

Pastoral Council Meeting

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Jan 11, 2024

The meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 PM.

In attendance were Fr Tim, Eric Pearson, Dcn Robert, David Raml, Dave DiMaria, Bill Colson, Tim Callahan, Katie Wermers, Justin Wermers, and Mary Ireland.

December meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report

- Parish appeal letters will be sent out.
 - Must ask the parish to review and prayerfully consider generously contributing.
- There's been an increase of people contributing online, which Father will encourage.
 - Online giving more directly benefits the home parish when people travel, attend other parishes, forget checkbooks, etc.
- Lent begins Feb 14 on Ash Wednesday.
 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30
 - Confessions will begin at 5 and continue through Stations until 6
 - Soup Supper/ Fish Fry will follow
 - Likely dates for the fish dinners are Feb 23 and Mar 22
 - Parish Council members agreed to volunteer to serve a Friday meal
- Server shortage for Wednesday family dinners
 - Need to encourage grandparents and empty nesters to help
- New Parish App to be rolled out in Feb – Parish Stack
 - Is associated with PushPay
 - To be unveiled/ introduced at Feb 11 Pancake Breakfast
 - Will be many available to help people learn
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Feasibility study: Dave DiMaria

- Campaign committee/ steering group continuing to meet.
 - Consultant company will remain involved through whole process, including the redemption period
- Are compiling information to make brochures
- Are planning surveys to educate, inform, query
 - Gauging general level of support for the project – willingness/ amount to contribute, etc
 - Smaller outreach to/ interviews to 100 parish influencers and leaders
 - Same for general parish population

RCCSS: Katie Wermers

- Upcoming Catholic Schools Week, Jan 28 – Feb 2, 2024
 - Men in Black game
 - Parish Masses
- School Board openings
 - Discussed putting forth names next meeting
 - Dave Raml is pondering it
- Active Catholic forms
 - Blessed Sacrament has 200 students

Building Maintenance: Justin Wermers

- Shared detailed list of major equipment status, life expectancy, and associated expenses
 - See attached
- Discussed making infrastructure part of the restoration project
 - May help draw support from parish