

## **Stewardship Committee Meeting**

### **March 13, 2025 12:00 – Parish Office Conference Room**

**Purpose:** “To help foster and develop in our parishioners a sense of belonging, commitment, and involvement in our Christian community resulting in stewardship as a way of life”

**Present:** Ron Boyden, Tammy Huss, Dan Kirscht, Aaron Korynta, Jerry Kostreba, Jake Mach, Randy Meyer & Todd Wentworth, Josh Waltzing (Pastoral Council Liaison).

**Absent:** Fr. Matthew Kuhn (on sabbatical).

**Opening Prayer** – we began in prayer.

#### **Updates:**

**Past Minutes** – Discussion regarding the edited January minutes. Dan will go back and review the changes and distribute to the committee. Regarding February minutes - questions regarding the first sentence in the “Diocesan Update / Pastoral Council” section. It was agreed the opening sentence caused confusion and was unnecessary, Dan will remove and redistribute. Also, a brief conversation about revising opening prayer.

**Financial Peace University** – we are two-thirds of the way done. Fun class this year with younger couples. We agreed to provide \$50 in Chamber Bucks to all those who complete the class (consistent with past years).

The **Fr. McGread Conference** will be March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Joe Korkowski, Mary Becker (St. Nicholas), and Dan Kirscht are attending. While at the conference, Dan will inquire if CSC would ever be willing to take this on the road to the St. Cloud Diocese.

**Ministry Moments** – Nothing new. Jane Richmond will give a Ministry Moment after Easter. Brief discussion regarding the “Walking with Moms” group.

**Diocesan Update** – There are a couple of initiatives in the works focused on helping ACCs promote stewardship. It is expected a diocesan podcast may be released. Dianne Towalski is working on this – some ideas being 4 Pillars of Stewardship, Stewardship 101, Biblical Stewardship, and “Why Stewardship?”. Randy noted the diocese sent out a report tiering ACCs by the status of stewardship development. The method of evaluation was unknown, but our Come to the Water ACC was not in the top tier (possibly because St. Nicholas and ICC are in the early stages of formal Stewardship?). The Diocesan committee also drafted a letter for Bishop Neary to review and hopefully sign and send to all priests in our diocese about stewardship.

**Pastoral Council** – Josh is considering promoting the book “Return” by Brandon Vogt. Josh stated it is an excellent book about reaching out and bringing your child that has left the church back, but Josh stated it would be applicable beyond fallen away family members. There is an “All Things New” meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Kensington with the Deanery. Josh also noted the Evangelization Committee is looking for new members. Lastly, Josh noted parishioners will be asked in a couple weeks to nominate individuals for Pastoral Council.

**Legacy Dinner** – Todd is working on building a team to support the event. Planning to start April.

**Miscellaneous** – Todd ordered 150 trees from Douglas County Soil and Water for Arbor Day. A reminder to sign up and promote Fish Fries. Briefly discussed the last time we served Coffee and Rolls, we're not due at the present time.

**Closing Prayer** by the entire Committee around 1:30

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month – 12:00.
- April 10, May 8, June 12