



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Tuesday, Oct 20, 2020

Prayer Service Fr. Brian

Attendees: Fr. Brian, Deacon Chris Rauch, Jeannette Fromm, Cheri Rotterman, Marty McClain HS Youth, Meghann Naveau, Delany Baldinger

PAC Members present

Dan Driskell, Cathy Frank, Danny Sprouse, Melissa Bennett, Chris Gardner, Lisa Barhorst, Chuck Destefani, Sarah Chivers, Shawn Norris, Deb Franz, Tom Kwest, Karen Cwiekalo

PAC Members absent: Melissa Bennett

Welcome: Dan Driskell/Fr. Brian

Approval of September meeting minutes- Motion Dan Driskell, a name spelling error noted by Danny Sprouse, second Tom Kwest Ayes—all Nays--none

Fr. Brian:

Discussed the September workshop on the Amazing Parish, reiterating the precept that the Catholic Parish is the most important organization in the world, with its focus on bringing people to Christ. He emphasized the cultures of Prayer, Teamwork and active Discipleship, noting that these begin with the Pastor, then leadership and staff and radiate out into the parish and world.

St Francis participated in the Rosary Coast to Coast which included Adoration, with about 50 people attending.

Staff Report: Deacon Chris

See the report, no specific comments.

Commission/Committee Reports:

Social Action: Meghann Naveau- The food drive is doing very well requiring Shawn Norris to help Mary Ellen Singer with hauling the goods. Continuing with promoting Catholic Social Teaching and civility as we approach the elections via the Bulletin, yard signs and Flock Notes. A September presentation on race relations will be followed up with a presentation in November. They are working with the Amazing Parish idea, starting with Prayer.

Faith Formation: Cheri Rotterman- Adult faith formation has added two small Church Communities and is working towards more. We are engaged with interfaith events including the recent pet Blessings.

Confirmation preparations will include options due to Covid and have direct family participations
The Junior High staff attended the Radiate Christ Conference and are working with the Amazing Parish concept as well.

Worship: Jeannette Fromm- Christmas preparation is beginning with a likelihood of extra Masses needing extra support and volunteers. Recently Confirmed kids may be asked to help, possibly

pairing them with an adult. Seeking additional help from all sources, much logistics to be determined. They discussed the 3 cultures of the Amazing Parish.

Finance: Deacon Chris- No Finance Meeting , they will meet next month. Current reports are good.

Youth Ministry: Delany Baldinger-Delany introduced herself, she is a Bellbrook High School Senior and has been very active in youth activities. There are weekly meetings of small groups of youth with several adults , they are call a D-cell. There are currently four different groups. They discuss their highs and lows of the week, and they will review the readings, psalms and particularly the Gospel for the week. They will have prayer and have discussions on the community and social actions. They sponsor ongoing Praise and Worship events. Several of St. Francis Youth attended the Encounter Dayton event, with over 100 youth attending.

Welcome to Karen Cwiekalo- Dan welcomed Karen and had her introduce herself and we all welcomed her as well (you just couldn't hear us , we were muted).

Business Updates: Deacon Chris- Three new projectors are being put in. Also, we will be audited this December. And our data storage system will be changed in the next couple months requiring much effort to do this and to learn the new system.

Fr. Brian Updates- A survey will be done to help determine how many Masses are needed for Christmas, with possibly 4 Masses on Christmas Eve. A large effort by many people will be needed to do this, PAC included. This is a big and dynamic process. The goal is to make all welcome on this special day. There is room at the Inn.

The Diocese is doing a Pastoral Planning Process to address the ongoing reduction of Priests. By 2026 our region will have undergone significant Priest staffing changes. The rate of retirement to incoming Priests is such that our approximately 100 regions covered by approximately 100 Priests will need to be reduced (70-80% , estimated) and the amount of Priests covering these will be reduced even further, (55-65% estimated). An outside consulting firm is gathering data to help assess this and address it. Local Priests, with the Diocese will work with outside consultants to work out a plan of action.

Thanksgiving Donations: Tom Kwest- We will be doing our annual food drive to support 30 local families. Canned goods and donations will be collected over 4 Sundays. They are working on how to deliver this as well. Please spread the word as not everyone comes to Mass to see the display.

Action Item: None noted

New Business: We will meet next on the 3rd Tuesday, November 17th
Discuss a digital 'Ask PAC' to avoid gathering space crowding

Closing Remarks: Fr. Brian- Thank You.

Closing prayers: Fr. Brian