



St. Augustine Parish Council Meeting-Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Ministry Update:

- Children's liturgy – not offered as per Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton (CAEDM)
- Considering purchasing Seeds or Promise booklets for children who attend mass

Old Business

- Third quarter reporting operational budget reflects we have a manageable deficit.
- We have increased by \$115,000 in the Building Fund since December 31, 2019.
- We continue to develop Parish Strategic plan. The next step is to develop measurable goals

New Business:

Communication

- a. Unable to hand out or mail bulletins, as per CAEDM.
- b. Need similar messages sent out via Bulletin, Flocknote, Website and eventually Instagram.
- c. Parish Pastoral Council Minutes: <https://staugustine.caedm.ca/ministries/parish-council/>
- d. Annual report due in early December
- e. Father to obtain economical photocopier for parish.
- f. Enhanced on-line resources: Increase router size to boost Wi Fi signal.
 - i. Access to mass live on Facebook **and** viewing in church basement. Will require an update to technology equipment.
- g. Thanks to Warren Mack for service to music ministry over the years.

2. Faith Formation

- a. **First Communion** –April/May 2021, planning underway, likely 9 First Communion candidates.
- b. **Confirmation** - May 2021. Plan A (preferred) - Monthly sessions at school in the gym with social distancing. Plan B: teachings on-line through Zoom;
- c. **RCIA** – no candidates at present
- d. **Adoration** – November 7, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Father available for Reconciliation in morning.
- e. **Reconciliation** –prior to each mass and after mass on Wednesdays, in Sacristy.



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- f. **Additions to mass:** thanks to Charmaine, our Cantor at masses; Marlon for accompanying on guitar; Ken for playing chant music in entrance before mass and ringing of bells prior to mass.
- g. **Upcoming season**
 - i. **Sun. November 22 Awards** presentation to students from CWL and Knights
 - ii. **Penitential service** – December 9 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Augustine church.
 - iii. **Advent** begins Sunday November 29, 2020.
 - iv. **Simbang Gabi** – start time to be confirmed i.e. 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. No food and drinks will be offered after Simbang Gabi.
 - v. **All Souls Day and All Saints Day** – well attended, tea light candles purchased for parishioners to light, pray with and placed by Book or Remembrance.
 - vi. **Memorial Masses** November 14 and 15, 2020 – bring Votive candle (tea lights)
 - vii. **Inter-parish council_social** – cancelled
 - viii. **Christmas Masses Ponoka:** Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Christmas morning. The mass will be live streamed and seating with set up in basement for to view on line. For communion, Father may go to basement to provide the Eucharist.
 - 1. Christmas songs prior to mass and during mass, Cantor singing only.

3. Reports:

a. Fundraising Committee

New Chairperson – Christine Lilja.

Focus: raise money through events i.e. Pie making, Gift Cards, Nossack Foods and Silent Auction

b. **St. Augustine School Council:** Ken – Purdy's chocolates forms in Breezeway, sales to repair playground equipment.

c. **Maintenance:** Snow removal budget discussed; Contact Town re: pot hole in front of church.

d. **Pastor's Report:** included in text of minutes

4. **Next meeting:** Wednesday December 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in rectory with prayer led by Nicole.