

Present: Fr John Mosier, Jennifer McDonald, Pat King, Brian Rupiper, Mary Larson, Bob Runkel and Mandy Maxwell

Guests: Br. José and Tina Johnson

Opened in prayer

May minutes approved

Committee Reports-

**Outreach** - Brian Moen is guiding 25 Altar Servers. He is looking into changing the red cassocks, the girls wear, into black. Does this fit with the diocese? What is the appropriate action to take?

- Tina Johnson added-Cemetery has new statuary installed as well as new statues donated by individuals.

**Liturgy** - 5pm Sunday mass will be added on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be geared toward young adult and families. Music will be more contemporary.

- Fr. Hippolytus will be arriving around July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Idaho Diocese has 88 parishes - 5 have 2 priests.
- The Mission House has a live feed to allow families to help their small children learn how to be at mass.
- The Iron Man participants will receive a blessing at the 5PM vigil mass.

**Hospitality/Social** – The multi-parish picnic has been promoted throughout the parishes with invitations sent directly to priests and the new principal of Holy Family Catholic School.

- Ministries will be in charge of games and activities.
- The parish council is in charge of clean up.
- Weekly Wine and Cheese will no longer be allowed to serve alcohol every week. State permits allow for eight events per location and host.
- Coffee and Doughnuts will now only be in the Parish Center since the fire code is met at 46 people and there are well over that number attending weekly.

**Building** – New speakers were installed in the connector to allow the mass to be heard.

- A cleaning service has been hired to clean the church.
- Signs to say that the parking lot is fully Handicap parking on the weekends.
- All blue chairs are gone. They served us well, but we need more seating and have no room to store the say style.
- A new beautiful cross was hung in the dining room at the Parish Center.
- We will have a better understanding of the usage and purpose of the Parish Center this winter.

**Faith Formation** – Holy Family has new principal who will promote weekend mass attendance by teachers.

- St. Thomas parishioners are helping the school to promote itself.
- St. Thomas is funding a Holy Family website remake for \$5000.

- Purposefully Catholic had a movie night, featuring “Chosen”! Due to weather, it was held in the upstairs library of the Mission House. 30 people were in attendance with popcorn provided.
- Purposefully Catholic will continue to have specific retreats available for the whole church.

**Old Business** – Parish Council elections: nomination ballots will be available on June 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>. With elections on July 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. With new members being announced on the 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business** – ICR envelopes will be handed to parishioners at the doors to encourage them to pay for their own paper.

- The cost of the Idaho Catholic Register is \$20 a month.
- Our own Genavive Edman has received awards for entries in the paper.
- St. Thomas has had a bigger footprint on the paper in recent years, more front page stories.
- Whatever is not paid by the parishioners is paid by the parish.
- The website has been updated to reflect the specific requirements/non-negotiables and fees for weddings at St. Thomas. The new rate for a non-Catholic to be married at St. Thomas is \$1500.

**Meeting Time** - The new meeting time for Parish Council will be at 5 pm on the third Thursday of the month. The next council meeting will be July 15 in the Mission House.

**Father’s Items** – The Finance Committee will have its quarterly meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June.

- As of the end of May, the parish is at 128% of budgeted income and 86% of budgeted expenses.
- Unless the Finance Committee objects, a summary of the parish finances will be made available in September.
- Colleen Kolobow and Fr. John are developing a budget for 2022.
- There has been significant growth in the last 12 months.
- The parish has had a demographic shift. St. Thomas is now predominantly young families.
- In the fall of 2021 St. Thomas will conduct a comprehensive visioning exercise.
- This will identify regional needs, parish resources and facilities.
- Primary focus will be on the Parish Center and its role in the determined charism of the parish.

**Comments** – Jennifer McDonald presented photos of signage she saw at the Cathedral. It was a visual aid to remind visitors, new and regular, to be aware of the sacred space they were about to enter. Is this something we should/could implement here?

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Mission House. Our new council members will, hopefully, be in attendance! No meeting in August.