



St. Charles Borromeo

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Council Meeting March 11, 2025

In attendance:

Fr. John Firpo, Jeannette Conderman, Lorie Cook, Lisa Coon, Annamaria Falzarano, Michael Moriarty, Ryan Mulcahy, Jim Peters, Mark Stechschulte, Jerry Streb

Guest: Joanie Bigham

1. **Opening Prayer-** Annamaria Falzarano
2. **Approval of previous Minutes and current Agenda-** Fr. John
 - a. **Approved**
 - b. **Finance Council** - Last meet Mar 3rd, next meeting April 7th
 - i. **2024-25 CMA Campaign**
 1. 116% of goal (\$102,000). Parishioners have until May 31 to fulfill pledges
 - ii. **Surplus for Sunday Plate-** information included in the bulletin; will be updated quarterly.
 - iii. **Capital Projects**
 1. **HVAC Issues-** repairs completed and replaced zones valves in the BMC to address heating issues throughout the building (including the Gym). Recent issues wit Church heat- fan belt broke (replaced), looking at supply fan motor for issues.
 2. **Audio Issues in the Church-** Speakers on base of alter to improve sound (and let the people in the sanctuary hear better)- before hearing loop decision. Looking to get additional feedback from parishioners with a survey in the bulletin for a few more weeks (didn't get as much feedback as expected). Looking at 2 options for Hearing Loop to cover from the front to back in the 4 central sections of the Church (will be discussed at the next meeting)-
 - a. More "traditional" Hearing Loop system
 - b. Bluetooth/ Wi-Fi Option
 - c. **Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry Update**
 - i. **Faith Formation Programs**
 1. **Sacramental Prep-**
 - a. First Eucharist prep continues- will take place May 10th at 11am
 - b. Confirmation prep- going well- will take place on May 14th at Sacred Heart Cathedral (with Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Lawrence, St Mark's and St John's Greece)
 - c. First Penance- will take place at St. Charles in the fall of 2025

2. Home Study and Summer Camp
 - a. Home Study is going well, 2025 Summer Camp registrations (July 7-18th) are being accepted and have been announced in the bulletin
3. OCIA (formally RCIA)- meetings are taking place at Our Mother of Sorrows Church this year on Thursdays. Anna Flaitz is running these sessions.
- ii. Bible Study
 1. Lenten Bible Study session have begun. Afternoon sessions will take place at St. Charles and a repeat of these sessions at Our Mother of Sorrows in the evening. Sessions will run Tuesdays form March 4th- April 8th.
 2. "The Opening in the Word" Bible Study sessions went well. Next sessions will be scheduled for the Fall. Another type of Bible Study is being planned for the Easter season with Deacon Dick. More details to follow in the bulletin
- iii. Youth Ministry
 1. CYO Basketball: wrapped up season, successful season and tournament the week of February 17th. End of Year Banquet was held on March 2nd. 3/2
- d. Parish Breakfasts
 - i. Parish Breakfast was March 16th. Attendance has been great, however, the price of eggs is still a concern. Team is looking for the best process around town. Monthly Coffee Hours have been very well attended after the 10:30 Mass once a month. Next one is March 30th (Lynda Pleckan is asking for volunteers to hold a coffee hour after 8:30 Mass in addition to the 10:30 Mass.
- e. Fundraising Events
 - i. St. Charles Great Garage Sale will take place the weekends of May 23- 25th and May 30- Jun 1st. Drop- offs will be Mat 1-3rd. More details to follow in the bulletin.
 - ii. Ladies Luncheon will take place October 4th. Theme and guest speakers to be determined soon.
- f. Lenten Retreat
 - i. Lenten Retreat hosted by St. Charles and led by Dr. Damian Zynda and Fr. Jason Downer March 24th- 26th at 6:30pm each day. Handout was provided (other side included the Lent schedule for Holy week).
 1. Handout provided "Journey in Hope" with helpful information regarding what is happening at parishes around town during Lent.
- g. Music Ministry update
 - i. Ralph Zecchino passed away and the funeral mass for him went very well. Past choir members were in attendance and it was a great tribute to Ralph. The Choirs are continuing to prepare for the Holy Week/ Easter Masses.
 - ii. Concert by the Irondequoit Chorale on Sunday March 23rd.
- h. Home Visitations
 - i. Continues to go well. Lee had a successful hip replacement surgery, will be out until April 6th. Lee will continue to coordinate visits as needed.

- i. **Social Ministry Update**
 - i. Coordinating Lenten activities including the Rice Bowls, Soup Supper (March 21st after Stations of the Cross). Collecting cans of soup for local food pantries as well as paper goods and toiletries for area agencies.
 - j. **Census Update**
 - i. 102 new parishioners, 75 were already registered- 27 new
 - ii. Unresponsive parishioners: ~775 for our parish (were registered here)
 - 1. Perform additional outreach
 - a. Mailing to start- suggested wording:
 - i. Clean up records, help to celebrate 100th Anniversary, include letter from Fr. John
 - ii. People can respond via mail, email, or collection box
 - 2. Follow-up in May- who are left, do we know the people and can approach
3. **Other Business**
- a. **Lent 2025- 7 parishes info (handout- will be in the bulletin)**
 - i. April 2nd is Day of Penance & Mercy. At St. Charles, confessions will be offered: 930am-1230pm, 2pm- 5pm
 - ii. Retreat speakers are blended speakers and should be enjoyed by all, will be recorded
 - b. **Can use Chicken stock/ broth for soups**
 - c. **Blackbook refers to red meat but it is meant to be all meat; *The Diocese of Saginaw was informed of the typo by Joanie.***
 - d. **Human Trafficking: Bethany Presbyterian-**
 - 1. (May 21)- Offer it (Annamarie as contact) in the bulletin, There is a dinner then a talk
 - e. **Community Outreach during Centennial year (Annamarie)**
 - i. Suggestion was to raise to Social Ministry committee
 - ii. Include Tracey Jagla to ask what needs there are (she puts this in the newsletter "Journey Home" (part of St. Charles Community)
 - iii. Lorie will follow-up (Mike to help)
 - 1. Follow-up at May meeting
4. **Closing Prayer-** Mark Stechschulte

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 pm (Room 7)