

Pastoral Council Zoom Meeting January 20, 2022

Barbara Shallue, Tom McSwain, Erika Camacho, Karen Karr and Father Ed are present via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Barb Shallue.

Opening prayer by Father Ed.

There was an introductory "check-in" or "How are we doing?" discussion. This is the first official meeting with Father Ed. We discussed how we have reached out to parishioners during COVID in the past with phone calls (usually quarterly). It was well received by most people and we will consider continuing making calls, but perhaps twice a year.

Liturgical Ministry Day will be in the church on Saturday February 12th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. It will be a day of prayer, reflection and blessings. A light lunch will be provided. All ministers must attend (and be up-to-date with EIM certification) in order to continue serving in their ministry at mass. It is open to all members of the parish as well. Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Music, Altar Servers, Arts & Environment and anyone else who is involved in helping with mass needs to be there. "Why do we do the things we do at mass?" will be discussed and answered. Registration with Sherry in the office is needed to be able to provide enough food for lunch. Encourage everyone to attend.

Valentine's Day dance will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus this year on February 12th in the PAC. There will be some food and drink refreshments, but Father has requested that no alcohol be served.

Mardi Gras Potluck? The Epiphany potluck was well received. It would be on Sunday February 27th after the 11:00 mass.

EIM training needs to be updated every 3 years. Our parish is hosting EIM training on Saturday February 26th in the PAC. Online training is not available anymore (at least for now). Register online with the diocese or check with Sherry in the office.

RCIA is a process of coming to know Christ. It usually takes a year or longer to complete. Father compared it to a marriage (dating, engagement and then the wedding). We have new leaders for this important ministry-- Susan and George Leatherman.

Synod of Bishops is commissioned by Pope Francis and Bishop Joe Vasquez to gather information and "listen to the people." There is an online survey on the diocese website - [austindiocese.org](http://austindiocese.org). And then we need to schedule gatherings for the parish to get together and talk. There is a video on the website "Guidelines for Facilitators to Gather Information." Please complete the survey and watch the video.

The Regional Meeting will be at St. Louis church in Austin on March 12th to review the findings.

Lent/Triduum begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. Fish fries on Fridays (except Good Friday) and Stations of the Cross will be available this year. We would like to do Stations of the Cross outside as much as possible, weather permitting. The area has been cleared and cleaned up since last winter's storms. Father Ed is planning a Parish Missions presentation on March 6th and 7th (Sunday and Monday evenings). He also suggested we think about other parish activities--movie night?

Passion Sunday is April 10th starting off Holy Week with the Triduum April 14 - 17. Father did say that the Easter Bunny is welcome to be outside the church after mass for the children, but he is not invited to come into the church!

Emergency Management is unfortunately a necessary step in preparation against violence which is always a threat these days (Fort Worth Synagogue). We do have a plan in place which was started under Father Don. The ushers were primarily involved in knowing the plan. We need to revisit and update who is in charge of this. The diocese also has guidelines that we can look into for managing emergencies as well.

Going forward we will continue with our monthly meetings on the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. It may be virtual or in person depending on the status of COVID.

Closing prayer by Tom McSwain.

Meeting adjourned by Barbara Shallue at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Karr