

Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community

Covenant Service Board Minutes Summary – June 1, 2023

Present: Father Mike, Mike Harper, Chris Johnson, Janet Selke, Dan Dusseau, Charlene Cameron, Laura Cleary, Debbie Dilstad.

After an Opening Prayer at 7:30 p.m., Father Mike introduced staff member, Laura Cleary, who is the point of contact for the **Eucharistic Revival**, a national program developed by the Catholic Bishops which is being implemented in the Archdiocese of Washington. The purpose is to revive our devotion to and celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The kickoff at JGS is Covenant Sunday, September 24. It is a 7-week program with small groups on Wednesday evenings and Monday mornings. The core committee meets June 11 and the team will use this summer getting ready for the fall “launch” in our community. To enable as many as possible from our community to participate, the team is looking into babysitting to assist young parents. The goal is to have all age groups participate. Virtual options are also being considered for those on travel and those home-bound.

Part of the success of the Revival depends on personal witness of parishioners: What does the Eucharist mean to you? How important is the Mass to you? Under consideration also is marketing and also “teaching Masses.”

Congratulations were in order for: the completed Centre Restrooms; JGS parishioner, Dawn Nazzaro, has been named as the new interim principal of Cardinal Hickey Academy, succeeding Darlene Kostelnik who retired; to JGS member, Mike Dorsett upon his upcoming ordination as a permanent deacon on June 8, 2023, at the Basilica in Washington.

Father shared plans and opened the discussion about the **Centre Kitchen Renovation**. The present kitchen is original, is about 35 years old, and is in critical need to be upgraded to meet current Calvert County fire, health and safety concerns. Over a year ago, Father formed a *Centre Kitchen Renovation Committee*. A final drawing of the new kitchen is being finalized. With the right contractor, the job is expected to take about six months. Before that can happen, the final costs will be determined. Father shared that while there are some funds in parish savings, the balance will have to be made up through a parish-wide giving campaign. The community will be asked to be extra generous. Before the job begins, the Archdiocese requires at least 75% of the required funds be on hand. Sponsors to help construction costs are being considered. Father mentioned that the kitchen renovation requires the least intrusive time of the year for total closure and this will occur approximately after Easter, 2024 until the early fall. This will be a minor inconvenience that all will work around.

Father reminded all on the Board of the next **Covenant Sunday, September 29, 2023**. The Grover family has graciously agreed to help coordinate, while “passing the baton” to the new president of the Men’s Club, Michael Thompson. The first joint meeting for Covenant Sunday will be in August.

Father shared that **Cardinal Hickey Academy** looks forward to a great new school year this coming fall. The enrollment for CHA is higher than it has been years and financially secure. The next CSB meeting is August 24, 2023. The prayer closed with a short prayer around 9 p.m. led by Father Mike.