

St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council
August 25th, 2020
ZOOM Meeting

Present: Father Joseph Tito, Nora Bondi, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Traci Laffey, Suzanne Lefevre, Jose Juan Moreno, Michael O'Donovan, Yvonne Smith

Absent: Arturo Medina, Betsy Quinn, Juan Jose Velasco

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m..

Opening Prayer – led by Jose Juan Moreno

Approval of July 28, 2020 Minutes

- Yvonne made a motion to accept the minutes, Suzanne seconded and they were accepted unanimously.

Parish Update – Father Tito

- **Finances:** The Finance Committee met last night. The Parish ended the Fiscal Year very close to budget. It is hard to set a budget moving forward. July and August contributions were very good. There has been some extra gifting, which is greatly appreciated. Now, there is a concern about how to fundraise, with the pandemic. The Rummage Sale Raffle raised approximately \$15,000. Planning is beginning for the St. Nick's Festival. The crafters are interested in the Festival taking place, though we would only be able to take half of the normal amount. The unknown is if shoppers would be willing to attend. The usual Kermes in September, led by Juanita, cannot take place. However, Juanita is planning a Raffle in September. There may be some pop-up sales as fundraisers.
- **Religious Education:** Confirmations are taking place, the 5th one will happen on August 30th. Beyond that, there are six or seven who still need to be confirmed, and will do so once each family feels it is safe. There will be five First Communion Masses in September. One First Communion will take place during the Parking Lot Mass on September 6th. Religious Education for English speakers will take place online, starting in October. We need to add this information to the Sunday Announcements, as some parents were waiting to register their children until the "online or in person" decision was made. Religious Education for Spanish speakers will be partially in person, once a month according to the Archdiocese. Sharing space on our campus will be taken into consideration for both Religious Ed and Youth Group meetings. Youth Group will begin meeting in September. Jose is still looking for English speaking Catechists.

- **RCIA:** A special Mass will take place on September 6th.
- **Pope John XXIII School:** After four days of class, all goes well. If anyone tests positive for the virus, the entire class will stay home and get tested. Also, if there are siblings, they will stay home. Those children will do online learning. Twenty percent of students are doing online learning. The Preschool will open on Thursday, all parents were invited to visit prior to the start, to ensure they are comfortable with the COVID precautions taken. The teachers are amazing, fully dedicated and doing a great job. Two “specials” teachers are strictly teaching online for health considerations.
- **Renew My Church:** The five pastors still need to meet to discuss the road ahead.

PPC Reports

- **Parish Reopening:** The 4:30 Chapel Mass and the 10:00 a.m. Parking Lot Mass are going well. Numbers are growing for both. There is a Second Survey being conducted to determine next steps. It is challenging to find enough volunteers. The good news is that the Sacramental life of the Church is going well – Baptisms, Weddings, etc. are taking place. We should share that good news with the wider Parish. Perhaps this will be included in the Annual Report. The Holy Spirit is keeping us moving in a positive way!
- **United Power:** There may be another effort to help get out the vote in Wisconsin and North Carolina.

Closing Prayer – led by Father Tito, included prayers for the family of Jacob Blake.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m..