

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 10, 2020

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM

Council members present:

- Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidaurri, Steve Andreatta, Reggia Desmond

Council members present via Zoom:

- Father Robert, Vince Augusta, Bill Barbanica, Susannah Nelson
- David Nelson, Discerning Member 2<sup>nd</sup> Visit

No Finance Council Liaison member present.

Opening prayer – Steve Andreatta

October 2020 Pastoral Council Minutes approved.

On-Going Projects

- Grand Raffle – Message from Teresa Nelms
  - \$24,349.50 Final Total
  - 283 Families participated, 40 of those families bought multiple books of raffle tickets
  - Prize Winners (all were Parishioners)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> – Carl & Pat Bartolomei
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lisa Sauders (*currently in RICA Program*)
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mena Macedo – *Donated her winnings back to the church*
    - \$300 Chance Drawing – Pablo and Norma Villegas
- Building Projects – Message from Brian McCoy
  - Broken Sewer Line
    - Repair not yet completed.
    - ATT underground cable was found at dig site. Alternative plan is being discussed this week.
  - Expansion Project
    - Health Department approved plans on second review.
    - Waiting for final construction budget from the contractors, Oliver & Company. Subcontractors walked the site on October 27<sup>th</sup> and will submit their bids to Oliver & Company.
  - Trash Enclosure designed at a higher than required level, alternative is being researched.

Re-Opening Update – Vince Augusta

- Liturgies going well.
- Saturday and Sunday are indoors at 9:00 a.m. Church building doors to be kept open for ventilation.
- Flocknotes registration vital ingredient for masses. 395 Flocknotes enrollees, with some duplicates.
- Exploring need for a third mass.
- Walk up communion well attended (one hour sessions).
- Contra Costa County moving back to Red Tier. St. Ignatius maintaining smaller than recommended attendance, should be able to continue scheduled liturgies.
- St. Ignatius liturgy re-opening plan exceeds Diocese recommendations.
- Working on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Schedule.
- Opening Committee meets tomorrow (11/11/20) at 10:00.

## Open Discussion

- New Parishioners Booklet will be distributed at this weekend liturgies, and will be available from Parish Office.
- Social Events Committee virtual St. Nicholas Dinner / Raffle is underway. Drive through take-out dinner catered by Zandonella's is set for December 5, 2020 at 6:15 p.m.
- Parish Ministry Fair is also going virtual, Parish Council will solicit Ministry Leaders to produce a presentation (video, powerpoint, etc.) that will be distributed via Flocknotes and Parish Facebook Page, then presentation will be posted on Parish website. Brian McCoy will upload presentations. David Nelson has offered his assistance to produce presentations.

## State of the Parish – Father Robert

- Health Department has signed off on construction plan, once sewer is repaired.
- Sewer repair approximately \$5,800.
- Thanksgiving Basket Outreach has reached \$3777.00
- October is Commitment Month, Father Robert will be sending out his letter emphasizing keeping Time, Talent & Treasure moving forward through the pandemic.
- Jose Palomino's funeral services will be on Monday 11/16, viewing at 5:00, vigil at 7:00. Funeral mass on Tuesday 11/17 at 10:30, interment at Holy Cross Cemetery.
- Question was posed to the Council if the FORMED program should be continued. What is its value? Is it being used? After discussion, no decision was made.
- A Catechist meeting was called by Father Robert, no one showed. Another meeting will be scheduled.
- Steve Rojek is facilitating the Faith Formation Program, but he doesn't want to continue indefinitely. Seeking someone to volunteer to run the Faith Formation Program.
- Salary reductions have been made during the pandemic, to help keep the parish afloat. Francis Rojek's retirement and Don Pearson no longer with St. Ignatius has helped with salary costs.
- The Confirmation Students will give Thanksgiving homily.

## Parish After the Pandemic

- It is anticipated that there will be one more year of pandemic.
- U.S. Conference of Bishops project 12-14% of parishioners will return after the pandemic.
- Per American Bishops Website, nationwide parishioner participation is down 33%.
- Live stream must continue after the pandemic.
- There are not enough priests within the Diocese to serve, Diocese looking at mid-west model as a means to provide coverage. Susannah has done some research on this issue and will provide information.

## Calendar of Events

11/23/20 – Thanksgiving Out Reach Turkey/Gift Card Distribution, St. Ignatius Parking Lot

11/26/20 – Thanksgiving Day

12/5/20 – St. Nicolas Dinner / Raffle, 6:15-7:00

12/8/20 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12/12/20 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

12/25/20 – Christmas 2020

Closing Prayer – Group facilitated by Susannah Nelson

Next Meeting – **December 8, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

**Opening Prayer -- Susannah Nelson**  
**Closing Prayer -- Susannah Nelson**