

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
February 9, 2021

Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM

Council members present via Zoom:

- Father Robert, Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidaurri, David Nelson, Susannah Nelson, Reggia Desmond

Council members absent:

- Steve Andreatta, Vince Augusta

No Finance Council Liaison member present.

Opening prayer – Father Robert

- Bill Barbanica resigned from the Pastoral Council for personal reasons. We thank him for his time with the Pastoral Council and wish him well.

January 2021 Pastoral Council Minutes approved.

Re-Opening

- Re-Opening Committee meeting on 2/10/21 at 10:00 to discuss Bishop's Letter, CDC Recommendations and CCC Health Director Recommendations on re-opening indoor church.
- It is anticipated to open out-door mass on March 7 in parking lot, using lawn chairs as before, or staying in personal vehicle tuned to FM radio station broadcasting mass.
- Father Robert is ready to start daily 8:00 inside mass; there is usually a smaller number in attendance.
- Re-opening will need many volunteers to help the process.

Virtual Ministry Fair – Reggia Desmond

- We have received three presentations thus far, St. Vincent DePaul, Social Events and YLI. CYO and SPRED Ministries are preparing a presentation.
- Brian McCoy has developed a link to the St. Ignatius website entitled "Ministry Spotlight" where presentations can be viewed.
- Presentations will be distributed via Flocknote with a link to website.
- Facebook may not be a good avenue for distribution at this time.

Expansion Project – Will Avitabile / Father Robert

- A construction bid from Oliver and Company has been accepted and the contract has been forwarded to the Diocese for approval and signature. (Reference Father Robert's Flocknote of February 4, 2021)
- Paul Bongiovanni, Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese as been alerted of the contract's submission.
- Once the contract has been approved, signed and returned to Oliver and Company from the Diocese, a construction date will be scheduled. Tentative start date is early April 2021.
- Building permit has been received from the City of Antioch and a copy has been posted on the bulletin board in the front of the church.

Parish Survey – Susannah and David Nelson

- A Draft Survey was sent to Pastoral Council members for review prior to tonight’s meeting from Susannah and David.
- Steve Andreatta also submitted a Draft Survey for discussion.
- The Pastoral Council providing suggestions, corrections, and comments discussed each question on the Draft Survey.
- Also discussed was what format to use for the survey and how the information can be tabulated the easiest.
- A second Draft Survey will be forthcoming.

Parish Update – Father Robert

- In anticipation of expansion construction, Rich Confetti, Don Benson and Steve Rojek have been in the process of purging the parish kitchen, a tree has been removed from the garden and a new trash enclosure is under construction. Many hours of work have already been done.
- Currently there is no on-duty chaplain at Sutter/Delta; Father Robert is filling in as much as possible.
- Once restrictions are lifted the Pastoral Care Ministry will start up again.
- St. Ignatius is ready for Ash Wednesday. There will be five sessions of ashes distribution--8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Parishioners will receive a sprinkling of ashes on the head and communion on Ash Wednesday.
- On February 6, Catechists from Faith Formation met with Father Robert. A summary of this meeting can be found in the February 14, 2021 bulletin insert.
- The 2021 Bishops Appeal starts this weekend; March 7 will be St. Ignatius commitment weekend. \$75.00 from each registered family is being requested in order to meet our goal. In 2020 St. Ignatius only met 51% of its goal.
- High School confirmation has been scheduled at the Cathedral in Oakland.
- Father will be performing six(+) funerals through March 15.
- Susannah thanked Father Robert for his outstanding service during the pandemic.
- Stepping inside the church for walk up communion has been a positive experience for parishioners.

Calendar of Events

2/17/21 – Ash Wednesday

3/19/21 – St. Joseph’s Drive Through Pasta Dinner at 6:00 pm

Closing Prayer – David Nelson

Next Meeting – **March 9, 2021**
6:00 p.m.
Zoom

Opening Prayer -- Will Avitabile
Closing Prayer -- Catherine Vidaurri