

Church of Saint Mary – Nichols, Iowa January 17, 2021

Finance Council & Pastoral Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President, Kory Kaalberg immediately following Mass at the church. Members in attendance: Adam Gauger, Kory Kaalberg, Cindy Massey, Bill Lenz, Gayle Kaalberg, Margaret Matt, Carol Kaalberg and Fr. Michael Spiekermeier. One guest present: Bruce Matt. Due to the COVID Pandemic, members were social distanced throughout the church.

Items for discussion:

Thanks was given to the St. Joseph Church of Hills for the recent donation of \$25,000.00 from their Christmas Charity Grants, 2020. Members expressed their thanks to Council and parishioners for their generosity to our faith community. A thank you has been sent to St. Joseph's in gratitude for this monetary gift.

The church & rectory furnaces were in need of replacement so with part of the income from St. Joseph's, three new furnaces have been installed – two at the church and one at the rectory. The furnaces were purchased from Chown Appliance in Nichols and Council members expressed their appreciation that the furnaces could be installed by Chown's.

Discussion on our joint parish Pancake Breakfast in cooperation with St. Mary's of Lone Tree scheduled for March 7th. After much discussion, it was motioned by Adam Gauger and seconded by Cindy Massey to postpone this event, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Carol Kaalberg will give this information to the Lone Tree Council.

Kory Kaalberg informed Council members that rails for the sanctuary steps to the altar will soon be installed. These will be very helpful for those needing some assistance going to the altar for ministry assignments.

Final item for discussion was the plan to enclose the entrance steps at the Church to help with winter snow removal and provide better safety for all parishioners. Kory Kaalberg explained the drawings of the proposed improvement and members were pleased with the plans. Motion by Bill Lenz and second by Adam Gauger to have Fr. Mike present a corporate resolution to the Bishop for this needed improvement at our parish facilities. Adjournment followed.