

Pastoral Council 9/5 meeting notes:

Fr Enrique Idea: green space for the school / buying property adjacent to the parish. Not feasible based on cost. Mary Garden could be reimagined? Archbishop is not approving many requests at this point as he is technically retired so no flexibility to make financial arrangements with the archdiocese for this idea.

Human concerns responsibilities expanding

New job description finalized: Advancement. Full time person to work for both parish and school. Includes use of Blackbaud. Connection of data across all the databases is being explored. Holy Family would be included in the new centralized database, but system is not yet determined.

New Business from Fr Enrique:

Liturgy - hymnal board with numbers now placed in front; different masses have different cultures, the hymn board will allow for different music between the masses; electronic board may be explored, or a secondary board.

Should the chalice (Precious Blood) be offered at every Mass? Decision will be based on the number of trained Eucharistic ministers available after a request is made. Fr. Charles working on EMHC training schedule. Crosses could be brought back. How to schedule Eucharistic ministers based on needs?

5:30 Sunday Mass - transition from campus ministry to parish life, rebuilding ministers for the Mass

Bringing up the gifts at offertory is another potential change.

Parent event - Acknowledge the efforts to fundraise the new parking lot, which is a significant improvement.

School Mass now is on Fridays, it is now all school Mass with a few exceptions, also will be moved if it's a holy day of obligation.

Stewardship- time and talent weekend September 22. Looking in particular for more ushers. Email will come from Cory asking for parish council members to speak to parish involvement at Mass. Messaging around wanting more people to volunteer at Mass, would be great to have so many new volunteers that we see different faces and not have to schedule people more than once a month! Clarify that there also needs a plan on Treasure - this should be prioritized ahead of the Capital Campaign for annual budget.

Athletics. Looking for more volunteers for coaching. Have a vetting process, including meeting as a group/ meet & greet. Athletics can host some 11am Masses in the school year.

Religious Ed. Still in the process of hiring the new coordinator. Will start late, in October. Need to have it, no matter how small it is. Strong presence of the coordinator needed to build relationships. Could the role be combined with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd role? Initial step would integrate it into both school and religious ed.

Pretzel run 🥨 September 13th

Seminary dinner - now full, too late to sign up. Fr Enrique will ask about additional spaces for interested parish council members.

Capital Campaign. Phase 1. Waiting on summary report to put the boiler work out for bidding. Further CC fundraising will occur after Stewardship push for annual budget.

New daily Mass on Saturday now offered. Every Mass in the parish has an intention, which is offered by donation. Priests have intentions that they also need to offer; for example, they are encouraged to offer a public or private mass for the souls of departed priests.

Weekend mass schedule sustainable, but a conversation about the Saturday 4:30 Mass schedule between the two parishes could occur in the future. Anticipating a time when the parish would be closed (for example when the floors are being redone) could be a way to plan ahead, for example by surveying the parishioners for their feedback.

Idea of using WeShare QR code to allow parishioners and visitors to donate via their phones.

Need for a couple new parish council members - send names and phone numbers to Fr Enrique. Need to be a practicing Catholic and parishioner over 18 years, not employed by the parish or in a direct relationship with someone employed by the parish.

Called & Gifted workshop at St Robert?

Reilly Hall - needs to be renamed per Archdiocese.

Healing the Whole Person series concluded at the parish, more to come regarding small groups/continuation.

Formation Tuesdays start next week at Holy Family.

Parish Life ideas. 13 week discipleship groups have been challenging to continue. Dogma & donuts has been a valuable group. St Nicholas night is a model of a cross-parish social event that brings people together with a spiritual purpose. 8:30 Mass hospitality has increased community engagement, could look to do the same at the 11am. Holy Happy Hour successful

for YAM in combining prayer and hospitality. How to increase engagement with purpose driven groups and events?

September 20th - Sons of the Parish Mass at 5pm. Priests who have been involved at St Robert & seminarians who have lived and served at JP II house. The Mass is open to everyone!