

**Date:** 05/14/24

**Time:** 7:15 PM

## IN ATTENDANCE

Cara Barone, Mike Braun (Deacon), James Cady, Sonya Coelho, Fr Joe Connelly (Pastor), Pat Dolan, Dan Fuery, Marymartha Heasley, Lourdes Rivera, Pat Ryan (Parish Administrator), Steve Sims (Trustee), Debbie Stadt.

## ABSENTEES

Greg Larson, Jonathan Amos, Matthew Amos

## MISC ITEMS

- **Engagement Commission:** New Parishioner brunch was held April 21 after the 11 am Mass in the Peter O'Neill Hall. It was well attended.
- **New Altar:** Has been installed. It has 2 relics, one belongs to GA and the other has been donated. The old altar has been stored in the Youth Team Room.
- **Health & Wellness:** The AED has come in. Efforts are on to get the AED mounted near GA Perks.
- **Synod:** GA small groups disbanded for the Summer. Year 2 starts in July – focused on the Liturgy and the Eucharist.
- **Parish Administrator's Update:** GA has been interviewing applicants for the Music director. Received 17 applications, short-listed 4. Plan is to have the new hire in by August as there is no choir during Summer.
- **Faith Formation:**
  - 4 JOLT Faith Formation classes
  - 3 Family Ministry events
  - Synod Year 2 Rollout event
  - Holy Hours + Emmaus Holy Hour (20 average for normal nights, 40 for Emmaus)
  - Registration for Vatican II: *Gaudium et Spes* talk opened, finalizing preparations
  - Announced next year's faith formation program - Family Formation
  - Family Formation Workshop
  - Youth Ministry Summit/Deanery Meeting
  - Totus Tuus & Summer Stretch sign-ups

## JOC UPDATE

**Hope for Journey Home:** This housing program is now officially closed. The staff has gone and discussions are on about the future of the property. A few suggestions have been made:

**Emergency Housing with Solid Ground:** Pat Ryan has been collaborating with the former HJH advisory board to explore the possibility of partnering with "Solid Ground" to convert the rectory into emergency housing. This initiative would provide shelter, though we would need to arrange for overnight staffing. While the idea is promising, there are details that remain ambiguous and would require further discussion and planning.

**Housing for Former NET Missionaries:** Fr. Chad Vanhooze, the chaplain of NET Ministries, has reached out with an opportunity to use the rectory for former NET missionaries transitioning out of missionary work. These individuals desire to live in a community setting, which aligns well with the mission of our parish. They would be looking to move into the Rectory at the end of this month or beginning of August.

**Discernment House for Vocations:** Fr. Blum from the Vocations office has suggested that the rectory be used as a discernment house for men considering the priesthood. The new vocations director, Fr. Mark Pavlack, is enthusiastic about this idea. He highlighted that many men discerning the priesthood have college debt or are in the process of discerning their vocation. The rectory would offer them a unique opportunity to live in a parish setting, manage their debt, and continue their discernment journey.

Additionally, Fr Joe and Fr. Pavlack discussed the potential to merge options 2 and 3. In this scenario, men discerning a vocation could live with former NET missionaries, benefiting from a supportive community life and shared community prayer. This could provide a rich environment for both groups to grow and support each other in their respective journeys.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.  
**Next meeting at 08/13/2024 at 5.00 pm**