

Notes from Parish Council Meeting 9/7/19

Approval of August Minutes: Julia first, Lisa seconded approval.

Pastor's Comments

- o 10th Anniversary memorial Mass for Kevin Sinnott will be September 21st at 8:30am at the Grotto.
- o Construction update: the foundation will be poured this week weather permitting. The construction crew is very pleased with the foundation so far.
- o Builders Breakfast will consist of about 8-10 people until the building is established; once the work is brought inside the crew will increase to about 30 or more people.
- o Apostolate sign up will be the weekend of October 5-6th. This will consist of in pew sign-up sheets as well as a sign up table with Parish Council members present to answer any questions regarding the various apostolates during the Knight's of Columbus annual BBQ.
- o Father Higgins will be doing an 8 week Bible Study after the Friday morning Masses beginning 10/04/19.

Friends of Martha

- o They will provide the Builders Breakfast for the month of September. The parish will provide paper plates. It is recommended the apostolates purchase "to-go" coffee for the builders instead of using the coffee machines in the kitchen. This will help to minimize clean up.

Happy Hour

- o They will provide the Builders Breakfast for the month of November.

Respect Life

- o Requested that the Pregnancy Aide Clinic and Dahlonge Care Clinic speak to the parish for Respect Life month of October. The Pregnancy Aide Clinic will be opening a new site in Dawsonville. Pastor gave approval for Pregnancy Aide Clinic to come speak during the weekend of October 26th and 27th. He suggests they alternate years with the Dahlonge Care Clinic. Dahlonge Care Clinic may come speak in October of 2020.
- o They requested that there be an adoration hour dedicated to the unborn during the month of October. Father explained that adoration is for each individual to present their intentions before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If an individual wishes to dedicate their own adoration hour to the unborn then they are welcome to do so, but adoration will remain open to each individual's personal prayer intentions.

Loving Stitches

- o They requested more space. The Parish Council has discussed multiple outlets in need of their finished works such as local nursing homes, memory care centers, chemo hospitals, No Longer Bound, local public schools, crisis pregnancy centers, and even the local police department could use them for when children are in need of help from social services. Removing the current finished products would both allow for more storage space and provide for those in need of warmth and comfort. Stay tuned for liaisons to these new outlets.

Ushers

- o Scot McEwen is the new head of ushers. He could use more ushers.

Golf Cart

- o A big thank you to the new volunteers. They are providing transport for approximately 30 people per Mass.
- o There is still a need for more volunteers during the 5:00pm and 11:30am Masses.
- o There is still a need for another golf cart.

Keeper of the Grotto

- o This month's maintenance day is September 14th at 8:00am due to the Memorial Mass for Kevin Sinnott on September 21st. There is a lot of work that needs to be completed.

Knights of Columbus

- o They will provide a tent for all Builders Breakfasts.
- o They will provide the Builders Breakfast for January 2020.
- o They will be at Walmart on September 21st raising money for their general funds.
- o All of their Kroger proceeds last month went to the Special Education Department of Dawson county schools to help provide for their sensory rooms.
- o The annual BBQ Party will be the 6th of October. They will be selling pork butts this year as well.
- o There will be a smoking party on October 5th, volunteers are welcome to come help with smoking the pork.

Music

- o Will see about participating with A Builders Breakfast.

Youth Ministry

- o The youth themselves cannot provide A Builders Breakfast due to school schedules. There is a possibility that parents of teens in the youth group would be willing to provide for one of the breakfasts. TBD.

SVDP

- o They will provide a Builders Breakfast. Month TBD after their meeting on September 13th.

Lectors

- o The after Mass training went very well. They had excellent attendance and brought on four new lectors.

Bereavement

- o Due to Laurie being the only volunteer in the Bereavement Apostolate, she may have to join with another team for the Builders Breakfast. It was suggested that she join with Friends of Martha for the month of September.

Lady Friends Forever

- o They say that they are happy to provide a breakfast and that any month is fine.

RCIA

- o Everything is going well.

Safety and Security

- o They are working on some fine tuning. They need cameras and are working on a line up of safety and security personnel to be present at each Mass in case of any emergency.

Prayer and Care

- o New coordinator is needed for the Prayer and Care apostolate.