

St. Patrick Parish Council minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Present – Fr. Jerry Gunderson, Jennifer Boldry, Peggy Gaier, Pat McCaskey, Madeleine McCoy, Patrick Moorhead, Pat Plodzeen, Alejandro Quiroz, Ramiro Roman, Madeleine Slingerland, Michael Wodarczyk

Welcome – Pat McCaskey

Opening Prayer – Pat Moorhead

Approval of September 9 Meeting Minutes – Peggy Gaier – all approved

Administrator's Report – Fr. Gunderson

Father Gunderson thought the Parish Council could facilitate communication between the various organizations and the Parish Council. These Council members agreed to initiate the communication with the organizations that follow.

Pat Plodzeen: Baptismal Prep, Children's Liturgy of the Word, High School Confirmation, Men's Retreat, Religious Ed K-8, and Youth Ministry.

Madeleine Slingerland: O(R)CIA, Scripture Study, Sycamore, IH Bible Study, and Bible Study.

Peggy Gaier: Mass Broadcasts, Ministry of Care, Most Blessed Trinity, Sharing Tree, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Women's Club.

Madeleine McCoy: Adult Choir, Bridge Group, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors.

Ramiro Roman: Men's Group, Pancake Breakfast, St. Joseph Table, Ushers

Fr. Gunderson: Altar Servers

Pat Moorhead: Domestic Violence Outreach

Father Gunderson will be on retreat from the afternoon of Oct 28 to noon on Nov 1.

On Nov 1st, the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation, Masses will be said in the new church at 8:00am and 6:30pm.

On Nov 2nd, a 5:00pm Mass will commemorate the faithful departed, especially those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Patrick's from Nov 1, 2023 to Oct 20, 2024.

Bishop Grob (Vicar), Tim Weiske (from the Arch), Fr. Nacius (St. Mary), Fr. Gustafson (St. Norbert), Fr. Samborski (Holy Cross), and Fr. Gunderson had an initial meeting regarding priest staffing. After Renew My Church, different groupings are being considered but no decisions have been made. All parishes are financially stable. Fr. Samborski and Fr. Gunderson both spoke of vitality and potential for growth in both parishes. Fr. Gustafson expressed concern for Christ our Hope parish (IC & St. James combination) and that attention should be placed there before any restructuring of our parishes. Bishop Grob and the Placement Board will discuss the placements in our Vicariate.

Fr. Gunderson plans to speak with someone at the Archdiocese about a possible pre-recorded phone message out to parishioners about the need to come back to church, especially in October when the counts are taken.

RCIA has 5 teenage members who are need of Sacraments.

Ministry Reports

Men's Group – Michael Wodarczyk

Urgent need for ushers at the 10:00 Mass.

Rosary, Friday, Nov 18 7:00pm (3rd Friday Prayer Group)

MBT Serving hotdogs in costume on Oct 31

Uncorking for a Cause, Nov 1-3, VIN Chicago, 10% will come back to us if 'St. Patrick Church, Lake Forest' is mentioned.

Watch Party on Monday, Dec 16

Men's Retreat on Apr 4-5.

Women's Group – Peggy Gaier

Aid for Women Baby Bottle Drive is over and was a success.

On Fri., Nov 8, men & women are invited to taste 6 beers, along with brats & chips. Price is \$15. RSVP by Nov. 3.

Sharing Tree , Nov 2-3 and 18 for sign-ups, return the 1st weekend in December.

The Christmas luncheon, Dec 11, will feature Sr. Nancy Murray, the entertaining sister of Bill Murray. There was some discussion to ask Regina for help with sponsorship in exchange for a Regina table in the vestibule that weekend. Peggy will try to advertise this in the whole Vicariate.

Religious Education – Pat Plodzeen

83 students are registered in grades 1-8.

44 (with 26 new students) are registered for Confirmation.

The Family Christmas Movie night will return on Sunday, Dec 8

Pat Plodzeen, Chris Puszynski and Marianne Seiler attended the Vicariate 1 annual Lake County Catechist Resource Day on Saturday Oct. 28, held at St. Francis De Sales Church, Lake Zurich.

Rel Ed was hoping to have a Children's Mass this year, possibly in Advent, where the children are the readers and partake in other parts of the Mass.

The Youth Group will be starting up in between the 10:00 and 11:45 Mass every other Sunday starting Oct 27, Nov 10, and Dec 8, with Brandon Stoy directing and Janet & Brad Morris assisting.

Old Business

Annual Dinner with Holy Cross and Saint Mary's (host) Parish Councils – Ramiro Roman reported it is not moving forward. We will wait to see what transpires.

Jennifer Boldry shared that the statuary of the Holy Family and the corpus for the crucifix are complete, but the cross is still being worked on. Getting a time for the vendors to come in and prepare the space before the statuary arrives is being worked out.

New Business

Oct 20, 4-6pm Family Rosary Rally with Chicago Bears at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles,.

Oct 27, the Knights of Columbus will be holding their Coats for Kids drive for children 12 months to adults. Parishioners can donate money for the Knights to purchase coats.

Religious Education will be having a Hat & Mitten drive to coincide with the Coat Drive. Details will be in the bulletin.

Nov 27, 1-3pm, Sports Faith International will award Bishop Robert Barron the Bishop Fulton Sheen Award at a luncheon at the DoubleTree in Mundelein.

Jennifer Boldry respectfully asks all organizations to check in with the office regarding date, time and space in the Parish for any events to eliminate double booking.

Alejandro Quiroz suggested we investigate a speaker St. Joseph's in Libertyville recently had for three nights. Fr. Jim Sichko had a positive response, and we should see if he is someone we could invite to speak to the Parish. He also asked us to pray for a friend who lost his life sailing near Lake Forest, Christian Mattis, and to pray for his family.

Next Meeting Date: November 11, 2024 same meeting time of 7:30

No December meeting. January 13 is first of the new year, we will discuss then if meeting in February.

Closing Prayer – Ramiro Roman

Opening Prayer for the October meeting will be said by **Alejandro Quiroz**, and

Closing Prayer will be said by **Ramiro Roman**.

Respectfully submitted by: Madeleine Slingerland