

Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX

Pastoral Council Minutes, October 27, 2022

Present:

Fr. Augustine Ariwaodo
Linda McHugh
Teresa Gorres
Edith Natividad
Robin Spencer
Fred Williams

Absent:

Don Whittenberger
Al Castillo
Pat Lippincot
Joe Pangelinan

Guest: Edith's granddaughter, Pe'ela Palemene

Meeting called to order at 6:30

Opening prayer by Fr. Augustine

Old Business:

Security Team – Deacon Jim Rodgers will be here this weekend to discuss the particulars, the team will be formed and trained and Fr. hopes to have launched by Christmas. The first training is scheduled for Nov. 13 after the 12:30 mass.

Construction Project Update – Fr. has secured the contractor for the work in the sanctuary/altar area, moving of the Tabernacle, organ console and screen for the pipes. He is thinking this project may take up to 3 months and is hoping to start in Jan/Feb timeframe in hope that work will be completed, and we can be back in the sanctuary by Easter. We will meet in the Social Hall for mass during this time.

Pastoral Council Elections – will be held in January

Montessori update – the project is on hold as the main catalyst for the projected has moved out of the area

New Business:

Cemetery Visits for All Souls Day – Father will go to Cove Cemetery for prayers at 10:00 and then the Veteran's Cemetery at 2:00 on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Fall Fest Committee for next year – Fr. is hoping to have one main leader and then about 20 sub leaders for different responsibilities within the fest. He will consider the suggestion of a few from the suggestion box about 5:30 mass on the festival day. He is also interested in someone being in charge of the street dance to bring that back. Edith suggested that each ethnic food booth should charge the same price, discussion ensued. This will be a decision of the food committee for the next fall fest.

New Pianist - A new pianist was hired, Boris, he plays the organ as well. He will play for all masses but will alternate with Lori Perez at the 10:30 mass.

Vocation Committee - The diocese has encouraged all parishes to create a vocation committee to seek out members of the church and encourage them to pursue religious vocations. Father has asked several people, to have agreed and he will ask a few more. Training is to be held on Nov. 12 in Round Rock at St. Williams. There is a handbook available.

Corpus Christi Planning Committee – Father would like to begin thinking on plans for the next procession, scheduled for June 10, 2023. He would like to speak with the police department about going a little further from the church this time and secure the route.

Christmas Program Plans – There is to be a program this year, spearheaded by Arlene Vitucci. Many children and a new gentleman are interested in having singing parts for this event. It was mentioned that we should gather a group of carolers and go door to door or to Walmart and the surrounding stores as has been done in the past or perhaps have the youth group do this at the nursing homes.

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) training – There is a training coming up November 2 and Fr. is hoping to have the precious blood distributed after this training or by the 1st Sunday of Advent at the latest.

Parishioner Concerns from suggestion box –

The old confessional area will soon be gone as construction happens in the back for the choir area and cry room. At this time there are no plans to move it from where it is. Father has explained that it is very cramped in there and that the area he must sit in is right over a vent.

The choir is currently working on accompaniment with our new pianist. Anyone is welcome to join the choir to give help in any musical area. We have a loving choir of dedicated parishioners, not professional musicians. They do their best and are always open to direction.

Parishioners are reminded by the Deacon each week to take any unruly children to the cry room for calming down and then invited back into the sanctuary. Father will remind parishioners that if they are feeling sick to please feel free to stay home. Also remember that when parishioners wear perfume and use scented soap before coming to church it may cause others to sneeze and cough and allergies at this time of the year are a cause of these symptoms and do not require anyone to miss mass.

Father let us know that the AC and heat are on a timer, so they are not running when mass is not being held and that the lights are turned off directly after mass. Father would rather have the church open so that anyone can feel comfortable to come visit.

Bible Study leader has met with Father and subject matter is all Catholic material.

Village will be set up in the nursery again if storage items can be moved by Nov. 11 and will be open for all Nov and Dec events.