

Saint Anne and Saint Charles

Parish Council Meeting

September 29, 2016

**Opening Prayer:** This was given by the parish council.

**Roll Call:** Those present are Rev. Anthony Camilleri, Al Van Washenova, Nick Craanen, Nancy Bartus, Carol Shaw, Kathy Olson, David Grenn, Brian Walz, and Dominic Charles.

Excused Rev. John Chinnappa, Deacon Mike Hammond, Bob Austin, Janice Saez and Jason Flint.

**Commission Reports:**

**School report:** This report was given by Cathy Grinn. This past week we entered the final phase of our school building project. The contractor arrived this week to prepare for the construction of our school addition, currently utility lines are being worked on, and this will take approximately 2 weeks. After utility lines are in the actual building will begin.

Plans for our ground breaking ceremony have started with Father Anthony facilitating this event. When the date has been finalized it will be announced in the bulletin, the school newsletter, the parish website and school website.

When construction is done we will also be planning a ribbon cutting ceremony, hopefully with Archbishop Vigneron and the priests from our parish community.

To prepare and clear the area for the construction of our new classrooms, the playset was taken down and stored. After construction has been completed, the playset and additional playground equipment will be installed in our new elementary playground area. The specific location of the new K-8 playground has not been decided at this time except to state it will be behind the new addition.

In addition, the Preschool/PreK playground will expand with playground equipment installed this fall and the soft tile flooring installed in the spring.

The trees have been cleared for the Preschool/PreK playground area, the stumps will be ground down and covered this week end, the fence has been ordered(for the expansion), playground equipment has been ordered and paid for and will arrive by October 12. The fence will be moved/expanded next week.

The specifics of what classes will go in what areas classroom of the current upper el and the new addition have not been decided at this time. The logistics' and the details of the specific classroom/curriculum needs will be looked at before a final decision has been made.

Share communicator paragraph: We are very blessed to be part of this amazing time in our parish/school history and are excited to share in the growth and prosperity of our community. As I have shared many times in previous notes, we continue to build on the history, faith, and courage of our founders and the many people who have dedicated their lives to our parish community. We are grateful for their dedication and continue to move forward with the same commitment and faith that we see in the history of our parish community as we plan for the future of our families and children.

**Religious Education:** This was submitted by Gina Baker. Religious education began last week. Saint Anne has 60 students; Saint Charles has 80 students.

Pet Blessings will be held at Saint Charles on October 1 at noon.

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated at Saint Anne on October 2 at 10 am Mass and at Saint Charles on October 9 at the 8:30 am Mass.

Children's Liturgy at Saint Anne begins on October 2.

Meeting for Confirmation students and their parents is next week. We will discuss expectations and priorities with them.

Four parish projects are expected to be completed, as well as 10 community/family hours. We will have about 40 students preparing for Confirmation between Saint Charles School, and both parishes Religious Education programs.

On October 22, we are inviting our Confirmation students to participate in a Hunger Banquet which is being sponsored by the Monroe Vicariate Peace and Justice Committee. This will count as a parish project for them if they attend.

Saint Charles is hosting a Protecting God's Children Workshop on Wednesday, October 19 in the school gym.

**Christian Services Saint Anne:** This report was given by Carol Shaw. There will be a Halloween Bingo sponsored by the Men's Club.

On October 30 there will be a Children's Halloween Party at 6pm. This is the Trunk or Treat event.

**Christian Services at Saint Charles:** This report was given by Sue Miller. She stated that the Did You Know article this month in the bulletin is about the blood drive, which will be on Monday, October 10 in the gym.

There was also a Prayer Blanket blessing at the 8:30 Mass on August 28 by Father Anthony. There were a total of 360 prayer blankets that have been given out.

The date for the Anniversary Brunch is Sunday, October 9 after the 10:30 Mass. The deadline for sign up ] Masserant and Sue Miller are chairing this event, since Judy Fleszar and Madeline Reaume are not able to do this anymore.

Life Chain of Monroe is Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 2-3:30. We meet at Nortel Lanes on Telegraph and the Life Chain goes down to Family Farm and Home Store (used to be Foodtown). Saint Charles and Saint Anne parishioners will meet at Nortel Lanes so we can get a group picture before or after the ending of the prayers. Anyone unable to stand the length of time may bring a lawn chair to sit on.

The Advent Tea will be Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The committee is just starting to meet.

Michigan Catholic will be expressing appreciation of priests on October 28. It will be The Celebration of Priesthood. We could purchase a place in the Michigan Catholic for Father Anthony's Picture. October 12 is the deadline. The space will cost \$173.40 for a 4x6 picture.

**Vicariate Report:** This was given by Nick Craanen. The Vicariate and the Hispanic coordinator met. There will be activities going on. The budget was sent to all parishes. The budget will be less this year.

APC level is waiting for the synod to get started. Whoever was selected will be getting an e-mail.

**Finance at Saint Anne:** This report was given by Pete Lorentz. He is waiting for information from the Big Event. David Grenn states there will be an increase in revenue this year.

**Finance at Saint Charles:** This report was given by Father Anthony. He stated that the carpet and tiles were voted on for the church.

**Pastors Report:**

Worship: The Worship Committee will be meeting on October 6 to discuss Advent and Christmas.

We have had lector practice and Eucharistic Minister training.

We have had a change in the music at the Mass. We are looking at new books.

Building Committee: It is the same as Cathy's report.

Bishop Reiss will be coming on November 6<sup>th</sup> for Father Anthony's installation as pastor. This will be at the 10:30 Mass at Saint Charles. There will be a reception afterwards in the gym.

**Business:** There was a discussion from the Mass Schedule Committee about times that would be convenient for changes to occur if Father John left and Father Anthony would be our only priest between the two parishes.

The meeting was adjourned in a prayer by Father Anthony.

Brian Walz will do the opening prayer on October 27.

**The next meeting will be held on October 27 at 6:30 pm at Saint Charles.**

Respectfully submitted by Marianne Donnan.