

Parish Council Meeting
Clifton Center
Wednesday, October 13, 2021-6pm

Present: Fr. Lou Meiman, Ed Farmer, Jane Wehner, Mike Schoenman, Mary Keyer, Therese Bawa, Mary Schoenbaechler, Jim Oetken, Steve King, Sharon Coonan, Suzann McGarvey

Absent: Dutch Boehnlein, Anne Hogan, Billy Reed, Shannon Burns, Bill Johnston, Mary Masick

- Ed introduced the Parish Council nominees: Mary Keyer, Therese Bawa, Mary Schoenbaechler, Jim Oetken, and Greg Brotzge (not present).
- Fr. Lou opened the meeting with a prayer
- Fr. Lou reported that the Vatican has introduced *Synod 2021-2023*. The process will be similar to our discernment process at our parish with reflection and discussions of a number of questions. The process would start with people in parishes. Then it would make its way through diocesan discussions, national discussions, then discussions at the continental level, and finally the world level in Rome with a plenary session of all the world's bishops.
- Ed asked the potential new Parish Council members to prayerfully consider joining the council. Ed reported that the parish went through the discernment process in 2018 and came up with a new mission statement. Fr. Lou reported that he would like for the Council to come up with 3 goals for the parish, using the mission statement as a guide. Ed requested that council members talk to fellow parishioners or come up with other ideas to help make some meaningful difference in the community.
- Sharon reported that with the absence of a Faith Formation Director, parents have had to step up. She reported that a new family will be joining the parish because of this new "parent involvement" model of Faith Formation.
- Sharon gave an update on the Worship Committee. We currently have 24 students/12 families. This is a huge increase over the last couple of years. The majority are SFR families. They meet between Masses on Sundays. She reported that parishioners are going to be invited to dress as their favorite saint the weekend of October 31st as part of "Saint-tacular". Parishioners can also bring a symbol if they are not comfortable with wearing a costume. Refreshments and prayer cards will be given out after the Masses that weekend. The Worship Committee is working on the liturgical calendar. She reported the parish is utilizing Ministry Scheduler Pro to schedule ministries. Parishioners will be able to manage their own schedule. Diane Boenlein is working with Family Formation and social justice and is working on a prayer/outreach service that will take place sometime next year. There are currently 3-4 separate groups of social justice. She reported that 18 participants joined the Creed. 3 are high school students, one RCIA candidate. The church is still not 100% complete following the renovations. Fr. Jerry is working on the crucifix wall. A new prayer chapel is now located behind the altar wall. Currently, the Worship Committee is meeting there. Sharon reported that we are in need of ministry leaders. She requested that council members recruit parishioners to take an active role in ministries. Fr. Lou suggested council recruit parishioners in the same manor they were recruited.
- Steve reported that the liturgical ministries information has been uploaded onto our new website. Sharon reported that attendance at Mass is increasing. However, there is still hesitancy due to Covid. Steve reported that he is working on an app for SFR. This will enable push notifications. Steve requested parishioners send in pictures from parish events for the new website. The All Soul's Day memorial

video will be able to be accessed on facebook, the newsletter, and our website. Steve reported that A/C in the church was not working but has been fixed. Burnett-Bryant put in a new motor and blower.

- Steve gave the finance report. Collections are down \$5,000 for September, but still showing in the positive. Expense recoveries are still good due to the Evangelization and Faith Formation Director vacancy.
- Ed reported that he will give each potential new Parish Council member a call and touch base. New members should be in place by Nov. 1st.

Our next meeting is Nov. 10th.