**Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 6th, 2023**

Attendees: Linda Gutoskey, Steve Bentz, Chris Stock, Don Clemmer, Joe McKenna, Steve Jahrsdoerfer, Mike O’Neil, Dennis Redding, Keith Heimann, Jared Hoy, Deacon Rob Lortie, Fr. Tom, Fr. Bobby

1. We have moved into the graphic design phase of the new parish photo directory. The proof-reading stage is next for accuracy and finally the go ahead to print. Distribution of the hard copies is slated for mid-December.

2. Son of the Parish Jacob Eifrid has recently taken his final vows as a Holy Cross Brother. There will be a celebration of the occasion taking place Sunday October 1 at 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, with a reception after both.

3. Saint Charles Masses will be re-introducing both species of Communion in the center aisle only at the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM masses starting Oct. 8.

4. The Greek Orthodox church on Wallen road will be hosting an event open to all parishioners on October 23rd at 7:00 PM. Fr. Cosmin will give us a talk about Orthodoxy and their icons.

5. We will take part in another interfaith gathering at the Jewish Temple near Foster Park, tentatively scheduled for November 21st.

6. Kingdom builders will be on hiatus in our parish, with hopes that someone will step forward to lead / organize.

7. A parishioner has offered to lead a mothers group if enough interest is garnered. Please spread the word to those who may wish to participate.

8. Parishioner Don Clemmer will be giving a presentation on Popes and Cardinals in the Hession Center on September 21st at 7:00 PM.

9. There is an upcoming synod in Rome. Bishop Rhoades will be one of the few US bishops at the synod, meeting the full month of October in 2023 and 2024. We had a report of Bishop Rhoades’ thoughts and expectations about the synod, shared at a priest meeting earlier in the day.

10. Saint Charles will offer 40 Hours Devotion, on February 25, 26 and 27th. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from Sunday evening until Tuesday evening, except when Mass is celebrated. Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP will preach on Sunday and Monday. Bishop Roahdes will preach on Tuesday. We talked about ways of encouraging attendance and building this into a major parish event.

11. Building projects in the works: We have builders who will remodel the youth house, we are meeting with an architect to move ahead on replacing school windows, and we have a company working on a drainage issue in the parish office basement.

The next Parish Council meeting will be November 8th at 7:00 PM.