



St. Augustine Parish Council Meeting (Abbreviated)

Wednesday, February 3, 2021- 6:30 p.m.

Ministry Update:

- a. **Children's liturgy** – Using Zoom and a format like Breakfast with God, Parents with young families are able to participate in weekly children's liturgy. **Action:** Discuss with Franziska.
- b. **Update PPC members:** Welcome Christine Lilja, Thanks to Mark Quiambao.
- c. **Music ministry and updates** –Meeting with Archdiocese Thursday February 11.
 - i. **Copyright** – purchased copyright agreement to use music that is not in public domain. We are able to play and sing songs from Breaking Bread at mass and celebrations.
 - ii. **Funerals** – Our funeral masses may be recorded and live streamed using our equipment. However, to post to social media the host will post the event using their own Facebook page, not St. Augustine Facebook.
- d. **Zoom Ministry Update** – operating the camera and live streaming is now an assigned ministry; **Internet booster** trialed to see if we can increase the strength of signal during live streaming.

On-line PPC meetings:

- i. Zoom extended version required to extend meeting beyond 40 minutes. **Action:** discuss partnership with K of C either to use their Zoom or cost share Zoom.
- e. **COVID Response** – thanks to all involved in COVID ministries; Father purchased a spray bottle to help with cleaning and disinfecting;
- f. **Distribution of tax receipts:** at exit of church, parishioners wash hands, retrieve their tax receipt and then wash hands prior to leaving church.
- g. **Ongoing Community Engagement** –Live Streaming a weekly mass helps. Messages sent out through Flocknote and personal phone calls is important.
 - i. **Flocknote and Engage** – For Easter St. Augustine parish has a free trial of Engage. Engage is a resource that has all kinds of videos that help us deepen our Catholic faith.
- h. **Attendance at weekly masses** – Father added an 8:00 a.m. mass Sundays to meet our need.
- i. **Communication**
 - i. **Operational Budget** - Thanks to parishioners for your generous donations throughout 2020.
 - ii. **Building Fund** - continues to grow and currently sits around \$1,525,000.
 - iii. **Mike and Finance Committee** - thanks to Father Shimit, Mike and Finance Committee and staff, we are managing our budget well.



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- iv. **Communication of financial status to parishioners:** Once PPC receives year end budget information from Finance committee we will present this update to parishioners. We will use both printed materials and brief presentation following mass.

j. Faith Formation

- i. **First Communion** – Deacon Rollie will commence instruction to 1st communicants and their families following Sunday mass. Nicole Rousseau and Marian are assisting from St. Augustine School. March is reconciliation, First Communion is May 1st.
- ii. **Adoration** – First Saturday monthly, well attended, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm.
- iii. **Lent Ashes** – Ashes will be sprinkled on the top of forehead.
 - 1. **Ash Wednesday** February 17; masses at noon, 1:30 p.m. for St. A. School students (live streamed to school); and 5:30 p.m. Father and Deacon to go to St Augustine School and distribute ashes.
- iv. **Stations of the Cross** –
 - 1. We hope to start the first Friday in Lent, February 19. Father Shimit will check with Archdiocese to get permission for us to proceed.
 - a. Format: Lector to read, 2 acolytes to carry the cross to each station.
- v. **Penitential service** – Father available 1st Saturdays of each month during adoration; or, Father could ask another priest and set up a reconciliation time and date.
- vi. **Palms and distribution** – parishioners are handed palm as they enter church for mass. Distributer wears gloves and Father blesses the palms in a procession.
- vii. **Way of the Cross:** Due to COVID restrictions this will be cancelled this year.

k. Reports

- i. **New PPC member**– Christine Lilja was welcomed; Christine is also our parish fundraising chair person.
- ii. **Goal Formation** – goals reflect response to COVID and how to engage parishioners in a strong faith community.
- iii. **St. Augustine School Liaison report:** Nicole, no report
- iv. **St. Augustine School Council** –Ken, no report
- l. **Maintenance** – Snow removal with assistance from Tyler Henderson and parishioners.
- m. **Pastor's Report:** - preparation for Holy Week are ongoing; Adoration continues in our parish 1st Saturday each month; Father is happy with progress towards our new church and requests parishioners continue to pray for God's help.

2. **Next meeting** – Wednesday March 3 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom