

## ANNUAL REPORT

December 2020

### St. Augustine Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

**Membership on PPC** consists of Father Shimit Abraham; Russell Hemingson, Chairperson; Charmaine Arandez, Vice Chairperson; Roy Fairclough, Recording Secretary; Franziska Hefti; Ken Kustiak; Nicole Rousseau; Mark Quiambao and Deacon Rollie Comeau (ex officio).

## SPIRITUAL AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

### Strategic Plan

- **Values:** Love, Faith and Community.
- **Mission** (purpose): Led by the Holy Spirit, we are disciples of Jesus Christ who Unite people to God and to the Church.
- **Vision** (where we want to be): “As Disciples of Jesus Christ we will know and love God through our Word, Worship and Service.”
- **Motto:** “God Provides the Wind, We Must Raise the Sails. “We will know and love God through Word, Worship, and Service,”
- **Goal Development:** using the headings of Word, Worship and Service, we began goal development on Jan. 15, 2020 with Mike Marien. The COVID 19 pandemic prevented us from a follow-up meeting involving our faith community in goal development.

### Spiritual

- Celebrated masses on **All Saints Day and All Souls Day**, November 1 and 2 (using votive candles)
- An Advent retreat in early December, based on the gospel reading for the Sundays in Advent was attended by 15 parishioners. Families were invited to light Advent candles every Sunday of Advent.
- **Simbang Gabi, 9-days of dawn masses during Advent** was held in December. Approximately 60 people regularly attended and enjoyed food and fellowship following.
- **Stations of the Cross** held every Friday in Lent. The community Walk of the Cross on Good Friday was cancelled due to COVID 19. St. Augustine Parish is now the lead church in organizing the community Way of the Cross.
- March 2020 Lenten retreat with Father Mario was cancelled due to COVID 19.
- On September 12, Devi Kustiak and Russell Lilja received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation upon completion of the **Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.
- 19 youth celebrated **First Communion** with their families at masses on Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 & 25. Mass attendance was limited due to Covid-19 prevention protocols.
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** offered for 12 hours in March, October, November and December.

## Community

- On December 15, 2019 St. Augustine Catholic Youth hosted a **Youth Ministries Pizza and Potluck Appreciation** for Altar Servers; Children's & Youth Choir members and Youth Lectors.
- Feb. 1, 2020, 25 youth from surrounding area attended a **one-day youth retreat on "Hope"** lead by the NET Retreat Team.
- March 15, 2020, masses were suspended. Parish Office was closed due to COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. We live streamed masses for Easter Holy Week. In late May, the Archdiocese allowed us to gradually offer masses at St. Augustine Church with masses in early June with strict COVID 19 protocols and Safety Co-ordinators; Point of Entry; Ushers & Disinfecting in place.
- April Liturgy Workshop for all ministries set up by Fred Calkins and Deacon Rollie with Father Paul Kavanagh was cancelled due to COVID 19.
- Nicole Beier, Altar Server Co-ordinator led the Altar Servers with on-line games in early June.

## Communications

- **FORMED:** on-line resource to access amazing movies, books, courses, bible studies, lectures, prayer and spiritual formation, available to parishioners to support Faith Formation.
- **Flocknote**, continues to be our main tool to communicate updates to parishioners, along with Facebook and Web Site. A bi-weekly bulletin was re-introduced in October.
- In the third quarter, we had a slight deficit in operational funding which we are able to manage.
- It is important for Parishioners to update the parish office with any new email address or cell numbers. This will help keep you connected with St. Augustine church through Flocknote, during this time of pandemic.

## **BUILDING A NEW CHURCH**

- In February 2020, there was great momentum towards building a new church. Parish Council with support from the Finance Committee updated parishioners in a Town Hall meeting. Considering other churches paying down their mortgages, we would require at least a 10-year commitment from parishioners. After the March 6, Ash Wednesday's Soup & Share, parishioners generated numerous ideas for the Fund-Raising Committee.
- Fund raisers including our Annual Parish Turkey Supper, Willan Choral Concerts, Stampede Food Booth; Line Dancing, etc. were cancelled due to COVID 19. We had a successful July garage. We promote the Building Fund and fund-raisers including Longhorn Salon & Restaurant; monthly bottle drive, Fr. Jacobson's books; Nossack Meat Box & IGA gift certificates.
- **In the first 3 quarters of 2020 we added close to \$130,000 in the Building Fund.**
- In 2020, the **Knights of Columbus**, Council 4503, donated \$15,000 to the Building Fund.
- Donations to the Building Fund through Legacy planning and Memorial donations create tax benefits for the donor. Parishioners are encouraged to donate monthly through a Pre-authorized Donation (PAD) agreement withdrawal.
- An 8-member committee, including Father, are exploring building options: how much of a down payment needed to start of project; parking requirements; and where to build the new church given the existing land etc.