Mary of the Visitation

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

West Campus, Becker

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer
2. Roll Call Noted by Eric Krause: Melissa Dumonceaux, Geary Keppel, Bonnie Dezelar, Brenda Ewig, Eric Krause, Jeff Howell, James Adelman, Greg Scherber
3. Addition/Adjustments and Approval of May Minutes - None
4. Parishioner concerns:
   1. Masks vs no masks (ministry and parishioners)
5. COVID update: Father Mike
   1. Changes (mass times, locations, adoration, capacity, etc.).
   2. Dispensation for Mass attendance is still in place until further notice. Anyone who feels uncomfortable or are at risk can stay at home.
   3. Still have to formulate and submit a plan to the Bishop
   4. Attendance will be limited to 25% occupancy
   5. Dining space will be used for overflow
   6. Parishioners will be seated in every third pew. This will allow for shifting to the second and third pews for the second Mass and adoration
   7. No shared cup
   8. No gifts procession
   9. Communion dismission will be different for front portion of the church and the same as usual for back
   10. Priest, deacon, and ministers masked during communion distribution
   11. No congregational singing
   12. Exiting from all doors
   13. When pews are full, people may be turned away
   14. Planning to get started and making changes as we go

Council Ideas:

* + 1. Can we offer a senior Mass?
    2. Inflatable movie screen with simulcast outside
    3. Cars in parking lot
    4. Use directory to alternate priority so everyone gets a chance to attend in person if they wish
  1. How we can support parishioners in this transition

1. Letter from Bishop Kettler about bankruptcy package
   1. Diocese is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy
   2. Parishes without charges against them will be asked to give a “donation” to assist with payment of the penalties and associated legal fees
   3. Participating Parishes board – no word on this
2. Strategic Planning
   1. Which ideas are tabled until COVID lifts (dinner, movie license, flocknote, sacrament follow up, digitalize sacramental records, smile.amazon.com)
   2. All items tabled for the time being
      1. FORMED?
      2. My Parish?
3. Future agenda items left from February
   1. September Fest Chair open
      1. Considering some sort of modified festival
      2. Perhaps a raffle
   2. Campaign for security system
      1. More information at next meeting
4. Location of next Parish Council Meeting: Supposed to be Big Lake, are we going to continue every other month locations? We can alternate.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2020 at 7pm at Big Lake