

# The Church of the Epiphany

## All Parish Meeting Notes

February 9, 2021

1. Father Dufner opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00pm.
2. A 7-minute video was shown: "Bishop Barron on the Limits of Tolerance."
3. Jay Tomaszewski addressed Epiphany's current financial situation. Through a number of actions over the past few years, our financial situation is very good. The overall debt is now under one million dollars.
4. Father Dufner addressed Covid-19, how it has impacted the Church, and the various protocols put in place. Weekend Mass attendance is nearly 1600. That's the highest attendance rate in the Archdiocese. How the virus will affect the Easter Masses is unclear, but steps will be taken to assure that congregants are kept safe. The school has been open for months with no serious virus-related issues.
5. Father Dufner addressed the possibility of conducting a new "Capital Campaign" in the future.
  - a. The parking lot is deteriorating, is in constant need of temporary patching, and will have to be repaved.
  - b. Father would like to see the Sanctuary renewed. He will have drawings of proposals drafted and displayed, much like was done for the Chapel.
  - c. The foyer could be remodeled to make it a warmer, more welcoming space.
  - d. The Sacristy is long overdue for some updating. It functions as a sacred place where the priests and altar servers prepare to celebrate the Holy Mass.
  - e. Installing tiles under the pews could be completed.
  - f. The sound system is in need of upgrades.
6. Father Dufner discussed Epiphany School. Because of the Coronavirus impact, tuition remained static. Attendance has been fairly steady. And he expressed how impressed he was with the current teaching staff. Father mentioned the school's emphasis on traditional liberal arts classes.
7. Tom Conneran discussed upcoming Pro-life events.
8. Father voiced his desire to establish a wood shop and a metal shop so students can learn the value of working with their hands, learning basic skills that seem to be lost in public

education environments, and discovering the joy and personal satisfaction of creating something.

9. Numerous questions were asked and addressed during “open-mic.”
10. A time and date for the next All-Parish Meeting is to be determined.
11. Father closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:00pm.