Summary of November 9, 2022 Pastoral Council Meeting

The Pastoral Council met on November 9 at 6:30 pm. There were nine people present representing the various committees and organizations of our parish.

Father Clinton discussed our need to create an emergency task force to keep our parishioners safe during liturgies. The task force will be composed of people qualified to help anyone with a medical emergency as well as people who can help with security and safety.

Our financial situation has benefited recently with a donation to cover the cost of the speaker system. We also have been blessed with a sizable donation of which $25,000 has been given to Loaves and Fishes. We need to continue to be cautious about how are funds are spent due to inflation. Clearing the trees, paving and striping of the parking lot, the sound system including streaming are already paid for. Two projects, repairing part of the church roof and flooding in front of the church, are on hold for now.

The Liturgy Committee – We are in need of cantors to join Paul Gorman in our music ministry.

The schedule for Christmas and New Year’s Masses is as follows:

Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec 24 – 4pm Mass Reservations needed.

 6:30 pm Mass – no reservations

Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec 25 – 8:30 am Mass at Immaculate Conception

 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima

New Year’s Eve, Saturday Dec 31 – 5 pm Mass at OLF

New Year’s Day, Sunday Jan 1 - 8:30 am Mass at IC

 10:30 am Mass at OLF

Immaculate Conception news: Thanksgiving Dinner will take place again this year and on December 8 after the 6 pm Mass, there will be a Pot Luck Supper.

The parish is having the Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 12. Liz Stewart and Mary Thayer are co-chairpersons with the help of some new folks and the Women’s Society.

Loaves and Fishes has helped 13 families in the last 2 months with utilities. The Columbus Day Appeal has collected $7682 which in addition to the donation and the balance gives them about $54,000 to help members in our communities. Last year, Loaves and Fishes spent $50,000 to help people in our area. Once again, Loaves and Fishes will be giving gift cards at Christmas to needy families.

Buildings and Grounds reported that a drain on the southeast side of the church collapsed and needed to be replaced.

Deacon Greg reported that our faith formation programs are many and varied, ranging from our family faith program to a high school group, to adult formation through the Encounters sessions and a short course on the Old Testament. Upcoming events is a half day retreat for women on Dec3.

Under New Business, a plan was worked out how to communicate information from Pastoral Council to members of the parish. Currently, the livestream Mass can be accessed through our website. After training, the 10:30 Mass will be recorded and also available on the website.