

Parish Council Minutes-November 21, 2019

Opening Prayer-Fr. John

Mandy Maxwell not in attendance-Brian Rupiper recorded the minutes

Possible interest in forming a knitting outreach group, the outreach program has been well received
Father has been offering mass at Orchard, Pacifica, Best, Garden Plaza, with more to come potentially
Christmas decorations of the church will start 1st week of Advent and will expand closer to Christmas
2 masses for Christmas Eve this year- 6:00 p.m. and Midnight and Christmas Day

Thanksgiving Day mass at 9:00 a.m.

New Years Day mass at 9:00 a.m.

A request was made from a resident in the Silver Valley to all Parishes in the area that there should be more times for confession. St Thomas currently provides 7-12 hours a week for confessions- the other parishes in the area are believed to offer less.

Due to demand within the ministry there will now be 2 lectures per mass vs 1

The Veterans Day celebration was very well received

The council has made some changes to the liaisons to specific committees. Andy will now be added to liturgy and Pat will be added to education

Religious Education-Anita Dahmen has completed Formation Training in Catechesis of the Good Shepard-Level 1 (3-6 year old) currently 138 students in religious education. A detailed update of religious education is also included.

Discussion of the return of names that are being prayed for, back to the bulletin.

A survey will be provided at all masses- how do you like to receive information/ communication? Web, Bulletin, Pulpit/Announcements, etc.

St. Thomas will host a conference on Archbishop Fulton Sheen December 6 at 6:30. All of the local parishes are participating

Discussion of providing devices for parishioners that have challenges with hearing during mass

Discussion of how many homebound parishioners are receiving communion? Who are they?

Andy will discuss with the Knights if they would find high chairs, and steps for children in the Mission House.

Holy Family has agreed to fund the Cry Room supplies, some slight reorganization will need to take place in the room to accommodate. Signage will be added to be used in conjunction with confessional light for mothers that maybe feeding children

The soup supper may go down to 1 week a month, and the remaining weeks will have Wine/ Cheese. A discussion regarding asking for general volunteers in conjunction with utilizing the various ministries to help staff. A discussion regarding Wine /Cheese scheduling every week vs limited-will stay as is currently.

A number of parishioners have mentioned they are concerned about snow berms, and access to the church. The council and building committee are working various options, a few thoughts- volunteers? City?

Fr. John has been working various police/fire departments for safety plan and to update all records, key box etc. A comprehensive plan is being worked on now and final details should be available soon.

The church currently is healthy financially and an updated financial report will be available soon.

Discussion of adding a specific area in front of the church as designated drop zone-need to check with City regarding signage and/or painting curb

Next Council meeting Thursday, January 16, 2020