

St. Patrick Parish Council minutes, March 11, 2024

Present: Monsignor Dempsey, Jennifer Boldry, Peggy Gaier, Pat McCaskey, Madeleine McCoy, Pat Plodzeen, Madeleine Slingerland

Absent: Alejandro Quiroz, Romiro Roman, Michael Wodarczyk

1. Welcome – Pat McCaskey welcomed everyone.

Opening prayer – Peggy Gaier

2. Minutes from January 8, 2024 meeting – Peggy Gaier asked for a motion to approve. Madeleine Slingerland made the motion. Pat Plodzeen - 2nd. All in favor – Approved.

3. Pastor's report – Monsignor Dempsey reported the project to replace the large cross hanging over the altar & the Holy Family statue in church is moving ahead.

Our new parish administrator, Fr. Jerry Gunderson, will begin July 1, 2024.

Monsignor will have spinal surgery on Monday, March 18, and will need to take some time off.

Ministry Reports

Men's Group – First Friday masses continue.

They are selling squares for March Madness as a fundraiser for Most Blesses Trinity Academy. Party will be on April 8.

Gathering with Bishop Grob is rescheduled for March 21, at St. Mary's Church. The topic will be "Issues facing Catholic Men."

Next Men's Group Blood Drive is May 5.

Women's Group – Peggy Gaier reported

Trivia Night on February 3, 2024, in the Parish Center was a success with over 90 people in attendance.

St. Patrick party will be in the Parish Center this year on Friday, March 15. They checked with 5 caterers for the event, & have rented a dance floor. The Men's Group will be the bartenders. Drink tickets will be sold for beer, wine, and a specialty cocktail. There will be several non-meat options for dinner since this is a Friday in Lent.

Bunko for Babies, that supports Aid for Women, and will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 in the Parish Center, at 7pm.

The Women's Group Spring Luncheon is Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Conway Farms Golf Club.

Religious Education – Pat Plodzeen reported there was a dinner and Lenten Retreat for catechists on February 22 at St. Mary's seminary. The speaker was from Carmel High School.

First Communion will take place on Saturday, April 27, at 11am.

Vacation Bible Study will take place at St. Mary's from July 22 – July 26. They'd like more publicity for this event.

They are still short a catechist for 8th grade, and substitutes are needed for all grade levels.

Old Business – no report

New Business – no report

Next meeting dates: May 13 and September 9, 2024

Suggestion Box – Pat McCaskey read a suggestion to close the doors between the Gathering Area and the church so it will be quiet in church for those praying before mass.

In May the opening prayer will be said by Pat Plodzeen, and the closing prayer will be said by Michael Wodarczyk.

Closing prayer was said by Madeleine Slingerland

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peggy Gaier