

The Church of the Epiphany

All Parish Meeting Notes

September 29, 2021

Father Dufner opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00pm.

A seven minute video addressing the Great Schism between the Western and Eastern Churches was shown.

Agenda:

1. Father Dufner discussed upgrading the Sanctuary lighting. Estimated cost was \$50 to \$80K.
2. Father Dufner addressed the need to replace or repair the organ. To repair the existing organ would cost an estimated \$650K, while the purchase of a new digital organ would cost approximately \$150K.
3. The Church hired Rhonda Singer to lead Faith Formation. After the Synod, Father and Rhonda will work with Deacon Gannon of the Catechetical Institute to develop a speaker program.
4. Father Dufner discussed the potential for another Capital Campaign to address the following issues. Later this Fall or early next year we may be in a better position to discuss the cost.
 - a. The Sanctuary renovation. Nick Vasco is working on getting accurate bids.
 - b. Renovating the Foyer.
 - c. Modifying the Meeting Rooms to improve access to the cafeteria.
 - d. Resurfacing of the parking lot.
 - e. Updating the Sacristy.
5. Jay Tomaszewski noted that the "Grab-and Go" meals program netted the Church \$500K.
6. The Church hired Darcy Nelson as the new Lunch Program Manager.
7. Cemetery:
 - a. A second columbarium has been installed in the Cemetery extension with 10% of the niches already sold. When 35% of the niches are sold, the columbarium is paid for.
 - b. Decorations must be removed by October 1st.
 - c. Epiphany sells silk flowers with the proceeds going to cemetery maintenance.
 - d. A new casket staging area concrete pad has been poured. A suggestion was made that an awning be erected in case of inclement weather.
8. There are 330 students enrolled in the school.
9. Father Dufner stated that we have great, faith filled teachers eager to teach and live the faith.
10. Father Dufner reported that most of the students' parents attend Mass, a wonderful trend.

11. Father Dufner reported that the Synod is going well with the first lesson being Kerygma; say yes to Jesus.

Open Mic:

1. LuEllen Richmond asked if parishioners would be able to provide input concerning the final design of the proposed Sanctuary and Father Dufner assured her they would.
2. Margaret Sullivan complimented the Altar Servers.
3. Cori Duffy asked why new families are coming to Epiphany. The answer is the sound and truthful education in the homilies.
4. Bernice Olson asked about home schooled children, and Father told her there are a number of previously home-schooled children who are now attending Epiphany School. Bernice also asked when the full Schola could sing again, and Father referred her to Liz Grefsheim.
5. Felix Manilla expressed his feeling that the candles on the Altar appear to be a barrier between the priest and congregation and interfere with the celebration of the Eucharist. Father Dufner would discuss the issue with him.
6. Father Dufner added, with input from Nancy Hanowski, that Holy Spirit Academy in Monticello is having an open house next Tuesday from 6-8pm.

Father Dufner closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:45pm.