

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Council Minutes
11-21-23**

Members Present: Carla Riley, Deb Solvie, David Chamberlain, Father Todd Schneider, Mary Holm, Spencer Kidder, Hayley Jay, Doug Moscho, Jeff Boyle, Patty Kill and Kitty Mahoney

Members Absent: Keith Durkee and Angel Franco

Guest: Nicole Berlinger

Carla called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Patty read from the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46

New Business:

November 21st agenda was approved with changing “Order Poinsettias & Cards” & “December Christmas Social” to Informational instead of Action Item. Motion by Deb, second by Jeff.

October 17th meeting minutes was approved. Motion by Father Todd, second by Hayley.

Nicole Berlinger gave us an update on Faith Formation. She is grateful for all great teachers. New this year is a Spanish class for grades 1-6. She is very impressed with the interaction between the students and teachers. She would like to check into the possibility of getting a part-time Spanish speaking assistant to help with the language barrier. She would also like to find a way to keep the children coming to religion classes from year to year. Wednesday night classes seem to be going good as attendance seems to be more consistent compared to when elementary met on Sunday mornings. The Council would like **to thank Nicole and all the great teachers** for all their hard work and dedication to Faith Formation.

October financials were approved. Motion by Deb, second by Doug.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration will be on Saturday, December 9th with a potluck meal after the 7 p.m. Mass. All are encouraged to attend and show support to our Hispanic church family members.

Order poinsettias & cards – Jackie Dripps ordered the poinsettias, and they will be delivered to the Church basement. Father Todd had gotten the cards and Patty will address them before the next council meeting. We will discuss at the next meeting who will deliver poinsettias and cards to the family members in the area that lost loved ones this past year.

December Christmas Social – Carla graciously offered to host the social at her house for our next council meeting which is on December 19th at 6:30 p.m. She will send out a message asking how many spouses/significant others might be attending. It is potluck.

Old Business:

Lenten Series Speakers - Leo VanBeck will do his presentation on Sunday, February 25th after the 9 a.m. Mass to show his talent of making rosaries out of deer antlers. Tim and Hayley Jay will do a 6-week marriage presentation beginning after Ash Wednesday. They haven't decided it will be on Monday or Thursday evenings. It is about the Sacrament of Marriage. More information will come later.

Interior Renovation Project – The interior renovation committee will meet on Monday, November 27th with Rudy Pakendorf to discuss the feasibility results. We will receive more information at our next council meeting in December. **Thank you to all who agreed to be interviewed and to those who did the on-line survey.**

Committee Reports:

St. Mary's – David reported that St Mary's just did a Food Shelf collection. They got 236.3lbs and \$50 to donate to the local food shelf. They are hoping to adopt a family this Christmas Season again. Christmas Concert will be Wednesday, December 20th at 7 p.m.

Pastoral Report:

Father Todd reported that Thanksgiving Mass is at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 23rd. Immaculate Conception Masses will be Thursday, December 7th at 7 p.m. & Friday, December 8th at 8:35 a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass is December 9th at 7 p.m. Penance Service is Sunday, December 17th at 4 p.m. with extra Priests to hear confessions. Christmas Eve is also the 4th Sunday of Advent, so there will be 9 a.m. Mass. The Christmas Vigil Mass will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 24th. This will be a bilingual Mass. Monday, December 25th Christmas Day Mass will be at 9 a.m. New Year's Day Mass will be on Monday, January 1 at 9 a.m.

Father handed out a flyer about the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. The northern congress procession starts at Lake Itaska State Park on May 19th. This is the Headwaters of the Great Mississippi River which was once known as the Ricer of the Immaculate Conception. There are four procession routes, all leading to Indianapolis.

David led closing prayer.

Mary made motion to adjourn meeting, second by Doug. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 19th at Carla Riley's home.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Solvie, parish council secretary.