

Pastoral Council 2/21/24

Pastoral Minister – there were 28 people at the Jerusalem movie and another movie is being planned for after Easter. Lenten Book study starts next week.

Youth Ministry – meeting once a month, have core group of 6 students, would like to expand offerings but need ADULT VOLUNTEERS for events.

Faith Formation – planning a board games night for middle school students, 2nd and 8th grades will host the Holy Thursday Mass, Family Stations will be on Good Friday, several teachers will be retiring after years of service, we thank them for all they have done. New VOLUNTEERS are needed to help in our parish's education and care of our children.

St. Vincent de Paul – a house was donated and the proceeds from its sale will enhance their ability to respond to the needs of those who are struggling.

Knights of Columbus – Conducting a Novena of Divine Mercy beginning March 29

Other upcoming events – Easter Egg hunt 1:00 Saturday March 30; Women's Renewal will be Saturday, April 13

Plans are underway to improve our Parish website and to better communicate with parishioners.

Fr. Bob Comments:

Charitable events that will make use of our hall – Ester Ryan dinner to raise funds for children needing shoes was very successful, BACM will have their fund raiser April 3, Embrace will be having a Mass and recognition dinner, Norton Garden Club will have their Spring flower sale, and Right to Life will have a flower sale after Masses on Mother's Day.

Damaged floor in rectory was repaired, Computer panel on the school boilers was replaced, collections for the last six months of 2023 were up 1.2% and Major Repairs was up 1.6%. Thank you for supporting the work of our parish and helping avoid emergency appeals when major repairs are needed.

Stock profits have been up. We use these for parish events such as the picnic (\$10,736), Oktoberfest and Christmas Breakfast (\$3462). As of Dec. 31, \$48K remained in the profit account.

All parishes will be working on Supporting Catholic Elementary schools pastorally and/or financially. The Diocese has assigned us to a group that includes St. Andrew, Sacred Heart, Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Anne. The pastors and a parish representative will serve on the committee. Paula Trenta has agreed to be our representative.

Lastly there was a discussion of plans for June 9.

Next meeting will be April 17