

St. Christopher Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

June 21, 2022

Opening Prayers

The Parish Council meeting opened with our traditional faith sharing and prayers. The Gospel for the upcoming weekend liturgies was read aloud and reflected on by each individual Council member. Personal intercessions were prayed. We concluded Opening Prayer with collective participation in the Responsorial Psalm for the upcoming 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for May 17, 2022, were approved for posting to the St. Christopher website by Parish Office Manager Dawn Bloom.

Religious Education Office Updates

- 92 students are registered to date for next year's PSR program – with 45 paid so far.
- Vacation Bible School offered an outstanding program and those who participated found the experience meaningful.
- Many projects are percolating now in the Religious Education Office.

Ministries and Events Updates

- Ladies Guild
 - Tai Chi on Thursday, June 22nd at 7:00 PM in Centennial Park has 25 signed up. A social in the Park will follow.
- Ladies Night Out
 - A contingency outdoor venue has been selected for this annual event scheduled for Thursday, October 13th, if pandemic issues preclude the planned indoor gathering in the Parish Center.
 - Food and wine purveyors for the LNO event have committed their services for the evening festivities.
 - A St. Christopher Centennial wine glass will be included in the evening's ticket price.

Mission Statement

We are the people of St. Christopher Catholic Church, a Eucharistic community of faith dedicated to . . .
Welcome, Celebrate, Care & Grow. . . . in the image and likeness of Jesus.

- The evening's planned trivia competition is in development.
- Social Concerns
 - Christmas in July will collect donations for two weekends in July: July 16 – 17 and July 23 – 24. Donations will benefit of the “Twice Blessed Store” a Methodist church initiative in the St. Colman neighborhood. Items needed will be posted in the St. Christopher Bulletin.
 - John and Sharon Hosek who have shepherded many Social Concerns programs over their years at St. Christopher will be moving to Tennessee in August to be near family. Their commitment to Social Concerns is recognized throughout the Parish community and beyond to the many recipients of their efforts.
- Youth Ministry
 - This group is progressing toward the inclusion of junior high 7th and 8th graders.
 - Logan Feldkamp, Pastoral Associate, is assuming leadership of the Youth Ministry. Eric Prusek will be transitioning from Youth Ministry to assume sacramental preparation responsibility for Confirmation under the direction of Sharon Armstrong.
- Young Adult Ministry – Logan Feldkamp continues in his leadership role with St. Christopher Parish and the Diocesan pod of western CLE suburban parishes.

Father John Updates

- Centennial Celebration
 - Michelle Romary and her trio will be performing in Centennial Park after 5 PM Mass on Saturday, July 16th.
 - A blessing of cars will be celebrated on Sunday, July 24th. This practice harks back to the days when cars were a new mode of transportation. The blessing will extend from 1 – 3 PM with car washes offered along with the ice cream truck from Prayers for Maria.
 - Other centennial events are in development under the leadership of Kevin Tennant, Julie Patton and Allison Coale.

- Universal Church Synod
 - Cynthia McDonough – Ladies Guild President, Parish Council member and active Parishioner – represented St. Christopher Parish at the Diocesan pre-Synodal Gathering on Saturday June 11th. Cindy McDonough spent the day in Diocesan meetings and liturgies with some 300 others who participated in listening sessions in their Diocesan churches. They focused on three areas: Communion; Participation; and Mission. They developed talking points and action steps in each focus area. A common theme that emerged: how to bring more people in to share the work of the Church. It was recognized that a core group of people give the most, including financially. An issue of how to resonate with young people was addressed. A suggestion was made that Confirmation candidates use TicTok to raise youth awareness.
 - Cindy McDonough’s Notes from the June 11, Pre-Synodal Gathering are attached. (See StChrisPPCminutes_062122_addendum)

- Our Lady of Angels Church – and others
 - Father John remains the OLA Administrator but an announcement for a permanent Administrator to replace Father John is pending.
 - St. Christopher priests continue to help with weekend liturgies at St. James and St. Clement Churches in Lakewood.

- Parish Pastoral Council
 - 25th anniversary of Fr. John’s Ministry at St. Christopher – Fr. John will be the homilist at all the weekend Masses August 6th and 7th. A reception after every Mass will be open to all.
 - July meeting canceled – There will be no meeting in July and the August meeting will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center.
 - August meeting – Items for discussion will include (1) the role of Parish Council members as Ministry Liaisons and (2) planning for an upcoming Parish Council retreat.

- Discernment of Officers
 - Father John departed for this segment of the meeting.
 - Cheryl Selak reminded Council that new leadership discernment is a regular Council activity that is typically conducted annually. The disruption of Covid has resulted in the current leadership team continuing their service well beyond their initial commitments.
 - Gayle Cilimburg facilitated the discernment process inviting each individual Council member to ponder and reflect upon himself or herself in a leadership role and to ponder and reflect upon the potential he or she sees in others on Council to serve in leadership. All Council members were present.
 - The discernment process continued and concluded with a consensus on the next leadership team:
 - ❖ Chair: Laura Hunter
 - ❖ Vice Chair: Chris Rosati
 - ❖ Secretary: Mary Horvath

Closing Prayer and Mission Statement

Laura Hunter led the group in closing with a prayer. A reflection of the Parish Mission Statement concluded the meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

7– 8:30 PM

Parish Center

Parishioners are invited to attend.