



St. Emily School FSA Notes – September 20, 2022

Attendees: Jen Kottra, Eva Zalewska, Jessica Krams, Christina Carlson, Liliana Monterroso, Raquel Sperka, Ola Dalbiak, Stephanie Pasko-Nelson, Fr. Presta, Karen Booth, Josephine Giannelli, Kelly Rizzo, Josie Favia, Janine Schoen, Caitlin Monoscalco, Lindsay Rudy, Nancy Urbaszewski, Suzette Apao, Angie Theodosopoulos, Donna Perez

I. Call to Order (Jen K) at 7:02pm

II. Prayer (Fr. Presta)

III. Approval of 8/9 Minutes (Donna P) Motioned: Donna Perez, Second: Janine Shoen

IV. Principal's Report (Ms. Booth)

- School Maintenance
 - inside and outside windows washed, top of school has been painted
- August's Back to School event was great - would like to do again next year
- STEM club after school will be available for 1st through 3rd grade
- Red/Blue playground - getting quotes, would like to breakground by Christmas
- Suggestion to Ms. Booth so parents can familiarize SES staff - have poster with pictures and names of all teachers/staff

V. Pastor's Report (Fr. Presta)

- *St. Emily Festival-September 18, 2022*

This past Sunday, we celebrated the feast of our patroness, St. Emily de Rodat. We began with the 11:30 a.m. Mass in honor of St. Emily. We have a new first class relic of St. Emily (a small piece of her bone) that was blessed at the Mass; it is now on display at our statue of St. Emily in the church vestibule. May St. Emily continue to intercede for our parish family before Almighty God, especially for all of our school children.

After the 11:30 Mass, the Festival Celebration continued with food, drink, music and fun. There was a Petting Zoo for the children. There were many raffles in which to bid. There were plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers, polish sausage, meatballs, potato salad, popcorn, ice cream and brownies available for purchase as well as beer, water and soda. There was a DJ as well as a live band for entertainment. There was even a Dunk Tank featuring our beloved Fr. Hank getting dunked a few times during the afternoon! The Festival was a great parish family fest! I am so pleased that so many of our parishioners were able to join us for a beautiful afternoon to celebrate our parish feast day.

- *Children's Choir Masses to return in the fall*

Mary Caldroni is inviting our St. Emily students to join the Children's Choir. The Choir will be singing on a monthly basis at the 5 pm Saturday Mass. St. Augustine says, "When you sing, you pray twice." Encourage your children to sing at our monthly Children's Choir Masses here at St. Emily's.

- *Altar Server Training*

Fr. Hank is encouraging all our children to become Altar Servers. He is training all veteran and new servers, Grades 5 through 12. Please contact David Mika (dmikla@stemily.org) if your child would like to be trained as an Altar Server.

- *Five Mundelein seminarians assigned to St. Emily Parish for 2022-2023*
- Deacon Evan Glowzinski, 4th Theology , Archdiocese of Atlanta;
- Deacon Matthew Howard, 4th Theology, Archdiocese of Atlanta;
- Nicholas Baker, 3rd Theology, Diocese of Grand Rapids.
- Joshua Miller, 3rd Theology, Co-sponsored by Archdiocese for Military Services and the Diocese of Fairbank, Alaska
- Raymond Grieshaber, 1st Theology, Archdiocese of Chicago
- *Our new church sanctuary floor*

After seven weeks of hard work, our church sanctuary floor project has been completed. I want to thank DaPrato-Rigali Studios in Chicago for their excellent work on the flooring. The Rigali family is well known for their fine church work that involves marble. Five years ago, they created our new marble altar, ambo, cantor podium, baptismal font and Paschal Candle stand for our church. The beautiful marble that now surrounds the tabernacle offers our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament a special place of reverence and respect as you pray in our church.

A word of special thanks to the Lazzara family for their outstanding gift to our parish family. We are so grateful to them for this magnificent gift to St. Emily's.

