

Five Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at St. John the Baptist Church

Present: Nick Eifert, Dan Wuebker, Greg Albers, Matt Muhlenkamp, Ryan Schwieterman, Sandy Niekamp, Sharon Kremer, Fr. Gene and Fr. Tom. Fr. Gene opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Hired Chris Wibbenmeyer as St. John CRE and also Youth Minister. He will be starting at the office after June 1st. Fr. Gene stated that the applicants showed some interests in Youth Ministry also. The high school MYM will be having end of year party on Sunday, June 11th.

The Marion Catholic Community will be taking pictures for our new directory. Photography will be done by Life Touch. We are still in need of help for the directory as if many people help there is not so much work for everyone involved. Sign up will be June 3, 4, 10 and 11.

Matt Keller will be ordained as transitional Deacon on July 8th at St. Henry and also James Smith will be ordained as a priest. Bishop Joe Charron will be celebrating their ordinations. Matt will be preaching at the 5pm and 10:30am Masses that weekend. The MCC will have a reception after 10:30am Mass on July 9th at the Knights Hall. All parishioners will be invited to attend. Matt will be ordained as a priest next summer.

SON ministry feed ministry has been going very well. Our last feeding ministry was in April. We will again be having a garage sale with 127 the first weekend in August. This is the big fundraiser for the SON ministry. Donated items are needed as well as people to help set up, work and tear down at the garage sale.

Was suggested that if a parishioner from a parish within our cluster (example – St. Rose) and the couple gets married at St. John that we charge them more then \$150 for the use of the church. (cost to run air conditioning and heat etc). Cost from outside our cluster \$350. After discussion, was decided to keep the fee the same for everyone in the cluster.

Was suggested by several of teachers that they do not like collecting money for various things throughout the year (example: WYD, Spiritual Survivor etc.). Was discussed and consensus was to up the dues \$10 per student with a maximum of 3. Some of the parish councils may talk to business managers.

St. John – Getting quotes on painting the inside of the church. Also quotes for new steps in front of the church.

Precious Blood – Men's bathroom is completed. Getting things in order as Precious Blood will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary of the church on July 2nd. There will be a reception in the basement following the Mass.

Nativity BVM – Ron is looking at getting some repair done on the boiler The mulch keeps blowing away on the northeast corner of the church and may put done some white stone. Dale Bruns is coming back to look at if a tile is bad on the southwest side of the church.

St. Rose—Had their parish clean up and much better turn out with clean up during the weekday rather than a Saturday. Waiting for a quote for the railing on the wheelchair ramp and hopefully can get it replaced this year.

St. Sebastian—Renovation has begun on the church and Wellman Brothers have ran into more repair than expected. Window Creations will hopefully be repairing some windows this summer. Parish picnic is scheduled for August 20th.

Next five parish council meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, 2017 8pm at St. John church basement.