

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
December 9, 2019

Attendees: Jon Ciccozzi, Nancy Delac, Jodi Januszewski, Mike Kelley, Scott Kimble, David Konopinski, Father Joe Mamich, Jason Pokorny, Susan Rath, Jude Siefker, Matthew Tortorici Thomas Uthup, and Kathy Wright

Guests: Joe Menkhaus

Called to Order: Scott Kimble called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm and led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the October meeting were approved as submitted with the correction that Jason Pokorny reported on Community :Life. Kathy Wright made the motion, with Mike Kelly seconding it.

Father Joe addressed the Parish Council in regard to the event on Thursday regarding Bob McWilliams: “Thursday morning’s events will shape us, but together with God we can work to ensure that they do not define us. Please know that law enforcement arrived that morning and executed their search warrant very specifically for Fr. Bob’s personal living areas and office. Their search removed specific items as has already been reported both in the Diocesan press release and through news outlets. None of those items belong to St. Joseph Parish and everything seized was found in his personal space. While here, the Diocese was called and made aware that law enforcement was present and involved in a search. The 2003 policy of the Diocese was enacted and Fr. Bob was immediately placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of this civil investigation. While on administrative leave, he cannot present himself or function as a priest anywhere. He may not be present on our property at any time and must arrange to have his possessions moved out of the Rectory and Parish Offices. This is no longer his residence, he is no longer assigned to our parish and even if found innocent, will not return here.” A lengthy discussion followed in regard to the incident. There is a meeting scheduled on Tuesday at 6:30 pm in Mc Graw Hall and all parishioners, parents of children attending St. Joseph and John School are invited to attend.

Commission of the Month Report: Matt Tortorici reported that Spiritual Life has had been discussing the following subjects 1)MINISTRY UPDATES: Adoration the first Sunday of Advent every Monday from 9-12 and Wednesday 4-7 designated for Family Friendly “not so quiet holy hours.” December 17 kid-friendly holy hour with music: Legion of Mary annual reunion on December 8th 2)ORGAN DEDICATION CEREMONY great turnout and reception afterwards: 3)PETER'S SHADOW healing service to be held February 19th, 2020,from 5:30 to 9:30. Feedback is requested from Parish Council about spiritual book promotion.

Pastor's Reports: The preliminary numbers of the budget offertory - \$6,569 better than budget; maintenance and repair - \$14,357 better than budget. Overall budget surplus - \$61,026. Planning some kind of social event twice a year is the best idea yet. Presently they are welcomed with a card and magnet with St. Joe’s telephone numbers and mass times. Two hundred fifty-four new parishioners joined our parish this year. There is a list of parishioners who are ready to make welcome calls. Perhaps they could offer to accompany them to mass or perhaps the coffee and

donuts. New parishioners could be asked if they have special needs or if they would like a fellow parishioner to contact them. The organ blessing and prayer service that was scheduled for November 17th at 6:30 pm went well.

Closing Prayer: Scott led the group in Closing Prayer and the Our Father. He then adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak