

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

March 23, 2023

“In communion with the Universal Church, and the Archdiocese of Louisville, our mission is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ by:

Worshiping God in word and sacrament;

Teaching and sharing our faith;

Serving human needs, especially of the poor and oppressed;

Promoting holiness of life through continuing conversion;

Fostering justice and reconciliation among all God’s people.

Meeting began with prayer at 6:30.

Attending: Fr. Peter Do, Dan Amlung, Anne Bainbridge, Terry Becker, Devin Clements, Tim Davis, Ashley Curry, Kathy DeLozier, Frank Hulsman, Elaine Kennedy, Heather Meyers, Sandy Moore, Jim Sinnott, and Rob Tichy.

Approval of February Minutes: had been done via email.

Committee Reports: (for further information, contact the committee chairs via email.)

- **Administration Committees:** submitted by Kathy DeLozier (delozier.kathy@gmail.com) Kathy DeLozier received two bids for installing the 1976 cornerstone from St. Barnabas into the wall to the right of the front door. Buildings and Grounds fixed the door closer on the right front door of the church.
- **Formation Committee:** submitted by Maria Frank (maria.frank@lge-ku.com) no report this month
- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) The Children’s Committee will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 9:00 Mass. Individually wrapped candy is needed, but no one needs to donate plastic eggs. Fish Fries are ongoing through Lent. Home baked desserts are needed each Friday. The team also is in need of money counters. Super Raffle tickets are being sold at the Fish Fries. As always, Scouts are very busy. Dylan Desmond is working on his Eagle Scout project at the Riverview Opportunity Center in Bullitt County. Tony Hillerich, a former member of Troop 243 is undergoing a medical emergency, and the troop is rallying with a Go Fund Me account to help out. Contact anyone in the scouts to make a donation. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will have a joint camping trip at Early Acres Farm in May. Troop 40 will host a flower sale and donate some profits to Pack 243. The cub pack will have two opportunities to camp in June and July at either Bernheim Forest or Tom

Sawyer Park. The phone team ministry is in need of callers to make contact with parishioners over the age of 70. Please contact Jim Sinnott for information on how to get involved.

- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis (tsdstar77@hotmail.com) no report this month
- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com) The Respect Life Committee will support a project by Little Way Pregnancy Center for Mother's Day. They will also offer cards for parishioners to honor to their mothers. Patti Filley continues to distribute funds to assist people with utility bills. Fr. Peter agreed to increase the amount of assistance people can receive from \$50.00 to \$75.00. The higher amount will not be automatic, but will allow flexibility by the parish to give more assistance when urgently needed. The pantry at St. John Paul continues to be well-stocked. Dress for Success will hold another collection the weekend after Easter, and a "sorting party" will be held on April 18 with delivery to follow. CLOUT's Nehemiah Action Assembly will be held at Male High School on March 27. St. John Paul will supply a bus for parishioners who would like to attend. The bus will leave JP11 at 5:45 and return at approximately 8:15. Mayor Craig Greenburg and JCPS Superintendent Marty Polio will be in attendance to discuss a range of issues including community safety and equity, crime and violence, and lack of reading skills by many JCPS students.
- **Worship Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com) The choir continues to sing at Masses on a rotating schedule. God's Housekeepers maintain the cleanliness of the church every other Saturday. The Art and Environment Committee is preparing to adorn the church for Palm Sunday and Easter celebrations. The bulletin contains a prayer for each month that can unite the parish through communal prayer. The month of March contained a St. Patrick Prayer. Holy Week liturgy is being planned by Fr. Peter and Sharon Hibbs. The 2023 Mass books have been returned to the pews.

Report of the cornerstone from St. Barnabas: The council approved a bid of \$325.00 to place the St. Barnabas cornerstone into the front wall of church to the right of the front door. It will balance the cornerstone from St. Pius when that church was rededicated in 1987. Kathy DeLozier will work with the mason in May to oversee the completion of the project.

Music Ministry Director: Fr. Peter interviewed and offered a job to a new person, and the candidate accepted the offer. The person will split time between school and parish, and will be announced by June 1.

Evaluation of Parish Plan for Ministry and Services: The council looked over the second and third goals of the plan: "To give and receive God's love in carrying out works of peace and

justice” and “To invigorate our faith through lifelong learning.” There were some date changes and committee chairmen changes made to the document to better reflect where we are as a parish, but overall, the various committees in our parish are on track to meet our goals. One action step that sprang from the plan was to create a survey of all parishioners regarding Sunday Mass times. Tim Buckley took on this task, and the survey will be ready soon. In addition, the council discussed the feasibility of offering education for children on Sunday mornings so parents can be present at Masses.

New business: Fr. Peter announced that Archbishop Shelton will reinstate receiving Communion under both species (bread and wine) beginning on Corpus Christie Sunday, June 10-11). Parishioners will have the option of taking wine from a chalice. The parish and worship committee will work on the logistics of offering wine again, and The Record will run an article by the archbishop explaining the change.

Agenda items for April: Council will discuss goals four and five of the Parish Plan for Ministry and Services and begin to look at recruitment of three new council members for the upcoming term that begins in August.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:55 with a prayer. The next meeting will be on April 27 at 6:30 in the Parish Life Center.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier