

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish council Meeting March 11, 2021 6 p.m.

Present: Scott Wallenfang, Fr. Nusi, Jim Prochaska, Ann Lopata, Gordy Schmitt, Kathy Monette, Jim De Greef, Kenny Kleczka, Mardell Wirtz, Jean Pautz, Barb Kleczka

Fr. Nusi Lead the opening prayer.

Minutes from the November 19, 2020 and January 14th, 2021 council meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Jim De Greef and seconded by Jim Prochaska to approve the minutes.

Parishioner Outreach program was discussed. Not many people attending Mass on Saturday and Sunday's. More people getting the vaccine shots so hopefully more will start attending mass again. Father Nusi and Kathy will compose a Welcome Back letter to be sent to all parishioners suggesting several options for times of masses for Saturday afternoon/evening mass. A 6:00, 6:30 or a 7:00 p.m. mass times were suggested. During Daylight savings time it will be lighter at night. The letter will be sent out before Holy Week, with the Holy Week schedule. Palm Saturday Mass will be at 5:45 p.m., Father will bless the palms and they will be given to the parishioners at mass. Drive-thru Palms and blessing will be from 7-8 p.m. Saturday, March 27th by the entrance of the church. Discussed using the Mass books during Holy Week – use one cart of books, sanitize them after use and don't use them for 4 days. Then use the 2nd cart of books for the next mass, sanitize and let stand for 4 days again.

We are supposed to use a NEW candle for the Pascal Candle every year suggested by Bishop Ricken. No small candles will be used for Holy Saturday.

Hopefully we will have the Holy Saturday Mass live-streamed at St. Maximilian using Holy Trinity's equipment. Father would like Eucharist Ministers for the Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday masses. Michelle will take care of getting the Ministers.

Discussed having small Holy Water bottles in the entrance of church.

Widows Club Update: Mardell Wirtz said they have 11 members in the club. Part of the money the club made from the candy and bake sale and other fundraisers was used to buy the church a new commercial vacuum cleaner. They are having a Tupperware fundraiser in our church and at Holy Trinity. 25% of the sales will go towards cleaning and waxing the floors underneath the church pews. Mardell will get a few quotes from area cleaning and waxing services. Mardell gets free items from Tupperware for the total amount of sales received and in turn Mardell will donate all the Tupperware she received for the Bucket Raffle at our Picnic in August.

E-Catholic is a computer site Holy Trinity uses to post information, Scott said we might be interested in learning more about the site. Father will contact Kevin at Holy Trinity to get more information on it.

On-line giving, Scott is working on it.

Finance Committee meeting will be April 22nd and E-Catholic computer site and on-line giving will be discussed.

Father would like Holy Week Mass to start out in front of the Rectory and he would also like Good Friday services outside, weather permitting.

Trustee Gordy Schmitt's term is up in June and he chose not to run again. Jim De Greef's term is up on the council and he will not run again either. Father asked Jim Prochaska to be the Parish Council President and Jim agreed.

Father read the notes from Michelle. There are only 7 weeks of Religious Education left. The last day will be April 21st with a mass for all students and families on April 28th if they wish to attend. First Communion will take place on Sunday April 11th at the 9:00 a.m. mass. The date for Confirmation is yet to be determined.

Society of Mary Immaculate: Jean Pautz discussed the Script program and how it would benefit the church, money wise. If ok'd she would need a coordinator. An example, if you purchased a Shell gas card 10% of the rebate would go to St. Maximilian church. You can purchase E gift cards, cards for Woodman's and many other stores and places, restaurants too. Script would be staffed by volunteers from our church and possibly would be in the church entrance once a month. Script would have to have a separate account set up. Jean will keep checking on and getting more information from surrounding churches about how it's done.

Father announced Theresa Wrolstad resigned from the council.

Discussed blessing of homes this summer – a letter will be sent out concerning the blessing. It probably would be sometime this summer because Father will be on vacation and returning to Sobieski/Oconto on June 16th.

There was a short discussion about the Bishop's Appeal and why is St. Maximilian Kolbe assessed \$24,985 as our goal where as St. Benedict's is only assessed \$22,760 and St. Anthony's in Oconto Falls assessed \$23,990 +and Holy Trinity in Oconto – \$22,620+ so far. Scott is going to do some checking on the figures at the various churches. Does it depend on the number of families in the churches area, number of houses and people in the area but remember not everybody in all of the homes are catholic either.

Father handed out a Parish Organizational Chart for the Diocese of Green Bay. Everyone was given a copy.

Father concluded the meeting with the prayer to St. Joseph.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 24 at 6:00 pm at St. Max.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.