

St. Vincent de Paul Pastoral and Finance Council

Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2020

The meeting began at 6:04pm with Deacon Todd Lovas leading the opening prayer. Present at the meeting were: Kaylie Willoughby, Craig Shanteau, Jackie Loomis, Judy Moldenhauer, Liz Bacon, Doug Dodge, Tom Moomey, Tish Mallory, Zack Lobsinger, Bill Daniels and Deacon Todd Lovas.

The group was informed on the sanitation equipment which has been ordered to use to clean the church building after every liturgy to help prevent the potential spread of the coronavirus. A list of volunteers interested in helping usher and clean the church will be created. The Centers for Disease Control guidelines must be followed which include all persons over age 2 wearing a mask for the duration of Mass and maintaining social distance requirements. The obligation to attend mass has been suspended until August 30 by Bishop Gruss and parishioners over age 65 and/or with underlying health conditions are advised to view the live stream Mass from the safety of their home. Communion will occur after the closing song with procession down the center aisle following 6 foot social distancing. Pews will be blocked off to provide the necessary separation between parishioners. Members discussed using the social hall and classrooms for overflow space if needed.

Smaller weekday Masses will be scheduled so that safety measures can be practiced before the larger weekend Masses are celebrated. The parish will continue to live stream the weekend Mass on Facebook and YouTube until we are all able to gather without restrictions. We discussed the need to know how many people will be attending Mass by providing tickets, surveys and registering as we need to remain under 25% capacity. A letter and postcard will be mailed to all parishioners outlining the guidelines for attendance at Mass. At this time communion cannot be distributed outside of mass unless it is part of the last rites administered to someone who is dying. Deacon Todd shared that Sunday, June 7th is the tentative reopening date pending training volunteers on the use of sanitation equipment.

The group discussed updates on the Midland County flooding and how we can assist those who were affected. Deacon Todd has reached out to St. Agnes Parish whose 3 churches were affected in the floods to share resources from our food pantry. Deacon Todd informed the group that a \$5,000 bequest was received by Mrs. Loretta Koester's estate. We discussed the paycheck protection loan that was approved to help pay the parish's current employees during the pandemic as well as hazard pay for staff. Deacon Todd shared updates on the Dismemberment Abortion Ban's petition drive.

The meeting concluded at 7:25pm with a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kaylie Willoughby, Vice Chair