

Our Lady of Peace Parish Finance Council Meeting – December 13, 2021 at 9:30 am
Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES: Rev. Mark Baron, Dave Bertram, Mike Clark, Bill Lucas, Sandra Sobotka, Bill Chromizky and Kellie Moore -Business Manager.

Opening Prayer

1 – Fr. Mark opened the meeting at 9:30 am with a prayer. The October 2021 minutes will be circulated and approved via email following the finance council meeting.

2 – Parish Business

Sunday Offertory YTD

The Sunday offertory actual vs budget for FY 21-22 was reviewed. Through the twenty second week of the FY 21-22, the offertory is at a budget surplus of \$11,131. The 21-22 weekly budget is \$17,000. The number of parishioners using the online donation service has increased to 380 donors.

Offertory History Analysis

The FC reviewed the offertory history from January 2017 through current fiscal year to date. The parish has seen a decrease in revenue of 25% through November 2021.

Beginning in January 2022, the weekly objective for offertory will be \$18,000.

In addition, the parish has recognized a loss of 480 families over the four year period.

Currently, the parish has 1031 active families that support the parish.

Factors related to the decline that were discussed included the closing of the parish school, the suspension of masses due to Covid-19 and changing demographics.

Staffing Update

The part time business office employee will be retiring in December 2021. A qualified replacement has been secured and will begin in June 2022. The parish office staff will manage the open position until June 2022 with the current staff available.

3- Pastor's Report

Capital Campaign

A formal recommendation was made and approved by the council that a capital campaign should not be introduced or implemented at this time. The Master Plan Project will be suspended at this time until further discussions with the planning committee, finance council and Diocese. It was recommended that Fr. Mark continue to work with his new parish council and ministries to engage parishioners in events and opportunities for the parish to grow.

Stewardship

The Diocese of Joliet development office is in the process of providing the parish with stewardship vendors to be considered for a 2022 program. The finance council recommended that a special stewardship committee be established to interview and identify qualified vendors the parish can engage with on a campaign in 2022. The new Parish Pastoral Council should participate in any new stewardship program.

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Mark has established a new Parish Pastoral Council with seven members of the parish that is meeting on a regular basis. The new council will be introduced to the parish in January of 2022.

Religious Education

The current enrollment for Religious Education is 170 students. There are no substantial balances on past due RE tuition payments. Fr. Mark is planning for the 2nd and 8th grade sacrament retreats in 2022. Our Lady of Peace will combine with Divine Savior Parish for the confirmation mass to be held in May 2022 at Divine Savior Parish.

Financial & Other Reports

Food Pantry

Year to date donations through November are \$37,814. Donations are down \$2,935 from November 2020. The food pantry continues to serve 50-60 families per week from our surrounding communities.

CMAA 2021

The parish surpassed its 2021 annual goal of \$95,000. Current pledges are \$164,259 from 581 donors through December 6, 2021. The current rebate the parish will receive is \$46,820. The 2022 CMAA parish goal is \$95,800, which is up 800 from the 2021 goal.

Fr. Mark closed the meeting with a prayer at 11:00 am.
**Next Finance Council Meeting – January 24, 2021 at
9:30 am - Virtual**