VI. Finance Report (Stephanie P)

- Current Balance at \$4,014.88

VII. Updates

- Lou Malnati's Certificates (Nancy U)
 - End date: Friday, September 30th
 - \$2,600 in sales as of 9/20/22
- Dessert Days (Jen K + Angie T)
 - Kick off date: Wednesday, September 28th
 - End date: Wednesday, October 12th

- Delivery date: TBD (will be in time for Thanksgiving)
 - Need volunteers to sort pies and distribute on pickup day in Hadju Hall
- Upcoming Dine and Shares (Vic M)
 - September: Culvers - Thursday, 9/22 from 5:00-9:00pm
 - October: Mugs Pizza and Ribs
 - Teachers' Night at McDonald's not set up yet, target for Catholic Schools week
- Hot Lunch (Janine + Christina)
 - 1st Hot Lunch went well - 130 students ordered (~50% of students)
 - Took 5 minutes to deliver, no extra carts needed, one for each wing
 - Note: Lunch volunteers still needed
- Room Parents (Lindsay R)
 - Will be requesting a \$15 room fee plus teacher luncheon donation
- October Teacher Luncheon (Jen K)
 - Date: Tues, Oct 11th at noon
 - Theme: Mediterranean - Pita Inn
 - Note: don't forget to offer meatless options
 - Volunteer to decorate teachers' lounge → Kelly, Ola, Josephine
 - Volunteer to set up / clean up
- Baby Bottle Fundraiser (Janine S)
 - Oct 14-16 - need volunteers to handout bottles after church
 - Send note to David Mika/Mary Caldron for posting to parish bulletin
- School Supply Kits (Angie T)
 - sold 53 kits and made \$159
 - recommendations to include flyer with annual registration materials
 - recommendations to have school supply list pulled together earlier and include specific dimensions for supplies (i.e pencil case box)
- Santa's Workshop (Sue A)
 - Dates: November 14-18
 - Student shopping is done during school hours
 - Save the Date sent in Wed News on 9/21
 - Volunteers need
 - setup either night before or morning of event
 - assist with replenishing merchandise, cashier, communications, customer service

VIII. Trunk or Treat

- Sunday, October 30th from 3:00-4:30 pm in north parking lot
 - games + concessions = 3:00-4:00pm
 - trunk or treating = 4:00-4:30pm
 - will have gift cards for Best Trunk or Treat decorations (3 winners)
- Decorations - tablecloths, paper cups, paper plates, napkins (all Halloween themed) ~secure 200 of each items
- Punch Cards - Lindsay R
 - raffle tickets for those that complete punch card (Jen K)
 - need hole punchers x 5 (FSA members will bring)
 - raffle winners receive Uniform Pass x 5 winners
- Concessions - Caitlin M
 - free treat for ALL kids: apple cider + donuts
- Music - DJ Brian Schoen

- Taffy Apples - Angie T
 - pricing = Plain:\$2.25 / Sprinkles or Chocolate Chip: \$2.50
 - Sale dates = 10/5-10/14 (pre order only)
 - pickup Friday, 10/28 or at event; leftover orders delivered to class on 10/31
 - October 5th communication to families; Orders due October 14th
- Games (5 total)
 - Hit the Cans – decorated cans (Lindsay) + bean bags
 - Pumpkin Sweep Relay Race – straw brooms (Nancy) + mini pumpkins → Monster Potato Sack Races – sacks (Nancy)
 - Eyeball Pong – Halloween buckets (Jen) + eyeball ping pong balls (Jen) → Witch Hat Ring Toss – witches’ hats + rings
 - Seventh & Eighth grade students will run the games for service hours

IX. Breakfast with Santa (Jen K)

- Saturday, December 10th in Hajdu Hall
- 2019 Details
 - 2 seatings: 8:00-9:30am or 10:30-12:00pm – reservations first come, first serve basis / tables of 8 ~150 each session
 - Pricing: \$15.00 for adults / \$10.00 children ages 3-12 / Free children 2 and under
 - breakfast: pancakes, eggs, sausage, and donuts
 - Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Ideas for 2022
 - should we hire a santa? Yes, hire Santa (Ms. Booth will check if needs to be Virtus trained) (Caitlin will investigate)
 - vendor for food? (Katie’s Kitchen, Annie’s Pancake House, Sunrise Grill, Jelly Cafe) (Nancy U will solicit quotes)
 - decorations for tables? (Eva/Jessica will handle)
 - activities/goodie bags for kids? (Lindsay/Caitlin/Christina volunteered)
 - photo booth? Yes, can check FSA closet for materials

X. Adjourn at 8:37pm by Jen K

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18th in Hajdu Hall at 7:00pm
- Closing Prayer: Glory Be (Fr. Presta)