

**Parish Council Meeting
September 13, 2021**

- **Opening Prayer:** *Father Frank comments & Our Father*
- **Youth Education:** Catechesis is delayed by two weeks due to lack of catechist volunteers, so if you are interested in this important ministry, please sign up. This year the program will have nearly 120 students.
- **RCIA:** 4 People are participating in the RCIA program starting in October. This will be done in partnership with St. Josaphat's and St. Vincent's
- **Baptism Prep:** Lots of baby's being baptized this year! Two last week and three next week!
- **SPRED:** This program is starting again. This next Sunday is the Tootsie Roll mass, so bring money to donate!
- **Ministry Fair:** We will be having a Ministry Fair in October or postponing it to Advent. New Lectors and Eucharistic ministers are needed! Please consider volunteering for this very important ministry! If you are interested, please call the rectory and leave your name/contact information Charisse.
- **Together in Joy:** Is only about eight weeks away. Make sure to get your tickets!
- **St. Teresa's Feast Day:** Sunday, October 17th
- **Stephen's Ministry:** This week-long online training program will be happening this January. The program will train people on how to council/pray with people who are hurting. Look for more to come in the weeks ahead.
- **Night Ministry:** We are starting the Night Ministry program again in November. The parish is encouraging the program to happen twice a month, but details are still being confirmed.
- **Environmental Ministry:** How might we make decisions that allow us to make better, more sustainable decisions? The parish is exploring opportunities to educate parishioners on how to more conscious on their consumption of energy, food, water, etc. New tips to be shared monthly. Additionally, we will be doing an energy audit here at St. Teresa's to understand our energy use and to determine how we might be able to identify long-term solutions like solar energy.
- **Worldwide Synod in Rome:** A synod is a worldwide process for the Catholic Church in which there is a gathering of bishops and theologians to discuss a specific purpose or issue. Ex. Young People, Marriage/Married Life, The Rain Forest. The next worldwide synod will be in 2023 and the topic is: **What does it mean to be a church of a Synod?** (It is a church lead from the bottom-up vs. coming from the top down.) The pope wants participation from every diocese. Questions will be asked to each parish and the answers/feedback will start to formulate the course of action for making this effort come to life. That said, the vision for how this new structure comes to life will be led by the parish laity. Note: While led by the laity, the outcome of the new structure will still be grounded in and align with church doctrine.
- **Evangelization Event (Late Fall):** We will discuss this next month.

- **New Members:** Each Parish Council member to invite one new person to Parish Council.
- **Next Meeting:** October 11th, 7PM
- **Building the New Reality:** Phase 2 of Renew Our Church will be starting this year. The focus will be on evangelization.

- ***Closing Prayer: Amen***