

Our Lady of Peace Parish Finance Council Meeting – March 22, 2022
9:30 am Library

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

Opening Prayer

1 – Fr. Mark opened the meeting at 9:30 am with a prayer. The February 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved.

2 - Parish Business

Sunday Offertory YTD

The Sunday offertory actual vs budget for FY 21-22 was reviewed. Through the thirty fifth week of the FY 21-22, the offertory is at a budget surplus of \$16,943. The 21-22 weekly budget is \$17,000. The number of parishioners using the online donation service has increased to 390 donors.

3 - Parish Master Plan

The Diocese of Joliet buildings committee has requested a revised master plan indicating a timeline for the parish center capital campaign with a phased approach to each capital improvement project. We are in contact with Newman Architecture to update the master plan into several phases with updated cost estimates. The planning committee will review the updated master plan and present it to the DOJ via email in the coming months.

4 - Mass Attendance

Bishop Hicks announced the dispensation to attend mass in person will be lifted on Palm Sunday. In person weekly mass attendance was discussed by the council. Fr. Mark discussed ways to increase in person mass attendance that included a video explaining the lifting of the dispensation by the Bishop and importance of returning to in person mass.

5 - Divine Renovation and Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Mark said the new Pastoral Council is meeting regularly and currently working on a mission and vision statement for the parish. The new council will be introduced to the parish in April of 2022.

6 - Younger Than Ever Seniors

The March St. Patrick's day luncheon and party drew 65 seniors. The next event is a Spring Celebration on April 25th. The school gymnasium is working adequately for the monthly events, but accessible washrooms and an updated warming kitchen would benefit the ministry.

7 - Parish Mission

The parish mission will be held on March 28th – 30th by Dc. Keith Strom.

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8 - Food Pantry

Year to date donations through February are \$59,282. Donations are down \$16,525 from February of 2021. The food pantry continues to serve 45-55 families per week from our surrounding communities. Under the new coordinator, several efficiencies have been put in place to streamline operations and allow for better service to our patrons.

9 - Bishop Hicks Communication

A communication was shared with the parishes regarding the Reid Groups final report of the Blanchette Catholic Center. Several staffing changes have been implemented and departments have been restructured following their findings and recommendations.

10 - Diocesan Assessment

The 2022-23 Diocesan assessment for Our Lady of Peace is \$77,132.

Fr. Mark closed the meeting with a prayer at 11:00 am.
**Next Finance Council Meeting – May 18th at
10:00 a.m. - Virtual**