

**Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Parish and Finance Councils of  
St. Isidore Parish of Parisville and Holy Apostles Parish of Ruth  
On October 10, 2024 at St. Mary's Parish Center**

**Present:** Fr. Sunil Pallela, Dorothy Meissner, Kathi Jahn, Debora Messing, Nancy Cleland, Curt Vogel, Richard Messing, Marvin Lamke, Gary Pionk, Kevin Schweitzer, Bret Pionk, Angie Guza, Mike Rutkowski, John Tanton, Melvin Holdwick, Clariiece Creguer, Ron Hiller, Jamie Stolicker, Kevin Dallas, Delores Kramer, Gabriel Holdwick, Patricia Maurer, Joyce Puvalowski and Mandy Kubacki

1. Fr. Sunil opened the meeting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit at 6.00pm
2. The Sextons from Ruth, Parisville, Palms and Forestville reported the policies for winter burials and the policy will be published in the bulletin soon. Fr. Sunil will explain the practical reasons to families as needed for burials in each parish backed by the sextons for future burials in winter.
3. Buildings and Properties in-charges from 3 Churches updated about the status of the buildings and what has been maintained/fixed as needed.
4. Fr. Sunil will host 7 sessions on *'Jesus and the Eucharist'* on Wednesdays 6-8pm from October 30 to December 18 (excluding November 27) at St. Mary's Parish Center, Parisville. Signup sheets for registration will be available and flyers will be displayed on the Church notice board.
5. Recruiting a new part-time Bookkeeper to handle both parishes. Please submit your resume to Fr. Sunil.
6. Fr. Sunil asked for ideas for the Advent and Christmas Masses to help celebrate the holy events. Suggestions were to bring back the Advent wreath in all Churches and encourage the Faith Formation Children participate actively. The timings for Christmas Vigil: 4pm at Ruth and 7pm at Parisville. Christmas Day: 8.30am at Ruth and 10.30am at Palms.
7. Fr. Sunil discussed shifting the parish offices to St. Mary's Parish Center, Parisville by the first week of November. Office hours were suggested to be 9.00am - 1.00pm, Tuesdays through Fridays.
8. The combined Faith Formation classes at Palms Parish Center seem to be going smoothly. Will discuss if another day (Sunday) or time would work better for all Teachers for Faith Formation classes.
9. Fr. Sunil has proposed that there will three Masses celebrated, one in each parish, beginning the **first week of November**: one Mass on Saturday and two Masses on Sunday. This is to accommodate Funerals on Saturday and as winter is arriving with snow, slippery, icy roads, lot of Deer and darkness, for the safety of the parishioners and the priest and difficulty in arranging for substitute priests.

- ❖ The Weekend Mass schedule from November through April will be:
  - 4.00pm Mass at Ruth, 8.30am Mass at Parisville and 10.30am Mass at Palms.

- ❖ The Weekend Mass schedule from May through October will be:
  - 4.00pm Mass at Parisville, 8.30am at Ruth and 10.30am at Palms.

10. Children's offering envelopes will be attached to the coloring page given to them when Fr. Sunil speaks to them at the Altar and then the envelopes can be returned the next week.
11. We are looking for a volunteer to handle Facebook page and parish website for the combined three Churches. An announcement will be published in the bulletin. If interested, contact Father.
12. Contracts for lawn cutting, snow removal and propane were discussed. Each parish has a copy machine, checking contracts to see if one can be cancelled that is not being used and replacing a current machine with a color printer.
13. All recited the Memorare Prayer as the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8.20pm.

- *Minutes reported by Mandy Kubacki*