

Pastoral Council Meeting
January 28th 2021

Members Present: Father Guanella, Dennis McNamara, James Dombrowski, Michelle Mlodik, Todd Kramer, Luke Hilgers, Judy Wroblewski
Family Life: Arleen Gross
Sacred Worship: Carol Gliszinski

Father opened with prayer. The Council welcomed its new appointed member Luke Hilgers.

The group participated in a study by St Thomas Aquinas, the Patron Saint of Catholic schools and Universities. He wrote of the great need of Jesus dying on the cross: it was the remedy for sin and example of how to act. There is no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. Christ showed us patience, humility and obedience. These virtues are our guide today for facing hardships in our own lives, especially in what we have faced recently.

Sacred Worship – Carol is in the process of organizing Divine Mercy Sunday.

Family Life – Arleen reported that 37 Christmas card with gift cards were mailed to parishioners in assisted living or nursing homes and individuals living alone.

PCCW – Arleen also gave an update on the January PCCW meeting. The PCCW will be hosting a raffle with the drawing held on April 18th.

Holy Name – James gave a report on behalf of Dan Zabrowski They gave a donation to Sacred Heart for property tax/insurance. As of now the November Steak Fry is on hold.

Finance – Father reported that the financial status of the parish remains healthy but that weekly giving is down \$17,000 comparing calendar year 2019 with 2020. We were fortunate to have donors come forward for the purchase of technology for the school (chromebooks, webcams, etc.) It is now possible that school could go virtual if needed.

Parish Concerns – One situation was the virtual CCD classes as sometimes the internet connection is not good and that students are missing the in-person classes. One council member was approached about the lack of or no mass at Sacred Heart on Marian feast days. Father explained that when the feast day is not a holy day of obligation, the regular Mass schedule is kept.

Old Business – Father received an email from Father Joseph Birungi thanking Sacred Heart for the Covid-19 supplies and asked to have pictures of snow sent to him to share.

New Business – Father would prefer to have an organization/committee plan and organize the Giving Tree and the Remembrance tree. One idea is to also get our youth involved as well. This past Christmas the Wellington Place was very grateful. It is possible that each year a different group or organization would plan the Giving and Remembrance trees.

Father discussed the structure of a Building and Grounds committee. One is in the planning stages.

Next meeting is set for April 29th. Father closed the meeting with prayer.

The Council proceeded upstairs to assess moving the Infant of Prague statue to a more prominent location. It was decided to move the Infant of Prague nearer to the votive candle racks and to move the statue of St Adalbert to where the Infant of Prague is currently.