

The Church of the Epiphany

All Parish Meeting

Meeting Notes

October 8, 2019

1. Catechism: Video by Real Crusades History on the history of The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, including the Battle of Lepanto.
2. Liturgical Ministry Fair - Liz Grefsheim shared that each ministry gained volunteers after the recent ministry fair. The heads of the liturgical ministries also met with Fr. Dufner to discuss their ministries.
3. Epiphany School update
 - a. Liz Grefsheim shared that all students are in choir. They're enjoying singing and are getting good at it.
 - b. Fr. Dufner informed the group about continued improvements in the school. Numbers are going up, students are learning the Mass, etc.
4. Adoration Chapel – Furnaces and lighting are now installed. The original budget was \$300,000. The first bid was around \$500,000. Tom Kuehn has guided the project, and it's looking like costs will be much closer to the original \$300,000 budgeted.
5. Other Parish Needs – Fr. Dufner would like parishioner input on parish needs. Possible areas for future investment include:
 - a. Debt reduction (approximately one million dollars in debt remains from building the church)
 - b. Sanctuary remodeling
 - c. Foyer remodeling
6. Archdiocesan Synod - Caroline Lacoursierre discussed the Archdiocesan Synod, describing listening sessions to discuss what is working well and where challenges exist. The synod should run for approximately two years.
7. E Fest – Jay reviewed results of the recent E Fest survey and requested ideas for future E Fests. Current thoughts are to include the raffle, a simple dinner and a few other simple events. The event will be before summer. Mary Milless expressed that the event should be centered around strengthening community in the parish.
8. Grounds outside the Adoration Chapel – the retaining walls outside the chapel entrance were falling down and the fountain was wearing out. Rather than replacing them, the area is being used for additional parking and to improve student bus pick-up. The remaining area could become an outdoor space for burial prayers after funerals for people being buried in the new cemetery.
9. Cemetery clean-up – Notice was posted in the church bulletin on September 29 that decorations need to be removed from grave sites. Christmas items can remain until the Feast of the Epiphany, but other items will be placed next to the garage in mid-October.
10. Comprehensive Sex Education – Phyllis Kieffer described the drive within the Minnesota Legislature to mandate a sex education program sponsored by Planned Parenthood. The program uses explicit graphics to teach students many unhealthy and harmful things. Based on legislation that the house passed on party lines in April, parents would not be allowed to opt out of the program for their children. It is essential for everyone to vote for school board members and legislators who will support protection of children.
11. The movie "Unplanned" will be shown October 10 at 7:00 PM.
12. The Rosary will be prayed on October 12, in commemoration of the last vision at Fatima.
13. Open Mic:
 - a. Dave Beberg asked why it appeared in a recent bulletin that contributions to the Our Lady of Epiphany campaign have declined. Jay explained contributions have not declined, but that the reports made it appear that way because of how recent unpledged contributions and increased pledges were being recorded.

- b. Marilyn Wolkerstorfer asked why so much more Latin is being used at Mass lately. Numerous parishioners shared both favorable and unfavorable responses to the increased use of Latin and Ad Orientum.
- c. Jerry Harper provided an update on the new pews. There are a few dings and scratches, but they have a repair kit. Pins have slipped out of some kneelers. Jerry would like everyone to note locations of missing pins in the box on the information desk. Clyde Schultz suggested numbering the new pews for easier identification of repair issues.
- d. Mary Milless asked if a program could be started to help kids in the public schools.
- e. Paula Huss expressed concern about people driving fast in the parking lot.
- f. Roland Mayer complimented the altar servers on their reverence.

End of parish meeting notes.