

JANUARY 2020 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Julie Andrews, Clare Charzewski, Robbie Dills, Robbie Doran, Keith McGuinness, Scott Phillips, John Russell, Juan Saiz and Colleen Sutton

Members Absent: Father Frank, Lawton Blandford, Theresa Eze, Jerry Gardner, Matt Gibbons, and Maggie Helton

1. Opening Prayer – Clare Charzewski

Prior to our opening prayer, Clare had printed off, from our parish website, the history of our church. She read the history to us. It was the perfect way to start our new year as a reminder where we started and where we are heading with the completion of our new church. It also contains a list of all the pastors that have served our parish since 1965.

2. Dedication Ceremony Information – Chrissy Glisson

Chrissy gave us highlights of what to expect during our Dedication Liturgy. The Liturgy will last between 2-3 hours.

1. All will gather outside the front doors.
2. During the gathering outside, Bishop Jugis will be presented with a Journal, containing a written information of our journey through the building process, the architectures drawings of the new church and finally the keys to the church.
3. Bishop Jugis will then pass the keys to Father Frank to open the church.
4. There will be a blessing of the church.
5. All will proceed into the church and be seated.
6. Liturgy of the Word.
7. Homily.
8. Calling on of the Saints.
9. Blessing of the Alter with the Holy Oil.
10. Anointing of the walls of the Church.
11. The incense is presented to the Bishop.
12. The congregation is blessed with the incense.
13. Preparation of the Altar.
14. Lighting of all the Candles.
15. Then Mass will continue as normal.

There will be live streaming available for those that are unable to attend.

Following the Dedication Ceremony, there will be a catered reception in the Gathering Space of the new church and in the MAK Family Life Center.

3. Building Committee report – Chrissy Glisson and Stu LaFrancis

The Pastoral Council members present were able to take a tour of the new church and see first-hand the progress since our last visit in November. The pews and kneelers have been installed. The new Crucifix has been hung. Baptismal Font has been installed. The new lights have been hung. Large TV's have been installed. Flooring is down, etc. WOW what an amazing transformation in just two months.

4. Financial Council Presentation – Charlie Boyd

The Financial Council will make a presentation to the parish the weekend of February 8th and 9th. The current draft presentation covers 19/20 Mid-Year Financial Report for the Operating Results/Budget, the report for Building a Home for All and the Offertory Analysis 17/18 Fiscal Year through 19/20 Fiscal Year.

Summary of Reports:

1. Offertory for the first six months of the 19/20 FY was 8.8% greater than the same time period last FY. This positive trend is a direct result of our Stewardship Campaign conducted early in 2019. It is essential that we continue our commitment to the offertory (to both fund our expanding ministries and programs, and to pay for our new church). Another Stewardship Campaign will be conducted in early 2020.
2. Expense management by our church staff continues to be a strength (which resulted in positive cash flow of \$63.9k).
3. The combined shortfall for DSA and Priest Retirement for 2019 was \$20,695 less than our goal. We need better participation in both campaigns. For last year's DSA Campaign, we had less than 25% of our families participate.
4. Recently, there have been unexpected maintenance expenses of \$52,689 (for sewer line replacement, church heating unit replacement, and for a roof repair). These expenses have reduced our saving available to pay for our new church.
5. Our new church is estimated to cost \$4.15m. Through 12/31/2019, we have spent \$3m from our savings, with \$207,000 remaining in the savings. We expect to accumulate another \$150,000 of savings by 06/01/2020. Our estimated mortgage will be approximately \$745,000 on 06/01/2020.
6. We will be having a Pay down the Mortgage Campaign later in the year. The goal is to reduce our debt as soon as possible.
7. Offertory for the 18/19 FY increased by 4.7% compared to the 17/18 FY offertory. This result is consistent with our long term growth rate of approximately 5% per year. Note that all of the increase was achieved in the last 4 months of the FY as a result of our Stewardship Campaign. We had commitments from 160 families to increase their offertory by approximately \$64k per year.

5. Minutes – Colleen Sutton

November 2019 Pastoral Council minutes were read, corrections made and approved by the council. Since Father was unable to attend this month's meeting, prior to submitting the November 2019 for publishing, I will seek his final approval.

6. Goals of the parish for next 3-5 years follow up – All Participated

No updates on this project for the month of January.

7. Roundtable Discussions – Keith McGuinness

1. Keith read the proposed letter that will be mailed to parishioners in reference to our new Mass schedules for the new church. Only concerns the council addressed was if there is enough time between the Masses to allow Fellowship after the 9:15 am Mass prior to the 11:00am Mass attendees arriving and needing parking space. Keith will relay our concern to Father for his feedback.
2. We would like an update on the Security Ministry and maybe invite Matt Helton to attend a future Council meeting.
3. Angel Tree: Actual Gifts vs. Gift Cards.
It was mentioned that some parishioners were upset that we didn't have enough actual gifts listed on the Angel Tree for the kids. There seemed to be a lot of request for just a gift card. Concern is what if the parent uses the gift card and not the child? Parishioners enjoy the actual shopping and wrapping of the gifts.

8. Closing Prayer - Keith McGuinness