

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS MAY 2022**

The Parish Council met on May 17, 2022.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:** Denise Sanson was introduced to the Parish Council as an additional representative for St Margaret Mary and one of her interests is Right to Life. John Casey has resigned his position on Maintenance after many years of service. Thank you, John. Bruce Rawson will now head Maintenance.

### **Current and Future Activities:**

**Diocese Capital Campaign:** The parish has heard from the Diocese and there will be a ZOOM call with the consulting firm assisting the Diocese. The Diocese has set a goal of \$484,000 for Good Shepherd and \$30,000 for St. Margaret Mary. More to follow after the Zoom call.

**New Parishioner Welcome Event:** There are about twenty new families that have joined the Parish since December 1, 2021. A new parishioner welcoming event, like the one we had in December 2021 is being planned. There will be a meeting on Wednesday May 18, to work out details. The date of the event is June 18<sup>th</sup> following the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass.

**Synod of Synodality:** Randy said the results were sent to the Diocese and there was a lot of good input. There was also input specific to our Parish that was discussed, specifically:

Spiritual Programs: A retreat (possibly in October 2022), the need for a RCIA refresher, bible study (guided programs are available), guest speakers.

Parish Family Life: There is a desire for the parishioners of Good Shepherd, St. Margaret Mary, and the Hispanic community to be more inclusive.

Outreach to Parishioners: Parish Council meetings are not open to the public but in September 2022, we hope to have a Town Hall meeting for Question/Answers.

Financial Information: The fiscal year will end June 30 and there will be an annual financial report provided in late August or September 2022. The

Parish has a strong financial position and will finish the year ahead of budget.

Items that would be helpful: Purchase hearing devices that would be made available to parishioners (St Paul's has these). Have a simple pamphlet providing information about our Parish that they could take with them.

Use of the Grounds: Reflection Garden and Stations of the Cross. Randy is contacting a landscaping architect that could design a reflection garden and walking trail.

Re-establish our Youth Group and connect with Sewanee college students. Karla mentioned that the Hispanics would like to be part of a Youth group.

The Parish Council will continue to discuss the input received during the Synod process.

## **MINISTRY UPDATES:**

**Hospitality:** Marie said that all is going well and there are name badges for the Hospitality Ministers

**Family Life:** Marie mentioned that the First Communion reception went well. There were lots of volunteers. Su said that Pizza in the Pavilion will be sometime in July or August 2022. Family Life is considering a World Marriage Day celebration in February 2023.

**Women's Group:** The next Bunco will be on June 14th in the morning. There were twenty-four players at the March bunco event.

**St. Margaret Mary Mission:** Denise said that she will try to get more parishioners involved.

**Parish Website:** Up to date

**Maintenance:** Bruce will take over with John Casey stepping down. The Knights of Columbus are repairing the Parish house. Marie mentioned that we need better lighting on the door outside by the Church kitchen. A motion lights were suggested. Caroline will follow-up and discuss with an electrician.

**Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:** All is going well.

**Safety:** Mike Wiedemer is getting bids for security cameras on the Parish campus.

**Knights of Columbus:** The Spaghetti dinner went very well.

**Mardi Gras:** Donations from the proceeds of the Mardi Gras event will be distributed as follows: \$3,000 for scholarships, \$6,000 to Good Samaritan House, \$2,000 to Honor Flight. The Women's group, Family Life and Bereavement should see if there is anything they need which could be supported by the Mardi Gras proceeds.

**Religious Education:** Classes have ended for the year, but Patty may have a get-together in the summer for the kids.

**Bereavement:** No funerals this month.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and our next meeting is Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.