**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**October 22, 2024**

**Present:** Fr. John, Fr. Homero, Fr. Jaison, Jason Nord, Christine Brinkman, Jason Messmer, Richard Kunkel, Jane Fischer, Tara Dreblow, Michele Schoenbachler, Lynn Scheu, Dan Fritch, Irma Alanis, Lynne Bohnert, Andrew Luke

**Absent:** Fr. Christian

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Jason Nord.

**Opening Prayer –** Fr. John led us in prayer.

Fr. John made one slight correction to Lady of Guadalupe wording. With correction, Jason Messmer made a motion to approve the September 2024 Parish Council minutes. Christine Brinkman made a second motion. All were in favor of approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. English/Spanish Classes – Fr. John
   1. Fr. John needs to more discussion with Claudia…working on things
2. Chapel dedication to Mother Théodore Guérin – Jane Fischer
   1. Date set for Dec 8th (mass possibly @ noon)…can open library as well. Bishop to attend dedication.
   2. Discovered picture of Sister, Mary Walzrutha (from Michigan)
3. Guadalupe Statue Fundraiser – Fr. John
   1. Raised about $3,000. All the Hispanic food was sold as well as about 150 ribeye sandwiches
4. Job Posting for Organist/Music Ministry Update – Fr. John
   1. Meeting between perspective organist and Fr. John next week. Wants to review music
   2. Individual plays organ & piano. Also attended seminary
5. Chair lift quote to choir loft – Fr. John
   1. Good demonstration. Chair can make 4 trips (up and back) before recharging (approx. 3 min each way) with approximate cost between $50K-$75K
6. Steak Night…Fr John
   1. Saturday (Oct 26). 120 tickets have been sold
   2. Still looking for comedian replacement. Dan Fritch will be the auctioneer for the desserts
7. CMA Update – Fr. John/Dan
   1. Just over 50% towards our goal ($160,000) is currently in with right at 20% participation. This is on target from previous year (2023) and will run through about Thanksgiving

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Need for Bilingual Masses on Feast Days to bring everyone together – Fr. John
   * Looking at bringing the communities together (ex. Saturday evening masses)  
     other examples include: Saturday evening masses, Corpus Christi, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil
   * Another possible date thrown out was St. Joseph’s Feast Day
2. Church Mosaics…Zoom Meeting/Scaffolding/Update - Fr John
   * Met with two separate artisans to give overview/estimate on damaged mosaics.
   * Joseph (1st), Center (2nd) & Mary (3rd) mosaics will be fixed in that order (starting Jan ’25)
   * $600,000 is initial quote plus $50,000 for scaffolding….budget is for $800,000
   * Repair of Mosaics needs to be approved by diocese first & they will give us the OK.

1. Parish Council Members-Open Discussion
   * RCIA….Father Homero currently has two individuals in program
2. Upcoming Events/Dates:
   * Wisdom Day (Oct 22)
   * K of C Priests, Deacons & Religious Vocations Appreciation Dinner (October 29)
   * All Saints Day…Father Homero will have Bilingual Mass (kids dress up as favorite Saints)
   * Memorial Mass

-Day of the Dead – November 3rd (1:00)

-Latino Mass Day of the Dead

* + Blessed Art (Olive Wood) – November 16th & 17th
  + Anniversary of Dedication of St. Joseph Church (144th Anniversary) – Nov 20th
  + Thanksgiving Meal – November 28th
  + Penance Services at St. Joe’s – December 18th
  + Evansville Philharmonic at St. Joseph Church – Dec 21st (Sat) @ 7:00
  + Christmas Schedule-4:00, 6:00, Midnight on Christmas Eve along with a regular schedule on Christmas Day including a 6:30 (Spanish) mass
  + Vacations
    - Father John – November 8th – 19th
    - Father Homero – November 18th – 27th

1. Christmas Mass Schedule – See above

**Commission Updates:** (top points from each commission lasting 5 minutes or less)

Finance – Dan

* Income is down about $26,000 up to this point, but expenses are also down $66,00 from the beginning of this fiscal cycle.
* One room at Rectory will be completed within a month & most of the other by the end of the year.

Justice & Charity (formerly Evangelization & Outreach) – Lynn

* Angel Trees is underway…35 families signed up at this point
* Thanksgiving Day dinner (2000 meals planned @ St. Joe’s & St. Mary’s in Huntingburg)
* Need volunteers to take meals to people (only two individuals currently supporting this)
* How can St. Joe’s response to disasters? Is it possible to partner with Jasper Engines or contact Catholic churches close to the victims.
  + Helping Hands brought in $4,000 that went to victims of the hurricanes
  + Jason Nord mentioned JETS can get items w/ their trucks to central locations
* November 11- Bingo @ Cathedral Health Center

Evangelization & Catechesis (formerly Spiritual Life) – Andrew

* Andrew brings one St. Joe’s member to church in personal vehicle. Discuss if use of St. Joe’s bus was a viable solution
* Confirmation Retreat (Sunday Oct 27th) with 30 people signed up
* Catechism 101 has had between 75-100 participants every session…going very well

Community Life – Michele

* Bus trip to Louisville…30-35 individuals went on the trip
* Discussion on bringing individuals from nursing homes to church (liability issues?)
* Oct 18th…Had cookout with “Toy Story” movie following. Very nice turnout-100 individuals  
   -looking to continue on monthly basis. At least one during the Christmas break
* Card party on October 21 (approximately 40 people attended)
* Trick or Treat stations…12 stations (hope to use throughout year to learn about 12 saints)

Liturgy and prayer – Lynn Bohnert

* Rosary on the Plaza (Oct 7)…about 20 people showed up
* October 4 Blessing of pets on plaza went well. Need to move blessing & mass closer in time.
* November 3 (Sunday) memorial mass at 1:00 PM for anyone who has lost a loved one this past year
* 144th Anniversary of St. Joseph Church (Nov 20)
* December 9th (not 8th) will be Holy Day of Obligation…Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Latino – Irma/Fr. Homero

* Encounter Faith – Concert (Oct 19 in Washington). About 330-350 in attendance.
* Statue of our Lady Guadalupe – still in Mexico. Deacon George arranging to get into US and will be bringing from San Antonio to Jasper. Should be here first or second week of November
* Annual Men’s Retreat 8-5:30 (one day)…175 men showed up (Fr Homero). Moving to Ferdinand (November 30)

**CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Jaison**

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COMMISSION CHAIRS: Dan Fritch, Lynn Scheu, Michele Schoenbachler, Andrew Luke, Irma Alanis, Lynne Bohnert

STAFF MEMBERS: Fr. John Brosmer, Fr. Homero Rodriguez, Fr. Christian Raab, Fr. Jaison Kuzhiyil, Pam Freyberger, Tammy Mehringer, Tracie Ihle, Courtney Schmidt

**\*\* Tuesday, November 26th @ 7 PM will be the next meeting \*\***