

# St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

January 2024

*“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 in Rectory Chapel with prayer at 6:40.

**Attending:** Fr. Casey, Dan Amlung , Terry Becker, Ashley Curry, Tim Davis, Lynn Haner, Kathy Huber Frank Hulsman, Elaine Kennedy, and Rob Tichy.

**Approval of :** November 2023 minutes were approved and seconded via email prior to the start of the Meeting.

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

- **Administration Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker ([terrymarybecker@gmail.com](mailto:terrymarybecker@gmail.com)) no report this month
- **Formation Committee:** submitted by Maria Frank ([maria.frank@lge-ku.com](mailto:maria.frank@lge-ku.com)) no report this month.
- **Parish Life Committees:** no report this month.
- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis ([tsdstar77@hotmail.com](mailto:tsdstar77@hotmail.com)) no report this month.
- **Social Concerns Committees:** The Respect Life Committee is looking for a new leader. The current Chairman is retiring.
- **Worship Committee:** submitted by Terry Becker ([terrymarybecker@gmail.com](mailto:terrymarybecker@gmail.com)) No report this month.
- **Reports from Fundraising Committees:** No reports this month.

## **New Business:**

- Lectio Divino was prayed using the Sunday Gospel of Mark 1:29-39 to begin the meeting. Parish Council Members were encouraged by Father to reflect on the state of the parish.
- Father Casey wishes to promote discipleship and be Christ centered in all that we do. He wishes to use events to evangelize.

- Father Casey wishes to promote the Catholic identity of the school. His vision is that through Mary we meet Jesus, and we make him LOVE.
- Elaine suggested that a Town Hall meeting be held to emphasize the relationship between the school and parish.
- Kathy Huber brought up a before and after school care program for free given your continued tithe of time, talent and treasure.
- The Council is currently reviewing bringing back Religious Education for those children not at the Academy.
- For Lent the Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays before the Fish Fry. The Stations had been held on Wednesdays in years past.
- This is the year of the Eucharistic Revival. Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00 am mass on Fridays for one hour now. Father would like to do it more frequently and extend it later for the parish. Formation on the Eucharist will be available for parishioners during Lent.
- The Parish is hosting several sessions for learning and sharing more about the Eucharistic during this year of the Eucharistic Revival.
- Last year only one hundred parishioners returned the Stewardship Forms. Father will contact Kathy DeLozier about this year's plan for stewardship.
- There will be a change as to how collections are made at mass. Beginning soon the baskets will be spread from pew to pew. The coordination to this change are being coordinated.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be expected to attend one of two trainings held on March 6 & 7. The trainings will be in the Worship Center and conducted by Father Casey. Any current Ministers are expected to be present at one of the trainings. Father Casey will provide the training. Ther training sessions Father is offering will allow any current Extraordinary Ministers to apply for the mandate. The mandate is which is the card provided by the Archdiocese.
- The date for the Arts & Craft Fair has been set for October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- The school is hosting a Cultural Night on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Boy Scouts will be having the Gumbo Dinner in the Community Center after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Super Bowl party is being held in the Parish Life Center (PLC) on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Father Casey hopes to use this event to Evangelize.

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 7:30 with a prayer from Rob Tichy. The next meeting will be on February 28<sup>th</sup> (a Wednesday) at 6:30 in the PLC.

*Respectfully submitted by Terry Becker*