

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

Parish Council Meeting

Date / Time: Wednesday June 30, 2021 / 7:30PM – 8:30PM

Attendees:

Father Ben , Lyn Solder (President), Ruth Nickey, Andrea Mumford, Tracy Plotner, Jolene Cramm, Joe Cretella, Frank Rice, Rich Bonitz, Nichole Schneider, Rebecca Gardner (Secretary)

Opening Prayer: Ruth

Greeting: Father Ben

- The centrality and importance of prayer – 8 minutes of praying, learning how to pray, how to pray using scripture and God's Word.
- Update given on parish improvements – AC, plumbing, live streaming, current parish ministries (KoC, Ladies Aux, Book of the Month, Vacation Bible School, Religious Education)

Discussion Items:

Community and Hospitality – List all activities in the Weekly Bulletin /Fr. Ben Announcement

- Coffee Hour in Mary's Kitchen following 8 AM Mass
- Meet and Greet Weekend – 1 weekend during summer months, after each Mass – Sat 5Pm, Sunday 8 AM and 11Am - stay and meet other parishioners / light snacks and refreshments possible
- Once or two Saturdays a Month – Parishioners meet at the church to walk, run or ride on the Rail Trail, while chatting and building friendships within the church community
- Knights of Columbus Dinner – during Lent
- Volunteers are needed to help assist activities

Communication Ideas –

- Newsletter – semi- annual or quarterly?
 - Announce parish achievements, youth ministry or religious ed celebrations, upcoming events / mini calendar, general updates
- Updated Bulletin outsource / program / software is coming soon

Mission and Vision Statement –

- Father Ben will work on this and share with the council during the August meeting

Youth Ministry –

- Start with 1 meeting per month
- Age group: 6th – 12th grades
- 1st meeting plan as a social gather, youths get to know each other and Father Ben
- Activities – TBD – possibly games, sports, team building, religious talks

Future Items to Discuss:

- Religious Education Classes Start in mid-September
 - In Need of Kindergarten Teacher and 5th Grade Teacher

- Forming parish committees and other ministries
 - Building grounds committee
 - RCIA committee

Next Meeting Date and Time:

August 18, 2021 7:30 PM – 8:30PM