St. Basil the Great Church – Pastoral Council

Notes from 10/18/23 Council Meeting

- Jeff Spetrino from the parish Finance Council provided the quarterly update on parish finances.
  - Parish is in good financial health with record receipts in 2023 primarily attributed to additional revenue received through several generous gifts and bequests. Fr. Ryan will speak about these during Masses when he reviews parish finances.
  - Weekly collections remain steady and make up approximately 80% of revenue.
  - St. Basil Golf Outing continues to be very successful in growing the Parish Endowment Fund.
  - Good news is we have the money needed for the renovation plans!
- Renovation Plans
  - Phase I is well underway with many changes already completed…
    - New Tabernacle
    - Bathrooms have been renovated
    - Outside Doors
      - Some doors have been permanently closed
      - Doors have been "frosted" and decorated with beautiful crosses
    - Sound system has been replaced
    - Lighting replacement will begin in January. Church may be closed for a limited time in January, but perhaps not
  - Phase II will take place in January 2025. Church may be closed for 4-5 weeks for the renovations.
    - Sanctuary
    - Baptistry
    - Confessionals
    - Pews
    - Flooring
  - Next Steps
    - Town Hall Meetings to review mock-ups and get feedback
    - Send plans to the Diocese for approval
    - Send plans to architect – cost, etc.
- Note: Wear Parish Council badge to events – Donut Sunday, New Parishioner Lunch, etc.
- What's the Buzz
  - Any thought about putting the library back in the back vestibule where the historical artifacts are currently located?
    - Fr. Ryan and staff will discuss how we want that space used
  - Can we bring back Christmas Day Dinner?
    - The need wasn't there for Christmas Day Dinner.
    - Possibly have a Seniors luncheon during the week of 12/20 instead. Robin is looking into it.
    - Idea – could people host others in their homes instead?
  - Eucharistic Ministers – Need to make sure they are coordinated, and everyone knows where they're supposed to be.