

## St. Casimir Parish Council Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023

In attendance: Fr. Ryan Pietrocarlo  
Mira Gasko  
Jose Magallon  
Sara Kurzhal  
Marina Gutierrez  
Rosalie Gutierrez  
Iris Campos  
Vicki Kruszka

OPENING PRAYER led by Fr. Ryan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned by Sara Kurzhal and seconded by Fr. Ryan

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ministry to the Sick and Homebound – Sara Kurzhal has been checking on the lists and removing people she could not contact and also is checking the obituaries in the paper every few weeks to cross-check with the lists to keep everything up-to-date.
- b. Eucharistic Blueprint – Fr. Ryan supplied a “Parish Blueprint for Eucharistic Revival” on what our parish will be doing with regard to the Eucharistic Revival put forth by the bishops, including 40 Hours Devotion, adoration (including coming as a family), the Corpus Christi procession, and Eucharistic Small Groups, for which Bishop Rhodes will provide training.
- c. Pre-Marriage Ministry – Fr. Ryan discussed a new ministry to assist couples with not only pre-matrimonial preparation, but also providing continuing formation for married couples after the wedding and continuing on for families. It will be made up of four married couples who will be able to assist new couples with different aspects of marriage.

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Amendment to the Statutes – Fr. Ryan discussed a few amendments to the St. Casimir Parish Pastoral Statutes, including a brief pastoral report of the parish at each meeting and establishing guidelines for both a Youth Representative and a Young Adult Representative on the Council. The Council unanimously approved these amendments.
- b. Proposal of Visibility of Council Members – Fr. Ryan proposed having the Parish Council members be more ‘visible’ to the rest of the parishioners by wearing nametags which would be kept in the sacristy, as either greeters before Mass and/or helping the ushers pass out bulletins after Mass. If anyone had a question or problem, they could let a council member know and it would be passed on to Fr. Ryan.
- c. Proposal of Pastoral Reports to give at each meeting - Fr. Ryan briefly gave a description of three reports he would like presented at each meeting: a Parish Report provided by the pastor,

a Youth Ministry Report given by the Youth Representative, and a Young Adult Ministry Report to be given by the Young Adult Representative.

- d. Mother's Day Diaper Drive - This year we will collect diapers only for the Christ Child Diaper Drive currently going on, for their distribution to various other organizations. There is a playpen set up in front of the Mary altar for people to put their donations in.

#### ADDITIONAL POINTS OF DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

A discussion was had regarding the upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Casimir Parish and putting together committees from the different groups. Mira will talk to Ann Marie Sommers regarding a list of names of the various presidents of each group and various events can be planned through March of 2024.

A brief discussion was had on the subject of altar servers again using patens for people who receive Holy Communion on the tongue and also putting a kneeler there for anyone who wished to kneel to receive communion but might have trouble getting down and back up again.

It was also suggested that a reminder needs to be announced for people/children coming up to Communion on the folding of the arms for a blessing and also responding "Amen" to "The Body/Blood of Christ" that is said with the offering of the same.

#### PARISH REPORT ITEMS

- a. Fr. Zach, Fr. Drew, and Br. Matt will be leaving St. Casimir in the summer of 2023, to Santiago, Chile, Notre Dame, and Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, respectively. Fr. Felipe Campos will be our new Associate and Deacon Brian Vetter will also be coming to us. Also, we will have a new Director of Youth Ministry, Julie King, who has already been working with Fr. Zach.
- b. The church bathroom is delayed as the contractor, parishioner Ivan Lopez, is currently working on a lot of projects in the St. Adalbert School building. Work should begin towards the end of August.
- c. The painting of the hallways has begun in the St. Casimir School building and the group will continue working on Saturdays during May.
- d. Fr. Ryan said he will name Fr. Felipe director of liturgical ministries and will have him help with the organization of the 40 Hours Devotion.
- e. The Mary Garden on the side yard will be filled in and flowers will be planted in front of the church. We have applied for a \$6000.00 St. Mary's grant for which we are waiting on the results.
- f. We will need to hold off on the painting of the church ceiling as we are in dire need of new boilers and are focusing our attention on that endeavor.
- g. The wooden ramp going up to the "Noah's Ark" room is still used by the CCD and so will not be torn down at this time. Perhaps when the group painting the halls is done with that project, they may take on power-washing the ramp.
- h. There are 76 children total between the two parishes who are making their First Communion this year. There will be 24 at the 11:30 Mass at St. Casimir on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

- i. The May Crowning will also be this Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- j. About 70 kids will be confirmed at St. Adalbert's on Sunday, May 21.
- k. There will be a Mass on the lot where St. Stephen's Parish once stood to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its closing, set for Thursday, May 25, at 6:00pm, with a rain date of Tuesday, May 30.
- l. There are three planned outdoor Masses at St. Adalbert's: 9:45 am on Memorial Day after the parade; on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; and on Labor Day.
- m. There will also be a June 8 6:00 pm Volunteer Thank You Mass at St. Adalbert's.
- n. The Corpus Christi Procession will begin at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 11. It will begin at the St. Adalbert Rectory and make its way to seven altars at various homes along Huron, Olive, Phillipa, Ford, and Webster Streets and end up at St. Casimir's around 5:00 pm. We will have law enforcement helping to block streets for this event.
- o. The St. Casimir Parish Festival is set for September 3 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Three committees will be put together to handle food, entertainment, and logistics (set-up, etc.)
- p. CCD will be changed from Saturdays to Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30.
- q. A Marriage Retreat in Spanish will be held February 11-12, 2024, at the Lindenwood Retreat Center.

CLOSING PRAYER led by Fr. Ryan.

Next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:00pm in the meeting room.