

Family Council Meeting Notes- 4/11/23

Prayer- Family Prayer

Parish Reports:

- Palm Sunday Mass attendance – 705
- Easter Mass attendance – 940
- Collection for Easter \$27,390 as a Family – Monthly \$41,672

New locks on the sacristy doors of all four churches. Keys were given to key members of each parish, who needs access to prepare for Masses.

St. Philomena currently has video cameras around the church. We plan in the future to place similar cameras at all of the other three churches. There was a donation given to the Family for security enhancements. Thus, cameras and locks are not being charged to individual parishes and reimbursements will be made for past jobs regarding cameras and locks.

Buildings and Grounds is in the process of doing an assessment of the churches and parish grounds, will provide a list of issues that need attention: short-term and long-term projects.

Confirmation next Tuesday at the Cathedral, there will be 26 being confirmed. The dean will do the Confirmation.

Ted is currently working on budgets for the churches and school, we will be meeting with the financial councils in late April for them to review and set budget for next year (July 2023-June 2024)

American Heritage Girls has decided to dissolve their chapter, effective immediately, waiting to receive final written confirmation and keys.

Holy Trinity:

- Waiting to hear approval from the Finance Council to approve a new roof at Connelly Hall.
- The Finance Council is interested in selling the current rectory and using the money to fix up the white house and parking lot. They discussed the possibility in the future of selling Connelly Hall to keep focus on maintaining a smaller campus.

Updates/Comments from HT Representatives:

St. Ann:

We replaced the outside lights in the parking lot, then a bus knocked down one of the light poles, they will pay for it. A hot spot was installed to control thermostat as well as cameras, money coming for the donation for Family Security. They are planning a rummage sale in May.

Updates/Comments from St. Ann Representatives:

St. Louis:

- The oil tank situation resolved the fuel is now coming from underground tank. The temporary tank was removed.
- The church roof needs replacing, we have a claim in progress with the Archdiocese Insurance company, we received a quote from Parker Roofing for 28K+
- The Sound System project is nearly complete. They are working on the organ.
- Fish Fry- made \$16K
- Planning on placing additional locks- side doors, front door of church, main office. Several locks will be on a timer. We are discerning to keep the church door open during the day for people to pray, even when the office is closed.

Updates/Comments from St. Louis Representatives:

St. Philomena:

- Parishioners are working on fixing up the rectory.
- There is a plan to do a Bourbon Night- to raise money to be used to support St. Ann
- *Updates/Comments from St. Philomena Representatives:*

School

There was a break-in at the school over the weekend of March 25/26, wasn't discovered until Monday morning after the kids entered. The police were called and after some asking, they did a sweep of the school. The video showed it was a teenager, he entered both nights. A window was broken in the 4th grade room, he entered through it the second night. Damages were under 1K, so no insurance claim was made. It revealed a lack of procedures and thus we are working to address this. It reminded us of the importance of security, particularly cameras that have motion detection, so to alert us at the time. The system for cameras needs to be moved from the school to the Main Office. We are also working to switch the school data system to the server in the main office, therefore, to save money.

We are working with a parent to get various Grants to pay for security upgrades. We received one grant for 50K back in February. We are seeking 2 Ohio worker Comp; but are not eligible because the Archdiocese holds the insurance. There is another grant for \$150K -FEMA. These will be used to replace doors in the school, locks, cameras, and lights.

Meet with 8 parents back in February asking for financial assistance, which we are happy to help. We are also ahead with registration, 57 families (100+ kids) coming back. We also required parents to apply for ED Choice and Archdiocese Fund- CEF, I believe this will greatly reduce the amount of money we have historically paid for those who were eligible in the past.

Gala fund - \$48,000 Total - \$18K-2022, \$30K-2023

Beacons of Light – Discussion

Regarding the article on BOL that appeared in the March 26th Bulletin

- A parishioner from St. Philomena sent a letter to this Council, without including the Pastor. He raised concerns, but none seem accurate from my standpoint. I addressed these questions at the January meeting which did not seem to resonate with him. The fact is that a Pastor for good reason could eliminate Masses at a parish church, there is no that requires a parish church to have a Sunday Mass. However, I know if a church didn't have a Mass, it would greatly affect the financials. Everything he addressed as been addressed several times by the Council, they are aware of these issues and why we are still in the process of discussing BOL and have made no final decisions on the plan. I also disagree that it would make it easier to close a church if they were combined.
- A second letter came from another person, St. Louis – addressing some of the same issues presented by the other letter.
- A temporary plan needs to be submitted to the Archbishop by all pastors this July, regarding how we are proceeding.
- An issue is there seems to be more focus on buildings then the Faith itself. How do we address this? Raw emotion cannot lead the charge in planning for the future, it must be based on logical decisions. I realize this takes time to lead people to this direction and we have been communicating a lot, more than most Families, although people still feel they are still in the dark, so we will continue communicating the BOL process.
- Ideas for next week's bulletin announcement? – Faith is our greater importance.

New Business

Parish Schedule –

- Moving Tuesday evening Mass to 8:30am. - Starting May
- Switch Council meetings from Tuesdays to Mondays. – Starting May
- Family Catechesis/Religious Ed – Moving from Sunday mornings to once a month on Wednesday evenings.
- No Wednesdays Masses – Starting May
- Hosting Totus Tuus in June
- Festival plans are in process, still planned for the first week of August.
- Deacons' Evangelization Project- They are in process of working on a plan to implement.
- 2 seminarians plan to stay for the summer and live at Holy Trinity rectory.
- A Fundraiser is being done by Knights to support St. Ann