Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2025 - 7:00 pm

Those Present: Maria Larger, Neil Homan, Amy Wilson, Janet Kronenberger, Mary Tangeman, Janet Suchland, Brad Feltz, Linda Baker, Teresa Wuebker, Amy Speelman, Corey Steinke, Erin Niekamp, Aaron Freeman

I. Erin Niekamp called the meeting to order and Deacon Brad Feltz led the council in prayer.
   a. New members voted on to the council were welcomed. Mary Tangeman is replacing Aaron Freeman on the Eucharist Commission and Amy Wilson is replacing Janet Suchland on the Stewardship Commission. The existing council introduced themselves to the new elects later on in the meeting.

II. Special Guests
   a. Budget Update by Bob Parker. The budget for the upcoming year is essentially complete. Holy Redeemer is looking at a revenue of $800,000, especially with the addition of the 8:00 Mass. There is a loss for this year with the addition of the handicap bathroom. Other change to the budget is an increase in salary expense to add possible additional office personnel. Bob stated his salary expenses will be decreasing as he puts in less hours than what was originally budgeted. There is also an increase in janitorial expenses as the church is requiring more hours for proper cleaning. There is also a small increase in cost of living expenses for the priests. The budget is difficult to compare to previous years because Bob put in the time to standardize the line items so the budgets look the same across the family of parishes. Major expenses for the year will be choir bell refurbishment (around $5000) as well as outside security cameras (around $25,000) including one at the handicap entrance due to the new handicap bathroom and $25,000 built in to the budget just in case. Corey Steinke moved to accept the budget as is with the possibility of changes by Fr. Ken Schnipke. Janet Suchland seconded the motion. The budget was approved as is with the possibility of changes by the pastor.

III. Commission Reports
   a. Love In Action report from Janet Kronenberger. They met yesterday and discussed multiple items.
      i. There is a Christ Our Light Community Service Day on June 21; they are still looking for volunteers as well as asking for anyone needing help. The majority of the needs are coming from the Marion Local Catholic Community area as well as St. Charles.
      ii. Future Plans include bringing back Loaves and Fishes, merging our Mission help with the other parishes in our family, growing the Shut In Ministry, and exploring Catholic Social Services and Children's Hope International. There is a cost related to the Children's Hope International.
      iii. June is spot light month in the back of church after Masses. They are hoping to man the table two weekends this month.
      iv. Future meeting have been set, in need of commission members, and need to sign the charter.
   b. Stewardship report given by Janet Suchland. They haven't met recently.
      i. Property spoke before Mass the first week of May. With First Communion and Graduation they are planning to spot light the commission another month when there is less happening at church.
      ii. The commission needs to be formed yet

iii. Corey Steinke spoke about the church work day this past weekend. It was very successful with around 30 volunteers. A lot of odds and ends jobs were completed and a lot of cleaning was done. A few volunteers signed up to help with projects around church as they present themselves. They will look into setting up a Flock Notes line of communication at the next property meeting.

c. Eucharist update was given by Aaron Freeman. They will be meeting next Tuesday, May 20th.
   i. They will be discussing the rough draft of the charter.
   ii. Looking into labeling statues in church as well as introducing an interactive church tour. Pete Reinhart has looked into the cost of this as well as the purchase of a tablet for this project.

d. Evangelization update was given by Maria Larger. They met last week Tuesday, May 6.
   i. Children's Stations of the Cross went well during Lent. Sarah Mescher is looking into using different books if done again next year.
   ii. Children's Choir did really well at the installation of the Archbishop Robert Casey.
   iii. 31 First Communicants this year; Jesus Day retreat, First Communion, and May Crowning all went well this year.
   iv. CCD updates: Little Saints will be offered again next year, Final Forms for CCD registration went live Monday, May 12, VBS had their first meeting all committees have leaders
   v. There will be an Advent 2026 Speaker; Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

e. Unified Council update was given by Linda Baker and Erin Niekamp
   i. Phase 4 of the Beacons of Light is the possibility of merging the family to one Canonical Parish. There will be more information given from the archdiocese possibly in the fall of 2025. Christ Our Light will not move forward with this without a lot of consideration, parish meetings, and collaboration amongst all parishioners.

IV. Old Business - none to be discussed.

V. New Business
   a. Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities would like to advertise the handicap bathroom and need parameters for how much we would like to publicize the bathroom. It's a great opportunity to show the parish as being public minded.

VI. Holy Redeemer Staff Updates and Announcements
   a. Staff Meeting was held today. Beacons of Light Phase 4 was introduced but with little information given from the Archdiocese. The anointing of the sick Mass held Friday, May 9th was not well attended and the possibility of moving the Mass to the evening is being explored. There are 9 people signed up for OCIA already for next year. There will be 4 presentations given throughout the year by Phil Slonkosky and Nick Rentz entitled First Fridays of Recollection - flyers are being distributed inviting adults to dive deeper into their faith.

VII. Next Meeting date is set for Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the conference room

VIII. Neil Homan moved to adjourn the meeting while Linda Baker seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting was adjourned following prayer led by Deacon Brad Feltz.