

## **Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

February 12, 2023

**Council members present:** Rob Cassleman, Trisha Doumit, Fr. Steve Dublinski, Bill Engels Jr. (youth member), Lorraine Farrand (Zoom), Robert Harris, Jim Lincoln, Marie Parrish (Zoom), Eric Patera (chair), Char Snekvik, and Charlotte Worthy. Mary Sutherland, parish secretary.

**Opening Prayer** - Our Father.

**Prayer, Bread & Soup:** A majority of the members can help host Prayer, Bread & Soup on March 15.

**Eucharistic Revival:** First Level - Fr. Steve reported that the Catholic Church in the United States is celebrating a three-year period of Eucharistic Revival. This is to culminate in a national gathering for the U.S. Church in Indianapolis, July 17 to 21, 2024. The Spokane diocese will receive 250 tickets, which works out to three or four per parish. The cost for each person including airfare, lodging, and food is probably around \$1500. The tickets are free. The organizers are already reserving blocks of hotel rooms in the region around Indianapolis. We need to decide who will go from our parish: youth with chaperones? Young adults? Other?

Second Level: The Spokane diocese is hosting a Eucharistic Revival gathering for the whole diocese on Sunday, September 24, 2023, probably from 3 to 5 pm. It will be either a Mass or Eucharistic Adoration. They are still deciding the location. These large gatherings can be very powerful experiences, giving people a chance to see the larger church outside of their own parish. After some discussion, the members agreed it is a good idea to charter a bus so a number of parishioners can go together.

**RSV and Covid spiking in Pullman:** The hospital is full of respiratory patients. Now is not the time to change anything at Mass. However, in the spring things should improve. Should we start the Sign of Peace again? When should we return to offering the cup at Communion?

About a third of the congregation is already shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. When we officially start it again, the ushers can offer hand sanitizer to people as they go up to Communion. They would stand at the ends of the pews, and move back as people come out to the aisle. Fr. Steve will announce from the pulpit that it is all right not to shake hands. Bowing or fist bumping are always acceptable. And, that there is hand sanitizer.

Most council members are not comfortable resuming drinking from the Cup in the near future. There are ways to reduce exposure, such as changing out the cups a couple times, and being careful to turn the purificator (cloth used to wipe the cup) as it is used, and changing it frequently.

We would need an additional altar server at each Mass to help with the cups and cloths. Fr. Steve and the adult servers are trying to interest people in serving by asking them to carry the crucifix in the procession up to the altar. We need more altar servers.

Some would like the parish to resume the cup now, since people have the choice to partake or not. However, people may feel obligated to receive from the cup if we offer it. In addition, the viral load is still very high for Fr. Steve and Deacon Jim, who are required to consume the rest of the consecrated wine at the end of Communion,

**Building plans:** Fr. Steve talked with a potential major donor on the phone. An in-person meeting will follow.

There was some discussion of the finance report (see attachment or posted file). The Restricted Improvement Fund (\$79,299) is for capital improvement projects around the church, such as roofing. The Restricted Accessibility upgrade fund (\$3,678) is the money raised at the dessert auction, intended for accessibility improvements at the current or future church. The Restricted Land-Build Offsite (\$60,000) is money donated with the stipulation that it is only for building off-site. The Restricted Building Fund (\$560,369) was donated by various parishioners for use in building on site or off. The funds are called "restricted" because the money was donated for a specific purpose and can only be used for that.

**Closing prayer:** Glory Be.

Submitted by Mary Sutherland