

St. Basil's Parish Council

Day of Reflection - October 21, 2017

Summary

- ◆ Pastor's Update: the diocese has asked that parishes prepare faith formation initiatives. Pastoral Council is considering such an initiative for the Lenten Season
- ◆ Budget Review: Pastoral and Finance Council are working together to ensure the sustainable management of Parish funds
- ◆ Green Church: Pastoral Council supports registering as a Green Church under the Green Church Network
- ◆ Communications: Pastoral Council is exploring new methods of outreach and communication in the Parish Community. Future events are being planned.

Pastor's Update

- ◆ The Diocese is inviting St. Basil's to develop a new Parish Initiative to strengthen our faith formation. Pastoral Council is considering options for a faith formation initiative which could take place during our Lenten observances.
- ◆ St. Basil's holds Mass every day, but many masses do not have intentions. Father and Pastoral Council will continue to work on developing a culture within St. Basil's that offers masses to celebrate happy occasions (such as baptisms, marriages, or graduations) with intentions, as well as sorrowful occasions and remembrances through the Repose of the Soul.
- ◆ Father will write an information piece for the Bulletin to clarify mass intentions.
- ◆ Father would like to invite the Children who attend Children's Liturgy to come to the front of the church for a blessing on their way back into the Mass after their celebration downstairs.
- ◆ The Children's Liturgy leaders will work with Father to implement this suggestion.

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Budget Review

- ◆ While there is no immediate cause for alarm, St. Basil's does need to consider ways to generate more revenue to support Parish activities. In general, the Parish has been receiving fewer collections, and low interest rates mean that the Parish's investments are not generating as high returns.
 - ◇ Pastoral and Finance Council will work diligently to ensure initiatives are properly funded while respecting the budget.

Pastoral Council Budget

- ◆ Pastoral Council will consult with the office to determine the appropriate delineation of roles and responsibilities, and the budget associated with those responsibilities.
 - ◇ A better sense of the Pastoral Council budget will be available by the next meeting.

Christmas Turkey Dinner

- ◆ Pastoral Council is considering options for this year's Christmas Turkey Dinner
 - ◇ Tentatively scheduled for the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th so as not to conflict with the Knights of Columbus Dinner in December.

Green Church

- ◆ Pastoral Council is proposing that the Green Church initiative report to the Pastoral Council but remain separate from the Pastoral Council.
- ◆ Pastoral Council is willing to support the process of becoming a registered Green Church in the Green Church Network.
 - ◇ St. Basil's has already taken some steps to 'green' the church, including increasing its recycling program, switching from plastic/Styrofoam cups to glass mugs for coffee, and getting a Green Bin for the kitchen.
 - ◇ Pastoral Council proposes a notice be put in the Bulletin to advertise what the Parish has already done to become greener, and to promote other Ministries to implement their own green initiatives..

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Communications

- ◆ As part of the Imagine St. Basil's process, Pastoral Council recognizes the importance of intentional communication about, and among, the Parish's various ministries.
- ◆ Pastoral Council is considering exploring a number of new online services which could help to improve these communications.
 - ◇ For example, *ChimpMail* can be used to send Newsletters, accessible by anyone, through a private service. *Remind* can be used to send appointment messages via text to a group.
- ◆ Pastoral Council is also considering a *Community Coffee* between the 9:00 and 11:00 masses on November 26th to share information about the various Ministries.
 - ◇ The purpose of the event will be to provide information, rather than a recruitment tool, and will allow parishioners and members of different ministries to interact and share ideas.
- ◆ Consideration has also been given to a Name Tag Sunday.