

Parish Council - August 26th, 2025

Present: Father Brian, Christopher, Jen, Charlie, Mary, Keith, Barbara, Michael, Tom

Open with Prayer - Kerygma Prayer

Review and approve June Minutes - Minutes approved

Introductions

Old and Current Business

Updates

- a. School expansion: On track to be finished October 1st. Dealing with water issues. Mike Van Dyke is working with Miron and the Diocese to determine a plan for storm water drainage.
- b. Fundraising: Finance council is fundraising to replenish 400K that the parish put in for the addition.
- c. Hired Tina Peirick as the Faith Formation coordinator for grade 1-8 and families. Added families to the Faith Formation job to help lay faith foundations. Tina is working with Victor to get onboarded. Victor's last day is December 24th. Hopefully we will hire someone soon but if not, Father Brian will take over Victor's role in the interim.
- d. Human Concerns committee update:
 - i. Want to continue Fox Valley Community table
 - ii. Habitat for Humanity Faith Build is being looked at for next year.
 - iii. Angel Tree project - instead of partnering with the prison ministry, we will work with the school to help families in need at SG elementary
 - iv. Operation Santa drive will run in November
 - v. Will have postcards to hand out for those who need services
 1. Financial, Food, Social Services, Housing and Transportation
 2. Will be at the welcome desk, by the usher stand, and on a back table at church
 - vi. Don't want to have a parish sponsored transportation service, due to liability issues. Could we connect parishioners to each other to give rides?
- e. Safety and Security update
 - i. After 5:00 Mass on Saturday, a group of panhandlers (working together) approached parishioners. Police were called by the neighbors and it was discovered that someone did gain access to the building. We want to do training on how to handle panhandlers - direct them to parish staff.
- f. Financial operations review/audit
 - i. Father Brian will be doing one

Annual Meetings

- a. Joint PPC-PFC has typically been in October. Need at least once a year. Will hold off for now.
- b. Annual Parish meeting is scheduled for the spring. Father Brian will check with Ann to verify date.

Governance and Operations

- a. Review of Pastoral Council policies (from diocese)
- b. Council officers and member terms
 - i. Christopher: started April 2022. Became chairperson October 2022.
 - ii. Barbara: started August 2024
 - iii. Michael: started September 2024
 - iv. Keith: started August 2024
 - v. Mary: started May 2019; COVID year
 - vi. Jen: started August 2024
 - vii. Tom: started May 2019; COVID year - will be ok stepping back if someone else wants to step forward
- c. Will discuss officer nominations at the next meeting
- d. Fr. Brian's expectations of PPC member - reviewed document
- e. Draft of St. Gabriel Parish organizational chart
 - i. Reviewed organizational chart for St. Clare
 - ii. Discussed SG organization

Liturgical Adjustments

- a. Coinciding with liturgical minister training on September 3 and 6
- b. Implementation starting weekend of September 6-7

Vocations Ministry group

- a. Brainstormed possible members of this group: Deacon Tom, Karen Rappl, Curtis Dixon

1-2 Year roll out of revised high school religious education program

Parish newsletter

- Current newsletter goes out weekly
- Do we want anything more narrative about St. Gabriel parishioners? Highlight smaller volunteer opportunities/lesser known ministries

Parish Pastoral-Strategic Planning (attached to agenda)

- 5-10 year pastoral-strategic planning
 - SWOT analysis is needed. Discussed with Father Bob; put on hold until Father Brian got here. Father Brian will connect with Joe and report back.

Next Meeting Date: September 30th, 7:00-8:30