

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
May 11, 2023 - In Person & Zoom meeting @ 7:15

Attendance: *Brian, Mirka, Jen, Susan, Fr. Ken, Fr. Ryan, Deacon Fred, Deacon Don, David*

Opening Prayer - Father Ken

April Meeting Minutes - *Approved*

New Business:

Faith Formation Update

- 40 confirmation students
- 2 of 3 First Communion Masses have occurred
  - 67 children between all Masses
- VBS – 110 kids registered (10 spots left)
- Applied for a grant to purchase new curriculum – awaiting to hear back
  - This will be same program as what the school uses

Knights of Columbus Update

- State Convention – 350 knights attended in Des Moines
  
- RE and School appreciation – provided cookies on Wednesday night and plan to provide meal for teacher appreciation
  
- Mother's Day weekend – will give a talk before each Mass and giving away flowers to all women
  - Mother's day brunch
  
- Blue Red Mass – next Thursday evening
  
- Have started additional Tuesday morning meetings following their Monday evening meeting – a few additional members attend this meeting

Committee Updates:

Welcome Committee

- 12 new families this month (up to 847 total families)

Social Concerns

- Sister Parish in Ghana
  - St. Martin de Porres – Zuarungu (NE Ghana)
    - Fr. Raphael (friend of Fr. Ryan)

- Urgent needs for pews (5000 seat church) and supplies for attached school (James Brown Memorial School)
  - Bishop from their diocese will be coming to SLTE in May
  - 2.5% of the 5% Tithe of the Tithe will go towards the sister parish (approximately \$3000 per quarter)
- School has partnered with Catholic Worker House
- Upcoming Habitat builds
- Pregnancy outreach for infant loss or infertility – small group of women have taken a training to assist with leading this ministry (will launch July 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Diocese is looking for a representative from SLTE to serve on a subcommittee for young adult evangelization in the diocese

#### Liturgy

- Triduum went well
- Corpus Christi procession June, 2024 – on Corpus Christi weekend – will be done around the church/school grounds
- Will use Oxtoberfest funds to purchase 3 year subscription for Breaking Bread Hymnals, furniture for the parish, and then additional funds leftover that will be put towards the Church

#### Finance

- Budget is 100k deficit, but were conservative on tithing amounts and we received the employee retention credit so expect to have a surplus which will be put towards future phase funds
- Business manager hired – will start of Monday (Jeremy Swim – parishioner)

#### Father Ken's comments:

#### School

- 345 student enrolled for 2023-2024 academic year (up from 305 this year)
  - Addition of a second 7<sup>th</sup> grade section
  - Full in 5<sup>th</sup> and Kindergarten
  - Hired 4 new teachers

#### Next Meeting – June 8

- Will plan to have a discussion-based meeting regarding how to better engage the parish and next steps moving forward

#### Closing Prayer - Father Ryan