

April 23, 2024 Pastoral Council Meeting

In attendance: Fr. Robert Barnell, Cindy Robinson, Debbie White, Katie Earley, Abby Simon, Jordan Eblin, Kate Brockman, Teague Ridge

Absent: Karen O'Rourke, Bryan Back, Tony Forns, Patrick Parris, Aaron Thompson, Jake Kerger, Dan Young

Fr. Robert opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with prayer.

February and March Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes were officially approved.

**Pastor's Update:** John Paul II is starting a food pantry. Ascension will provide volunteers for the food pantry four Saturdays per year, from 9 am – 11 am. The food pantry opens in July.

Three of the IGiveCatholic projects are completed: the window film, security cameras, and parking lot lights. The playground is still a work in progress. We need to decide if we want to do IGiveCatholic fundraiser again in November and, if so, what kind of projects.

In May, we will have the Rosary 20 minutes before all weekend Masses. Different people have volunteered to lead the Rosary. We are still looking for more. Families and/or couples are encouraged to lead the Rosary.

We will have the Crowning of Mary after the 10:30 Mass on May 12.

We have a candidate for the new Music Minister. More information to follow. Robert's last day is June 30.

There is very little interest in a Youth Group. Eddie Jarboe is in charge of Youth Formation. Any ideas of things to do with the kids would be welcome.

Theresa Garrett told Fr. Robert that Ascension does not have a consistent gym rental policy for lessons. The Council discussed what is currently being done. It was decided that the Athletic Board will discuss the issue and work on a draft policy. Once they finish the draft policy, the Council will review it.

### **Department Reports:**

**School Board:** Bryan e-mailed his report. We have good candidates to fill the open positions for Second Grade and Art. Enrollment is growing, even in the upper grades.

**Worship:** Karen e-mailed the majority of the Worship Committee discussion as a recap of Holy Week, Easter, First Communion, the Student Mass and the Easter egg hunt. Also there will be

time before the weekend Mass to pray the Rosary, and the May Procession will be after the 10:30 Mass on Mothers' Day.

Sign-ups for the Safety Training offered in May have been light, so it is now being offered to the parish community with limited availability.

Fr. Robert would like to have a group lector training. He will also provide an update on the interviews for the Music Minister position.

**Finance:** Aaron Thompson e-mailed that there are no updates. The Finance Committee doesn't meet until later this week.

**Building and Grounds:** Tony Forns e-mailed they had a very busy March. The church ceiling was repaired above the altar and near the Sacristy. 3M safety window film was installed on all school entrance windows, cafeteria, the gym entrance, and office windows. The new security camera system was installed. New landscaping was installed on the main church entrance side, back to the cafeteria.

B&G had help from school parents and grandparents installing new parts on the playground equipment, replacing the worn and broken parts.

LG&E replaced the old exterior lighting with much brighter LED fixtures, giving us a much better lit facility.

B&G will not meet in April due to scheduling conflicts. They will hopefully meet in May to discuss summer projects.

**PTO:** Abby reported the End of the Year tailgate is planned for the last day of school.

Jordan reported the Family Night on the 11<sup>th</sup> was fantastic. Family Night in 2025 will be on a Thursday since it falls during Lent.

The donated school uniforms have been inventoried. The used uniform sale will be the weekend after the picnic.

We are still trying to finalize the PTO calendar. There have been some scheduling conflicts with Oktoberfest and college football schedules.

**Athletics:** Teague states the Athletic Board will be discussing a gym rental policy.

Field hockey, golf and tennis are the last sports of the year. Field Hockey just started. The golf team has 30 students, a big group of great kids.

There will be sports awards at the end of the year, some for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and some for main school. We are working on The Herb Elder Award and wrapping up the season. Teague said he met with Emily O'Daniel today. She is taking over the Game Day activities, and he is really excited about that.

There will not be a Pastoral Council Meeting in May due to the Summer Picnic set-up. Our next meeting is June 25 at 7 p.m.

Fr. Robert closed the meeting with prayer requests and prayer.