

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
March 9, 2023 - In Person & Zoom meeting @ 7:15

Attendance: Meg Schon, Jason Richards, Randy Gomez, Mirka Deza, Brian Werner, Susan Grebasch, Fr. Ken, Fr. Ryan, Deacon Fred, Paul Moritz

Opening Prayer - Father Ken

January Meeting Minutes – Approved

New Business:

Faith Formation Update

- 3/22/2023 – Holy Desires Ministry
 - Talk at St. Luke’s, focusing on effects of pornography
 - Adoration and confession offered
- 4/1/2023 – Confirmation retreat
- That Man is You – Roughly 40 men in attendance every week
- New, coed Bible study led by Randy Gomez
 - Starts 3/25 and goes for 8 weeks
 - Covers the Gospel of John
 - Registration through Planning Center or email
- Women’s Bible Study
 - Meets 1x per week for a 6 week, Lenten course
 - 6 tables with around 30 women signed up
- Sacramental Masses coming up
 - 3 First Communion Masses planned
 - 2 Confirmation Masses planned
- 6/19 – 6/23 - VBS
 - 9-11:30am daily
 - Enough volunteer support to start the program, though more are needed/wanted
 - Deciding on registration date
 - Volunteer/group leader numbers dictate the number of kids
- NCYC
 - A St Luke’s catechist would like to promote the trip to NCYC
 - Spoke with the Confirmation kids
 - \$900 total cost per student
 - Includes \$300 down payment per student
 - Allows for a small discount for chaperones

Knights of Columbus Update

- New members - 3 new members initiated at OLIH
- Starting new, “highlight” meetings
 - Tuesday morning after the regular Knight’s meeting

- Tuesday after the third Monday of the month
 - Meet at 6:00AM, end at 6:55 with daily Mass at 7AM
- Fish Fry
 - First fish fry of the season on 3/1 served between 450 – 470
 - Next fish fry on 3/17 from 4:30 – 7:00
 - No dispensation for St. Patrick's Day
 - Offers both sit down and carry out options
 - No drive-through options this year
- Drake Concessions
 - Currently running concessions at Drake events with the 4th degree assembly and OLIH
 - Raised \$6,100 from Drake men's and women's basketball
 - Goal to give \$500 scholarships for Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa
- State convention in Des Moines
 - 4/14 – 4/16
 - Hosted by Ryan Schon and Jason Richards
 - 24 hour adoration being offered
 - Use SignUpGenius for adoration times
 - Ask St Luke's, Basilica, Cathedral, and St. Augustine parishes for help to fill time slots
 - Mother's Day
 - Flowers for mothers
 - Breakfast for mothers
 - 40 Cans for Lent drive
 - Going well
 - Supreme donates \$100 for every \$1,000 pounds of food donated through a parish

Committee Updates:

Welcome Committee

- As of February:
 - 827 total parish families
 - 7 new families during the month
 - 18 new members during the month
- We discussed ways we can evangelize in our immediate community
 - We should be asking open-ended questions to be welcoming
 - Should we have pre-printed sheets on FAQ for new members?
 - Most new members are new to the geographic area
 - Traffic driven by cell phone searches
 - New Ankeny neighbors

Social Concerns

- 3/20 mission co-op partnering with the diocese of Ghana

- Last week of July the bishop of a Ghana diocese is visiting
- Raising money for a Ghana senior center
- Potentially thinking about starting a sister parish relationship with a parish in Ghana

Liturgy

- Altar server training on 3/25 and 3/26
- Looking for new cross bearers and lectors
- Wanting to move to new hymnals
 - Current hymnals have been used for many years
 - Moving to a 3 year subscription to new hymnals in Advent 2023
 - Possibly paid for by upcoming Parish Oxtoberfest fundraising
 - Cost is \$5,500 for 3 years
 - Additional cost ~\$500 for plastic book covers
- Last Oxtoberfest fundraising purchases
 - \$15,000 St. Luke's statue, now in the narthex
 - Cassocks and Surplus
- Upcoming Easter Vigil – 8pm
 - 6 RCIA candidates

Finance

- Bulletin update last week
- We reached over 100% for Ignite Campaign
 - \$640k pledged
 - All extra money comes back to our parish
- Driveway quote with sidewalk and lights
 - \$160,000
 - Does not include rebar, which we will get requested
 - Does not include sign
 - Electronic sign might not be allowed in a residential area
 - Cannot be higher than our current sign
- Request to add lights to the north side of the church
 - Fr Ken to talk with electrician
 - Possibly put LED lights out on edge of sidewalk
- Applying for a security grant
 - Adds new light poles by the playground and north side of the building
- Getting ready for budget setting
 - ADA totals for the coming year are \$88,000 instead of \$55,000

Father Ken's comments:

School, Budget, Tri-Council Mtg

- Church Center mobile application
 - Links to our Planning Center Application
 - Helps with tracking donations, schedule/calendar, and volunteering

- Considering putting this information in our parish weekly email and bulletin
- Basketball on Saturdays and Sundays have been drawing a good crowd
- Zoom Group with Adam Story from the Diocese
 - Outreach to women who experience a miscarriage
 - We will be putting a blurb about this in the bulletin
 - Contact Julie Shannon for additional information
- Business Manager
 - Annette leaving and St Luke's will begin looking for a full time business manager
 - The new business manager can help with our problematic HVAC system
 - We will be getting a discount on the next service
 - LG sales representative will be examining our set up and making potential recommendations
 - We have already spent ~\$40,000 on this unit
- High number of upcoming weddings
 - OLIH to loan us some sponsor couples
- School
 - 4 new students have started in the most recent 2 weeks
 - As of early March there are 324 students currently enrolled in this academic school year
 - There are 309 students enrolled for the 2023/2024 academic year

Next Meeting – April 13

Closing Prayer - Father Ryan