

Parish Council Meeting Summary January 21, 2019

The St. Stanislaus Parish Council meeting scheduled for this date was cancelled due to weather. Based on input from council members and parish staff, below is a summary of the information that was to be covered at this meeting. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2019.

- The Finance Committee has been working on the annual Financial Summary Report to the parish. Data has been collected, questions discussed, and the committee is now finalizing the report. The expectation is that the report will be finalized in February and published in the bulletin sometime during March.
- The Social Activities Committee held a movie night on December 7th, showing the movie "The Star." The event was a big success, with 13 adults and 18 children in attendance.
- In consultation with Fr. Jay, the Liturgy Committee took responsibility for writing the Prayer of the Faithful for the weekend Masses every third month. The Committee has been doing this for some time now and it has going well. This Committee is now planning for the possibility of a Eucharistic Adoration during Lent, potentially on Holy Thursday night into Good Friday.
- Lots going on with adult and youth faith formation. Opening the Word remains enlightening for participants, with strong continued attendance at the Monday night sessions. The Education Committee hosted "ADVENTure with the Saints" in December, with 20 youths participating. Feedback was very positive. "Liturgy of the Word" for children continues at the 11AM Sunday Mass once per month, with good attendance and positive feedback. A pre-Lent parish mission, presented by the Franciscan Friars of Renewal and scheduled for the evenings of February 25th through 27th, is in place. An abbreviated version will be presented during the morning Mass on those dates. Father Brock, CFR, will speak at each of the Masses on February 23rd and 24th, encouraging participation. A Lenten Day for Kids is in the planning phase for Sunday, March 31st. The theme will be "Into the Desert with Jesus." Family Catechesis is scheduled for April 9th and 10th, with a theme of "The 7 last words of Christ." Finally, planning is underway for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Roar" (Africa.) Dates are being finalized.
- The Building and Grounds Committee is working on multiple items: meetings were held with several contractors to discuss refurbishing/replacing selected external and internal doors in the church, with an expectation of beginning work this spring; several contractors were contacted for estimates on removing a number of old/damaged trees on church property; estimates are being requested to fix/replace the water softener that serves all buildings on the property; and work continues to prepare for resurfacing the parking lot, including: finalizing title searches to ensure property lines are clear; cleaning and inspecting site septic systems, parts of which lie underneath the parking lot; fixing damaged electrical boxes in two of the septic system manhole covers; and preparing a bid package to be sent to local engineering firms to develop a design proposal for this work.
- Catholic Charities is no longer hosting "Feeding Our Neighbors," an archdiocese-wide food drive the parish has been party of in the past. Given this, discussion is underway to run a St. Stanislaus drive for the local food pantry during Lent.
- The annual Handicap Luncheon is scheduled for February 2, weather permitting.