

## St. Catherine Laboure Parish Council

September 19, 2024

**Attended by:** Fr. Dominic, Sue Spaeth, Dave Baranowski, Jason Gray, Joey Hormberg, Claire Laurentius, Kim Ojile, Maggie Murphy, Julie Prior, Mary Rose Kramer, Bill Hopfinger, Mary Lee Burlemann. Sue Baumgartner and Bill Holland were excused.

**Opening Prayer-** Julie read the opening prayer, a continuing reflection on Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*.

**August Minutes-** Members approved the August minutes. Minutes will be emailed to parish staff as well as parish council. Going forward, the minutes will be posted on the parish website for transparency and clarity. Maggie brought up the idea of holding open meetings. No one is opposed to the idea, but individuals wanting to attend would need to call beforehand and if the person wants to speak, he/she would need to state the subject to be addressed. We now have an email address at the parish. It is [parishcouncil@sclparish.org](mailto:parishcouncil@sclparish.org). There was a bulletin announcement with photos the weekend of September 14-15 and the same announcement went home to SCL and PSR families in their newsletters. Additionally, it was posted on the parish website.

**Stewardship Month-**Kim reported on the first 2 weeks of the 4-week program. At the first week's gathering, 14 of the 45 ministries were represented. 2 parishioners expressed an interest in joining a ministry. At the second week's gathering, 11 of the 45 ministries were represented and 7 people expressed an interest in joining a ministry. We have 2 more weeks of celebrating our ministries. Looking ahead to 2025, we may limit the number of featured ministries each week. Dave brought up a program that was used at another parish involving prayer, ministry and giving. He gave us a brief overview and will present it in further detail next month. He sent some attachments that we can review. They are attached at the end of the minutes. Maggie agreed to create a bookmark that will be distributed parish-wide in the future. Jason asked us to email a short bio to him for use on the parish website. We will participate in a spiritual gifts inventory based on Jane Guenther's program that she coordinates for the Archdiocese in the spring.

**Parish Survey**-Joey and Claire presented version 2 of the survey that allows for other dropdowns if a question is answered in the affirmative. He will forward it for us to access and see if we all agree on question language. We decided to also send it to the parish and school staff and seek their input before it is published. It is a short survey, and the time spent on filling it out can be tracked. We did not get to discuss timelines for its return once finalized.

**Coming in October**- Jason asked us to look forward to 2025. We have become more strategic and asked us each to think of the 3 to 5 things for which the parish should become more intentional. We are asked to spend an hour in the Adoration chapel or some other quiet place and reflect on the 4 questions that will help us determine where we will go and what we are called to do in the coming year. He also asked us to engage 5 parishioners, asking one of those questions. We will have a new member starting in January due to other commitments.

**Closing Prayer**-Maggie gave the closing prayer. **Julie** is scheduled to give the closing prayer in October.

**Next Meeting**-Thursday, October 17, 6:30 PM in the church office basement.