

## Parish Council Agenda – November 25, 2024

Present – Father Bob, Christopher W, Michael B, Barbara B, Charlie M, Jessica A, Julie K, Keith G, Jen W and Mary K

- Open with prayer. - Father Bob
- Introduce any guests.
- Introduction of the Elizabeth Ministries – Charlie Mares

Respect Life Committee would like to establish a chapter at St. Gabriel. The goal is for each Neenah Menasha parish to establish their own group but work together. Also talk of starting a group just for men that are also effected by these different issues.

- Complete our review of Parish ministries.

More information to be filled in for Stations of the Cross. How often do we offer Stations? Should we do a better job of advertising that this is offered during Lent? Corpus Christi Procession should include all ages. Christmas or Easter Book Giveaway- do we offer books for younger children? Who is in charge of the Prayer Shawls? Do we have any groups specifically for men? Q&A with Father possible to offer this October through April? We need to include the Craft Fair on the chart. Should we offer a date night again? Should we offer more ministries for young college age adults? Ex. Prayer & Pizza, Board Game Night etc.

- Staff meeting notes – Would like to review these as a council going forward to keep us all in better touch with the workings of the church and allow us better oversight.

Yes, review of what is happening very helpful for the council. Comment on the Angel Tree being empty, but Victor will be adding more wish items.

- Safety & Security meeting recap.
  - Was this helpful for everyone? Yes very. It was a wonderful and informative evening
  - Are there any questions, comments or concerns we have as a council? Yes. Should we have Bill H attend January meeting to answer our questions? Do we need additional /updated training for our greeters and ushers? Discuss procedures for fire and other emergencies.

- Advent season will be starting shortly. What does this season look like as a parish – Father Bob

Feast Day 12/9 mass offered three times this day. December 13<sup>th</sup> Senior social and Anointing mass. Pentecost service on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Additional confession times offered this month. The schedule of events will be published on the parish December calendar.

- Committee Reports.

Human concerns – Thanksgiving drive very successful 2 pick ups and 2 extra deliveries of food. Operation Santa kicked off and runs through December first we have very generous parishioners. December 21<sup>st</sup> is another Community Table. Rise Against Hunger scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. We partner this event with SMM and SM. Our goal is 300 workers, 50,000 meals packed, and cash donations of \$20,000 with \$5800 left from last year.

➤ Open discussion.

Peter Krautkramer and Lynn H were at all masses last weekend to answer questions and offer additional information on the columbarium.

Joint Trustees of Neenah Menasha met to discuss our purpose, which is a cohesive Catholic community, optimize shared resources, increase parishioner engagement and enhanced spiritual growth. One item Father Bob would like to see as a result of our efforts is a shared Neenah/Menasha Catholic Parishes calendar. One was found on Facebook with current posts from St. Patrick only. Julie Klein will reach out to the other Trustees and get more information on how we can accomplish this goal.

- Would we like to continue our review of Entrust? Many new members would like to have more exposure to this before a decision can be offered. We will continue in January with more of a focus of how we can bring this information to our parishioners.

➤ Close with prayer. Father Bob