



St. Augustine Parish Council Meeting

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Ministry Update:

- a. **Children's liturgy** – Attempting to organize Children's liturgy weekly via Zoom.
- b. **Music ministry:** Cantor will sing slow during the longer verses, so the words are clearer to understand. Charmaine reported David Haas music is no longer sung in church due to some outstanding issue with David Haas.
- c. **Zoom Ministry Update** – We now have 5 or 6 live stream technician volunteers to help with this ministry. Thanks to Marlon Basanes for teaching and coordinating. Call Marlon if interested.
- d. **Volunteer Appreciation:** Sylvia Corkery, as volunteer coordinator, is exploring ways to honor our volunteers.

2. Old Business:

- a. **Goal Formation:** Russell documented the goals and objectives PPC is working on this year. The overarching goal involves PPC supporting our parishioners to remain engaged with our church and strengthen their faith.
- b. **COVID Response** – thanks to all involved in COVID ministries; Father purchased a couple electronic spray bottle to help with cleaning and disinfecting. Father is offering up to 6 masses weekly at our parish to meet the faith requirements of our faith community. Thanks Father
- c. **Operational Budget** - Thanks to parishioners for your generous donations throughout 2020. We were able to end 2020 with a slight surplus in our operational budget.
- d. **Building Fund** - continues to grow and currently sits around \$1,525,000.
- e. **Pre-Build Planning Committee:** PPC updated parishioners prior to masses February 27 and 28 on operational and Building fund budgets. PPC developed a Planning Committee to explore building our new church. The planning committee is active in developing a schematic diagram, estimating costs to build, exploring location of future churches, discussing set backs and building parameters with the Town of Ponoka, exploring costs of demolishing or possibly moving existing church, rectory and garage, discussions with St. Augustine School and St. Thomas Aquinas School Board on use of space in the school to hold masses as required. Thank you to our members of the Pre-Build committee including Tom Hefti, Theresa Turner, Sylvia Corkery, Denis Chabot, our most recent member Melissa Burke, Father Shimit and Russell.

3. New Business:

a. Year of St. Joseph

- i. Year of St. Joseph as proclaimed by Pope Francis in December 2020. We will start praying the Prayer to St. Joseph prior to mass just after the announcements.



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- ii. We will start the Prayer to St. Michael the Arch Angel after Saturday and Sunday masses. One of the Knights of Columbus will lead us in this prayer.
- iii. Prayer cards will be handled out to parishioners to keep and bring to mass to join in.
- iv. We will decorate the statue of St. Joseph to bring attention to him.

4. Seasonal and ongoing projects:

a. Faith Formation

- i. **First Communion** – Deacon Rollie, Nicole and Marian Dyck continues to support and teach our First Communicants. First Communion event will take place in May.
- ii. **Adoration** – First Saturday monthly, well attended, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm.
- iii. **Lent:**
 - a. **Flocknote and Engage** – Check out Engage, a library of faith resources to deepen our faith. Log into Flocknote and then click on the picture, explore all the resources.
 - b. **Stations of the Cross** – Offered weekly on Friday at St. Augustine church following the 6:00 p.m. mass.
 - c. **The Silver Rose:** The K of C will lead parishioners in prayers for the unborn and sanctity of life March 12 after Stations of the Cross. The Silver Rose originates in Guadeloupe in Mexico and returns there for the Feast of Our Blessed Mother.
 - d. **Penitential service** – Father will offer confessions March 24 and 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in St. Augustine Church. All parishioners are invited.
 - e. **Palms and distribution** – The volunteer will be gloved to prevent infection transmission. Father has ordered extra so everyone can have at least one palm. Thank you, Father.
 - f. **Liturgy and Holy Week:** Guidelines from Archdiocese developed to assist with our faith worship over Holy Week. (Father will offer a second mass on Holy Saturday after the Easter Vigil.

5. Reports:

- i. **Fund Raising:** Christine reported a profit of close to \$1400 for IGA gift cards.
- ii. **Maintenance** –New leaf blower purchased to assist with snow removal.

6. **Pastor's Report:** -Father and the staff are busy reorganizing offices.

7. **Closing prayer – Father Shimit**