

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Tuesday June 16, 2020

Prayer Service Fr. Brian

Anna requested prayers for Chris Gardner and his family with the passing of his mother this week.

Attendees: Fr. Brian, Deacon Chris, Mary Ellen Singer Pastoral Assoc, Marty McClain HS Youth.

PAC Members present Anna Monnett, Skip Fromm, Ruth Addison, Jill Raison, Tom Kwest, Cathy Frank, Danny Sprouse, Melissa Bennett

PAC Members absent: Mira Wilson, Deb Franz, Chris Gardner, Dan Driskell, Lisa Barhorst

Welcome: Anna Monnett/Fr. Brian

Approval of April meeting minutes- Motion Skip Fromm Second Danny Sprouse

Staff Report: Reminder that dispensation remains in place. If individuals are at high risk or coming to mass causes them to be anxious, then they should continue to join via the live stream from home. Discussion of Flock notes and email distribution.

Commission/Committee Reports:

Social Action: Meghann Naveau- social action is needed now more than ever given our current climate and racial injustice. Open Wide Our Heart will be a facilitated virtual discussion at 8pm on June 29. A food drive is planned for June 20/21 and will occur monthly going forward. The Catholic Social Teaching articles are shortened in the bulletin and the entire articles will be posted on the website. The hope is to inspire new volunteers through the Catholic Social Teachings articles in the bulletin. A big THANK YOU to Jeannette and her group of sewers who made over 300 masks and donated them for parishioners without masks. There are efforts underway in the Miami Valley to start a local Catholic Relief Services.

Faith Formation: Marty McClain covered for Maureen Goebel Huffman- At their meeting they discussed the theory behind youth ministry and the focus on small groups

Worship: Jeannette Fromm- Michelle Nearbass attended a meeting discussing ways to interact and reach parishioners. Most of the strategies were already implemented here at St. Francis. They are investigating online retreat opportunities that could be made available to parishioners. A suggestion for a candlelight mass following a day of Adoration was discussed. A discussion was held to recommend to Fr. Brian that we restart announcements at the end of mass to support communication.

Finance: Deacon Chris-The budget has been approved for July 1. The committee recognized that donations decreased by approximately 15%. There are large variations in week to week giving. All capital expenses have been frozen. Giving Tuesday resulted in \$19,800 given to the parish. Envelopes were poised to transition to every other month when COVID19 hit. That action was placed on hold at the current time to avoid the appearance of just being focused on donations.

Youth Ministry: Marty McClain- They are planning a recognition, gift and blessing at mass for all recent high school graduates and college graduates to celebrate their accomplishments. There will be a Flock Note announcement forthcoming with more information. Summer activities have been planned to comply with guidelines but recognizing that youth will be together in other settings and may not socially distance as desired. Activities include low contact games, no contact games, family movie night, and campfire with wienie roast. Praise & Worship will be getting together for a rehearsal and participation has been expanded to include 7th and 8th graders. Questions were asked about budget and funds for the gifts for graduates. Marty explained there were funds available that were not used due to the cancellation of certain activities. An example shared is the 1/3 cost of the National Youth Conference that the parish covers for St. Francis youth attending. That conference is every other year and those activities including mission trips have been canceled.

Business Update: Deacon Chris-Questions about the disinfecting process for the pews were raised as the finish on the pews appears to be dissolving. Deacon Chris reminded us the “new” pews are actually about 20 years old and have never been refinished. Currently, mass attendance is approximately 150 at each weekend mass; 35-40 at daily mass. That compares to preCOVID of 300-350 at 5p and 8:30 am; and 450-500 at 11am. Streaming attendance continues to be strong but has declined following Easter. Fr. Brian discussed the process for homebound parishioners to request the Eucharist by contacting Mary Ellen Singer or himself.

Action Item: Dan Driskell-PAC election- Dan was absent-- Cathy suggested reviewing candidates from last year who were willing to serve but not elected. We are seeking four individuals.

New Business: Reminder no July meeting—we will meet next on the 3rd Tuesday of August and perhaps we will be face to face!
The shelter house is the only area for meetings at this time and may be reserved with two-day notice for St. Francis groups

Closing Remarks: Fr. Brian-thanked everyone for being leaders of our community and serving.