

St. Francis Xavier
Pastoral Council Meeting
January 4, 2022

Members Present: Fr. Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Jim Ernspiker, Patricia Mattingly, Keith Meyer, Matthew O'Connor, Alexandra Rogers, Chris Williams

Members Absent: Nancy Collette, Joey Followay, Roy Greenwell, Ed Scott, Steve Tillman

Others Present: Deacon Earl Baker

Meeting opened with prayer.

Father Dale gave a report on the Steering Committee's progress. The opening date for the new Parish Activity Center has been moved to April 15. This delay occurred mostly because of supply chain shortages due to the pandemic.

Parish Hall renovation started Monday, January 3, with construction of the lift and stairwell.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the November, 2021 minutes. Jim Ernspiker moved the minutes to be approved as written; Patricia Mattingly seconded; all in favor.

Pastor's Report

Father Dale reported that the new Mass Schedule was completed for March 2-May 29, 2022.

Notable dates include:

First Penance on March 19 at 2:00 pm

First Communion on April 24 at 2:00 pm

Confirmation on May 24 at 7:00 pm

A dedication and blessing for the Parish Activity Center will be held. The new Archbishop will schedule that event.

On May 21, There will be a fundraiser in the new PAC. It will be a meal and presentation by guest speaker, Scott Davenport.

On May 22, we will celebrate Father Dale's 40th Jubilee of Priesthood at 11:00 mass, followed by a meal in the new PAC.

Sunday, January 9 after the 9:00 mass will be the Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord Buffet. It will be coordinated by the Women's Club.

Father Dale will be teaching RCIA on January 27.

February 19 is the Women's Retreat, directed by Judy Rybar.

Deacon Steve has retired from the Jefferson County Public School System, making him more available for ministry work.

The Triduum Schedule for 2022 is as follows:

Holy Thursday - April 14 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 15 with Stations of the Cross at 3:00 and mass at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil - April 16 at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday - April 17 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Upcoming Staff Birthday:

Carrie Gary - January 5

Father Dale's other upcoming work includes:

Priests' Personnel Board Meeting on January 13 at 1:30 pm

Out of town trip on January 5-6 and February 18-19

Trip to the desert - February 21-25

Retreat at St. Menrad, IN Monastery - March 21-25

Old Business

Father Dale reported that there have been no new changes to COVID safety guidelines this month.

Father Dale reported on Expanding Our Embrace. So far, approximately \$102,000 has been collected to furnish the needs of the Parish Activity Center and renovated Parish Hall. The goal is to raise \$160,000 for this project.

New Business

Lou Leppert reported that the Archdiocese is restarting semi-annual meetings with the Pastoral Councils of the Archdiocese of Louisville (PCAL). January 22 is the next meeting, and Lou will attend.

Lou thanked everyone for attending the Holiday Party in December, especially Jennifer Sweeney for helping organize.

Father Dale announced that \$12,000 has been donated to the Diocese of Owensboro from our parish.

Committee Reports

Administration

Chris Williams reported a successful Safety Team training and plans for another training in the spring. The Safety Team is looking for more members.

Helen Hagan is working on gathering quotes for new phones since we are moving to Spectrum as our service provider.

There will be an upcoming Safe Environment Class, which any person who volunteers and has not attended in five years will need to attend. Date is TBA.

Formation

No report.

Parish Life

No report.

Stewardship

Father Dale reported that February 12-13 is the Ministry Festival in the RE Building, organized by Monique Becker.

Worship

Father Dale reported that we are looking for more sacristans.
There are seven Sundays of Ordinary Time before Lent this year.
We will be able to have Fish Fries during Lent this year.

The meeting ended in prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is February 8, 2022 at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary