

St. Genevieve's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2022

Those present included Father Pedro, Deacon Bill Wehmeyer, Jim Brousseau, Nancy Kirner, Carmen Merrill, Dennis Doyle, and Don Haley.

Fr. Pedro introduced Carmen Merrill as a new member. Frankie Waller resigned her position.

The Bishop said that parishes are free to lift mask bans on March 21st, in line with the Governor's recent ruling. He also sent more detailed guidance for schools. The only changes at this point will be to remove the mandatory mask requirement and leave the use of masks as an individual choice.

On Ash Wednesday, Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. and there will be a Communion service and distribution of ashes at 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m., followed by a soup and bread supper. April 9th is tentatively scheduled for a Day of Reflection and Penance. We will be using Operation Rice Bowls again this Lent.

We have two adult candidates for full communion into the Catholic Church this Easter.

Nancy provided a profit and loss statement for the fiscal year and income and expense comparisons using colored charts. Fewer active parishioners and travelers has resulted in less income. But we have also had fewer big expenses.

There were some problems with the heat pump and furnace that took two service calls; but, things are working fine again.

Our FCC license for the radio station has been renewed.

Upcoming maintenance projects include minor weatherstripping, spraying for insects, new posts and handicap parking signs, and a handrail for front stairs near the street. Also, the parking lot will need to be regraded this year.

It was discussed that we are too small of a parish to have a paid music director; but, we may need to consider paying someone to play piano as an accompanist in the future.

Synodal questionnaire was successfully added to our website. All responses received will be summarized and sent to the Diocese.

Perhaps we could have people add prayer requests through the website in the future, as well.

It was suggested that perhaps we could ask parishioners to bring food that is needed on a certain Sunday each month to give to The Cove.

Next Pastoral Council meeting will be Wed., May 25, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Genevieve's.