

SAINT EDWARD PASTORAL COUNCIIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 25, 2024

Attendees: Father Robert Chinnapan, Deacon Jeff Hofacker, Patrick Berg, Tim Pitsch, Merle Verhagen, JoAnn Krueger and Rae Ryan (new member)

Opening prayer was led by Father Robert

Lectio Divina was led by Patrick Berg

PASTOR'S REPORT

The Mass time for the 175th Anniversary has been changed to 3:00 p.m. on October 13, 2024.

Confirmation for 52 people was completed recently

First reconciliation was recently completed

First communion will be coming up soon

Work has been started on the budget and everything is going well

We are still looking for a custodian and music director.

DEACON'S REPORT

Deacon Jeff is still doing visits for the home bound and visits to Country Villa, Primrose, Willow Lane and Century Oaks

Cemetery – Those you have relatives in the cemetery should have homeowners insurance to cover destruction loss of monuments. Knights of Columbus can help families if needed.

Lots of items were donated to those in need for Christmas. Amy will be using the remainder of the items. Gift bags may be given to people in need and for couples that will be married.

A three part seminar Of Easing Into Eternal Life will be offered.

PART 1 February 21 – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. “End of Life 101, What the Church Teaches”, Speaker Dr. Caitlyn Trader

PART 2 February 26 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. “Catholic Funerals 102, A Family Guide To Be Not Afraid”, Speaker Jeff Hofacker

PART 3 March 7 – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. “Funeral Financials 103, How to Plan On This Side of Life” Speakers: Derek VanDeurzen and Paul Dercks

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Darlene Hansen and JoAnn Krueger met with members of M.C. Kinney. The first ten pages will be prepared by Pat Coonen including pictures, articles and history of the church.

Several dates were set up for pictures to be taken. Signup can be done online or at church if they don't have internet access. The dates scheduled are March 4th through March 28th at various times during the day. More dates can be added if needed. People will have a choice in what they want printed in the book. They can have phone numbers and addresses printed in the book if they want.

MARKETING UPDATE

Patrick reported that there were 16 men at Shop Talk

Celia and Renee are working on the Parish Mission plan. Discussion was held on marketing and redoing the website. The last time the website was redone was 2 years ago.

Celia's portion of the Parish Mission Plan is listed below. The whole council agreed that Celia has completed her goal.

Goal: To increase growth of parish family contributing units by 15% over 3 years and increase school and NE enrollment by 5% over the next 3 years. Contributions of \$100 or more are considered a contributing family.

Step 1: Establish a welcome committee with one committee member serving as liaison to the Marketing Committee.

Step 2: Invite families in spring, summer and fall so the parents can meet each other and incorporate older students to play with children while the parents visit.

Step 3: Have a parent coffee/tea at school once a month following the Friday mass so they can meet with the principal, ask questions and meet other school parents.

Renee's Goal of Create, Develop and Implement a Marketing Plan has been slow to develop because of the School Accreditation process among other things. It is starting to get some traction but is not ready to review for completion yet.

BIBLES FOR BAPTISM/FIRST COMMUNION

Deacon Jeff stated there is no history of handing out bibles but believes it would be beneficial. The Catholic Child's version would be used. We would have to consider what to do for confirmation bibles.

Closing prayer by Father Robert

Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.