

Parish Pastoral Council

October 7, 2020

Present: Father Shimit, Deacon Rollie, Ken Kustiak, Franziska Hefti, Roy Fairclough and Russell Hemingson

Regrets: Charmaine Arandez, Mark Quiambao and Nicole Rousseau

1. Ministry Update:

- a. Father to check with Archdiocese regarding resuming Children's liturgy;
- b. Postpone Altar Server training until COVID 19 is resolved

2. Old Business:

- a. COVID 19 Response: Maximize attendance while adhering to protocols;
- b. Cantor now at weekend masses; still no singing in Alberta Archdioceses;

3. New Business:

a. Communication:

- i. Bulletin: every 2 weeks
- ii. Archdiocese restricting any handout of paper.
- iii. Updates sent out in bulletin, Flocknote, Facebook, Web Page, email and eventually Instagram;
- iv. Photocopier – may need to purchase one in near future.
- v. Announcements to resume prior to weekend masses.

4. Seasonal and ongoing projects:

a. Faith Formation:

- i. First Communion: congratulations to all those candidates who received first Communion and their families. Deacon Rollie will gather numbers of those eligible for First Communion in 2021.
- ii. **Confirmation:** Deacon Rollie to confirm number of Candidates for 2021; Formation team needs to be developed. Consideration for meeting in small groups and COVID 19 restrictions.
- iii. **RCIA** – no candidates at present; New candidates are welcome
- iv. **Reconciliation:** Father is available half hour prior to every mass. He is also available by appointment. Promotion in Bulletin.
- v. **Adoration:** offered October 3 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; will be offered First Saturday of every month from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- vi. **Upcoming Liturgical Season:**
 1. Sunday November 1, 2020 (Daylight Savings Time) is All Souls Day. Book of deceased will be placed by altar for parishioners to include names of deceased they want to be prayed for. Monday November 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. mass will be offered.
 2. Father will enquire with Archdiocese about timing for Penitential services usually offered in Advent.
 3. Simbang Gabi 9-day Novena will be offered again this year with mass at 5:30 a.m. Question if will be able to share food downstairs after mass.
 4. Christmas Pageant on hold this year.

5. Reports:

- a. **Operational Budget** –Although donations are down slightly, we are managing.
 - i. Parishioners asked to continue to support operational costs through donations and Pre-Authorized Donations from your bank into St. Augustine account.
 - ii. **Building Fund**: Another \$80,000 was added to the Building Fund in the first 6 months of the year. We now sit at over \$1.45 million in our Building Fund.
 1. The **Knights of Columbus** will donate up to \$35,000 by September 30, 2010 to the Building Fund based on matching funds from parishioners.
 - b. **Fund-Raising Committee** –
 - i. Longhorn Restaurant donates 5% of bill back to St. Augustine Parish; hand in your receipt to parish office so donation can be collected;
 - ii. Father Joseph Jacobson has donated 3 separate boxes of books. Parishioners leave a donation to receive a copy of the books.
 - iii. Garage Sale in July netted over \$4000.
 - iv. Ongoing bottle drive, leave bottles prior to or immediately after masses.
 - v. Alternative to Turkey dinner – drive by, pick up meal – could be hamburger, fries and coleslaw. Could rent the Stampede food preparation station.
 - vi. Gift cards purchased by parishioners in 4 key areas: Food purchases, gas, drug stores and hardware, 5% profit on purchases.
 - vii. Pie making – we could purchase pie making machine. With Christmas season upon us we could build community making pies. Over time we can sell pies monthly as an ongoing fund-raising for our parish. Pre-orders accepted.
 - c. **Pre-Build Committee** –
 - i. Members of Pre-build committee include: Father Shimit, Theresa Turner, Sylvia Corkery, Denis Chabot, Bibin Baby, Tom Hefti and Russell Hemingson
 - ii. Not ready to submit request to Archdiocese to build. Planning is ongoing to explore logistics of building including land available, parking, space, size, design, cost. Timing, when is the best time to build based on money in Building Fund currently, total cost of building, impact of COVID 19 on donations?
 - iii. 3 lots required to build new church and hall and another lot for parking.
 - iv. Design considered is similar to St. Stephens with our parish needs in mind.
- ## 6. Father Shimit's report:
- a. Tina returns to work 2.5 days per week over Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
 - b. Bulletin every 2 weeks and announcements prior to weekend masses.
 - c. Wait Archdiocese direction: can bulletins be passed out? Can classes held for First Communion and Confirmation receive written materials? Can Father perform Confirmation to candidates in May?
 - d. Priests and Archdiocese staff have taken a pay cut; lay offs in Archdiocese due to revenue reductions
 - e. 20% of collections go to Archdiocese, this is down from previous amounts of 22% in previous years.
- ## 7. Next Meeting
- Wednesday November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in church basement. Nicole to prepare opening prayer.