will host a similar event to celebrate the introduction of Fr. Ryan to the parish and soon-to-be Fr. Alex Kramer, who assisted at SLTE in 2020, will offer Masses of Thanksgiving
 - Will consult with Jimmy Becker for advice on organizing a reception similar to coffee and donuts

New Members for PC/August Meeting

- Jen and Jason gave verbal commitment for next year - at this time will not need to replace any members for next year
- Considering transition to meeting every other month for PC next year with a large group email sent out in the off month

Funeral Luncheon Policy

- Currently, we cannot host funeral luncheons unless school is not in session due to capacity limitations with the kitchen/cafeteria

- Will attempt to come up with creative solution to allow parishioners the opportunity to have a funeral luncheon, if desired
 - Father will bring this conversation forward with the School Board, as well

Oxtoberfest

- Need a volunteer to coordinate the raffle and baskets
- Need a children activity coordinator
- Continuing to brainstorm ideas as to where to allocate the funds raised from the event

Committee Updates

Welcome Committee

- 780 families currently
 - Had a family that called and thanked the parish for doing the door visit welcome
 - Provide new families with a welcome packet - may want to consider providing an additional welcome gift (coffee mug, reusable bag, etc)

Social Concerns

- Collection went well last Sunday (~\$4,500) for missionary priest fund

Liturgy

- Summer training for 3rd graders transitioning to 4th grad for altar services
- No new sound board/speakers/microphones yet - out of stock
- Holy Week - Fr. Larry will be invited back to join for one of the Masses
- Father's Day Blessing in June
- Eucharistic Ministers should say "May God bless you" - EMs are not to be making the Sign of the Cross over people who are not receiving, as this is a Priestly Blessing

Finance

- Budget is looking good for the parish and the school - parish is projected to finish 15% better than budget
- Allocated \$28,000 to pay down the rectory
- Sold a 100 ft x 100 ft section of property to developers to put in a cul-de-sac and utilities - mutually beneficial deal as this will allow SLTE to put a rectory on this land at some point in the future
- Shifting money into Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa - \$120,000 - this will allow us to accrue more interest
- Future Phase Fund - have approximately \$40,000 raised already

Father Ken's comments

School

- 292 students registered for next year
- Lost a few unexpected teachers for next year - only has 1 opening needed (counselor) for next year

Budget updates

Next Meeting – August 11, 2022

Closing Prayer