

Five Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at St. John the Baptist Church

Present: Nick Eifert, Dan Thobe, Dan Wuebker, Greg Albers, Jesse Rose, Tanya Homan, Matt Muhlenkamp, Brad Meier, Ben Bruns and Sharon Kremer. Fr. Tom came after wake service at funeral home. Fr. Gene was not present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Sharon.

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Maria Rethman and Nicole Homan came to the meeting to discuss MYM and concern about the need of a Youth Minister. The number of junior high students have been about the same the last 4 years. The number of students in high school has grown. There was some discussion after Maria and Nicole left in regards to cost of hiring a Youth minister, job responsibilities, etc. Sharon will contact surrounding parishes in regards to full or part time youth minister.

Joan Alexander has initiated a ministry to have baptismal/burial gowns sewn or crockets for those who have a lost a child. She is asking for sewers, crocheters and gown rippers to make gowns from wedding dresses, prom dresses, soft material etc. Bereavement specialists from Mercer Health are working with bereavement specialist from Miami Valley and Toledo hospitals to ensure the program is carried through in a proper, caring and thoughtful way.

Griefshare – 6 participants, who are working through the grieving process. They appear to be comfortable sharing their losses and opening up more each week. Three people referred from St. Henry cluster as times did not work out for them. Are in week 7 and will go until end of March or beginning of April. Facilitators are: Bonnie Garrison, Delores Schlarman, Dr. Jim and Herb Wilker. They are looking for new facilitators to assist with the group next year.

FORMED – Adult Faith Formation program. Parish access code is on our website. Code number is 3171a3. Lots of informative information on this website. Program for Lent is FORGIVEN. Information in the bulletin.

Funeral luncheon committee has been formed. There are 67 people who signed up for serving, some just to prepare food. We are using the committee for Marjorie Hausfeld's funeral.

Rice Bowl Soup Supper – March 1st at the Knights Hall from 4pm to 6pm. Free will offering. Proceeds to benefit the Catholic Relief Service.

Matt Keller will be ordained as transitional Deacon. There will be a reception after 10:30am Mass on July 8th at the Knights Hall.

St. John – Getting quotes on painting the inside of the church. St. John will need a DRE to fill Andrea Flaute's position.

Precious Blood – Mens’ bathroom is almost completed. The sink in the sacristy has been fixed to run the water directly to the ground. Bob Heitbrink is stepping down from the maintenance position. Looking for someone effective April. Precious Blood will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary of the church on July 2nd. This is the actual date of the Mass 50 years ago. There will be a reception in the basement following the Mass.

Nativity BVM –Nothing to report

St. Rose –Plan to get a new roof on the rectory. The handicapped ramp needs to be repaired.

St. Sebastian –Wellman Bros. are scheduled to start the steeple work in April. The garage may need a new roof. Their annual fish fry is Friday, March 3rd and tickets are sold out.

Next five parish council meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8pm at St. John church basement.