

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
October 14, 2019

Attendees: Mike Kelley, Scott Kimble, David Konopinski, Father Joe Mamich, Jason Pokorny, Thomas Uthup, and Kathy Wright

Excused: Jon Ciccozzi, Nancy Delac, Jodi Januszewski, Susan Rath Jude Siefker, Matthew Tortorici.

Guests: Joe Menkhaus & Kathy Wolf

Called to Order: Scott Kimble called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the August 12th meeting were approved as submitted. Thomas Uthup made the motion, with Kathy Wright seconding it.

Commission of the Month Report: Kathy Wolf reported that the Liturgy commission was responsible for the new hymnals as well as being active in the purchase of the new organ, to name a few. The commission's new goals have all been addressed. Mass posture and notes in the bulletin were important issues addressed. Father Joe has been actively involved with the commission leadership, particularly with articles of interest. Eucharistic Ministers are needed for several masses, but they should be recommended by their peers. Seventh and eighth graders will be trained to serve in funeral masses. Kathy expressed thanks to Linda Zvoncheck for her timeless efforts. She had our faith mentors last year. Perhaps a pre-school PSR and a special needs PSR could be organized. The Young adults group usually turns out as a dating evening. If anyone is interested in fund raising for any of the commissions, please refer to ZOUP! website.

Commission Reports from Liaison:

Community Life: David Konopinski reported he was unable to attend but only 4-5 people attended their meeting.

Liturgy: Kathy Wright commented on revisiting the santus bells and balancing the new and old ways. A discussion on ethnic differences in Strongsville followed as well as the possible need for more ethnic masses within the city. Since Vatican II the focus is on the altar. A discussion on the changes in the church since Vatican II followed. Every priest who is trained in the Latin mass is permitted to serve

Spiritual Life: David Konopinski reported that the count of attendees of Eucharistic Adoration is down, but the possible reason is that they are not signing in. Most spiritual life members believe in substantiation. Thirty two percent of men and 29% of women believe in it. Father Joe would like to purpose two years of blood of life (John 6) . RCIA has had a good number baptized. Coming events: Thirty three days of morning and glory and rosary on the Commons.

Social Concerns: Father Joe reported that 21 people attended the meeting the end of September. The top three identified priorities are: 1)Leadership; 2)Define the role of the commission; 3)Getting more parishioners involved. Nine people are interested in working on these and are expected to attend four meetings to accomplish these goals. The next meeting is November 18 in the HFC. The objectives of Social Concerns is educate, collaborate, work, share, evaluate.

Pastor's Reports: Mass attendance is counted the first two weeks in October and so far, indications are that Mass attendance is up as well as the collections. The preliminary numbers of the budget as of September 30, 2019: offertory - \$5,043 better than budget; maintenance and repair - \$3,107 better than budget. Overall budget surplus - \$27,804. As of today, Sunday collections are around \$11,000 better than budget. A discussion followed regarding what is the best way to welcome new members of our parish. Planning some kind of social event twice a year is one idea. 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 is scheduled for November 17th at 6:30 pm followed by a light reception.

Seminarian student Joe Menkhaus reported that he would like to be involved in a healing ministry. A healing service lead by Peter's Shadow will be held February 19th. A training will be held prior to that date to train members of our parish how to pray for healing. Perhaps residents of Vitalia and Generations could be transported to the service.

Closing Prayer: Scott led the group in Closing Prayer and the Our Father. He then adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak