# **OPENING PRAYER**

St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus and faithful spouse of Mary, we choose you today as our patron and intercessor with God. As our parish celebrates 150 years, may we be Grateful for the past, Faithful in the present, and Hopeful for the future. With Mary, our Mother, include our parish among those under your guidance and protection. May we always be numbered among your beloved friends. Amen. St Joseph, pray for us.

**ATTENDANCE**

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| **Pastor** |  | ***Ex Officio* Members** |  |
| Msgr. Gerry Reinersman | X |   | Deanery Pastoral Council: |   |   |  |
|   |   |   |   | Parish Finance Council: |   |   |  |
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| **Parish Administrators** |  | **Lay Council Members** |  |
| Deacon: | Steve Bennett |   | X | Chair: | Brian Stegman | X |   |
| Business Manager: | Tim Dunn | X |   | Vice Chair/Finance: | Mike Emerine |  X |  |
| Principal: | Sue Greis | X |   | Secretary: | Amy Hill | X |  |
| Religious Education: | Vicki Klocke |   | X | Public Relations & Communications: | Brian Hils |  | X |
|  | Steve Fischer |  | X | Planning & Development: | Brian Stegman | X |  |
| Board of Education: | Rick Wolf |  | X | Social Action/Outreach: | Kyle Sebree |  | X   |
|   | Linda Bricking |   |  X | Stewardship/Liturgy & Worship | Hollie Lusby |  | X |
|  |  |  |  | Youth & Family: | CJ Peters | X |  |

**Guests**: None

**Approval of May Minutes**:

Moved by: Mike Emerine Seconded by: CJ Peters

**Old Business**:

None

**REPORTS OF PARISH ADMINISTRATORS**

**Pastor’s Report**:

* See the attached report of Msgr. Reinersman

**Principal’s Report**:

* See the attached report of Mrs. Greis

**Religious Education Report**:

* No report

**Business Manager’s Report**:

* Project Updates:
	+ Replacement windows in library and Memorial Hall was quoted at $11,000.
	+ Replace some lightening in the church.
	+ AC in church repaired, but may need replaced in the future and would require all 4 units to be replaced. Old quote of $60k each
	+ Repairs finishing up will be made to Sister’s House and soffits at school. Cost is $45k
	+ Computer lab AC needs repaired ($5k) and office to also get AC (~$12k)
	+ Telephony system recommended to be updated. Waiting on a quote
	+ Began the process of upgrading to a new website with a new vendor. Hosting is an annual fee of ~$300.
	+ Tuition updates are in progress. Financial aid and Catholic scholarships are needed to complete.

**Board of Education Report**:

* No updates

**REPORTS OF LAY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Finance Report** – *the* *Finance Committee assists the pastor and Parish Council in planning, providing, and supervising the parish financial resources for the current and future needs by utilizing solid and effective financial planning.*

* Have pooled investment gains of ~$400k

**Planning, Development, & Maintenance Report** - *the Maintenance, Planning & Development Committee assists the pastor in developing, planning, and communicating the long-term strategic plans of the parish to meet the present and future needs of its parishioners while effectively utilizing its resources to enhance and maintain the parish plant and facilities****.***

* No report.

**Public Relations & Communications Report** - *the Public Relations & Communications Committee promotes and develops the Parish Family Concept through the celebration of special events and activities that offer opportunities for spiritual growth, and keeps the parish informed utilizing available technology (website & emails)*

* No report

**Social Action & Outreach Report**: *the Social Action and Outreach committee fosters a climate of openness and inclusion among the members of our parish (especially those that do not have children or extended families within the parish), reaches out to those in material and spiritual need, and increases awareness of the available support services.*

* Family Promise wants to get started again
	+ Volunteers would go to the site vs coming here

**Stewardship Report** - *the Stewardship Committee organizes the Time, Talent, and Treasures of our parish and appropriates them accordingly.*

* Jubilee award started this year and given to an 8th grade student at graduation

**Liturgy & Worship Report** - *the Liturgy & Worship Committee enhances and encourages full participation in a prayerful liturgical experience for the assembly while fostering the ongoing conversion and spirit of evangelization in the parish.*

* No report

**Youth & Family Report** - *the Youth & Family Committee welcomes families (particularly those with young children) to participate in fellowship opportunities they provide.*

* Festival was great success. Gross numbers were better than 2019, but don’t have final numbers yet
* October meeting to regroup and thank you event

**New Business:**

* Officials for next year

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, we, as council members, pray for the grace and strength from your Holy Spirit to help us complete the work needed for our parish. Help us to be patient and helpful to each other as we work together with our parish organizations and school to meet the challenges that face us. Never let us forget that what we have in common far outweighs any differences we might have. Guide our efforts so that we might accomplish much in your name for the good of all. Help us to place love and service to God before all else and to show true Christian love to one another. Amen.

**Adjournment**:

Moved by: CJ Peters Seconded by: Mike Emerine

**Next Meeting**: Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7:00pm

**Pastor’s Report**

**August 24, 2021**

**Statement read at Masses weekend of August 21 – 22**

Announced at Mass on August 21 – 22, 2021

Some misunderstanding is present in the community regarding a Civil Action, filed on August 19, challenging the legality of Governor Beshear’s mask mandate for schools in Kentucky. I take this opportunity to inform the parish of the facts of the matter regarding St. Joseph Parish so that you do not have to depend on hearsay or rumors.

The action was filed by a group of parents independently of the Diocese of Covington and St. Joseph Parish. It was filed without any financing, direction or knowledge of the Diocese or the parish. The suit is between the parents and the governor. It will have to play out in the courts.

St. Joseph School, like every Diocesan school, follows the directives of the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools. Therefore, St. Joseph School will be following the Diocese of Covington plans for COVID -19 Return to School Requirements 2021-2022 School Year, which were in place until Governor Beshear issued the executive order mandating masks. Parents of our students have received those plans.

In the meantime, I ask that we join together in prayer for those who have suffered with COVID-19, persons on either side of the mask debate and that we will approach this issue with respect and charity toward one another. Finally, let us continue to work together to accomplish the mission of our school and religious education in St. Joseph Parish.

**JUBILLEE PARISH PICNIC CELEBRATION Sunday, September 19**

To end the Jubilee Year the JC has planned a family friendly, no-cost celebration following the 11:30 Mass until 4:00 or 5:00pm. Bishop Foys will be here to celebrate and preach at the 11:30 Mass.

The Jubilee Committee is **asking for the help of the PPC** with the September 19 celebration. The PPC has “hosted” parish picnics in the past. PPC members are asked to help JC to

* set up tables and chairs, etc. the night before at 6:00pm
* to help serve drinks, help at dessert table, general assistance at the picnic

Who is willing to help make this a wonderful parish celebration? Sign your name and number on paper going around or text Roger Keller at 513 615 0251.

Also, be sure to RSVP if you will be attending.

**Fellowship Sundays**

Once the COVID Delta threat has passed, I would like to resume Fellowship Sundays on the 3rd Sunday of each month. PPC has scheduled parish hosting groups in the past. **Are a couple of council members willing to head this up?**

**Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal – 2021 goal $98,600**

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| As of **July 30** | **482 families** | have committed to **174,524.75** | with rebate of **75,924.75** |

Will use rebate for repairs and upgrades to pipe organ costing $115,000. 2019 rebate ((35,577) and 2020 rebate (35,493) have been set aside; leaving 44,000 of this year’s rebate needed to complete the work.

**WORSHIP and FORMATION**

1. Light A Fire: fresh approach to understanding the Catholic faith, developed by Vicki Klocke and team
2. Biblical study of St. Joseph: The Hidden King, the Jewish Roots of Joseph, led by John Baumann
3. Walking With Purpose: bible study for women is about to begin again
4. Confirmation: making some revisions to have meaningful experiences for candidates and to engage a wider representation of parish
5. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: on Sunday mornings, only 1 candidate at this point

**Consecration and Installation of Rev. John Iffert as the 11th Bishop of Covington Diocese**

3:00pm on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

**Principal’s Report**

School is off to a great start and teachers and students are settling into a good routine.

New initiatives

* WIN in Jr. High
* STREAM lab
* New staff members settled in and doing a great job

Theme: Alive in Christ: Spreading Joy

* Theme teams once again this year
* Assembly Aug. 20 to introduce our focus for the first trimester and introduce our team captains

Diocesan protocols are being followed

Events are going to resume

Coming up

* Vision Night Aug 25
* MAP testing starts Sept 8
* Camp Joy - Sept 12-13
* Book fair is back – week of Sept 20
* PTO Golf Outing – Oct 2