

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

April 11, 2022

Attendees: Nancy Delac, Father Joe Mamich, Tony Manning, Bob Mathas, Jude Siefker, Peggy Slavik, Matt Tortorici, Thomas Uthup, Alex Tomlinson and Greg Savel, Jodi Januszewski and Jason Pokorny

Guests: Dell Sherman

Excused: Nancy Piatak, Dave Hildebrand

Called to Order: Nancy Delac called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were approved. Thomas Uthorp and Ton made the motion, seconded by Tony Manning.

Commission Report:

- **Commission???**
 - St. Ambrose
 - Baby Bottle Drive on Mothers day's
 - KofC –
 - Food Drive for Ukraine – need a new food box
 - Fair Trade –coming back in October
- Youth
- Liturgy
- Spiritual Life
- Community Life
 - Golf Outing – August 6th – planning that
 - Bus Tours – upcoming
- December Follow Ups – None
- Called for More
 - Diocesan – 600,000 register Catholics in Diocese, 27,000 Responded
 - Went over the highlights
 - 11x more likely to come to parish if recommended pastor
 - Leadership of parishes hold a huge sway in parish success
 - Highest % of people attending Mass on monthly/quarterly basis
 - Catholics need to do a better job at telling personal stories/evangelizing
 - 75% of parishioners have never gone to a retreat
 - 85% of Catholics have never asked someone to consider religious life, 86% have never asked someone to consider priesthood.
 - St. Joes: 68% of St. Joe's recommend our parish,
 - 75% recommend out pastor
 - 58% of parishioners strongly agree with financial openness
 - 24% strongly agree with parish involvement in neighborhood
 - 73% strongly agree in Body and Blood
 - Sharing our story is in line with diocese
- Synod 2022
 - 3 parish wide meetings and youth group did their own
 - St. Joe's never offered virtual
 - Will revisit Synod results in June meeting
- Update on Sunday Mass Schedule and Photo Directory
 - Based on attendance comparing 2009 vs 2019 numbers
 - St. John's is changing to 9am and 11am. Will not overlap St. John's
 - Leaning towards 8am and 10:30am

- Some surveys have been invalid due to write in mass times (roughly 7 so far
 - There have been a lot of hard copy surveys, but they have all been entered online
 - It was voted to NOT do a photo directory
- Discussion of Discernment Process
 - Members with term ending:
 - Nancy Delac, Greg Savel (extending term), Matt Tortoricci, Thomas Uthup
 - Date: May 31st at 7:00 PM
 - Need a few volunteers to assist –
 - Email Nancy or Alex if available
- Pastor Remarks
 - Finances – As of 2/28
 - Offertory \$35,350 –
 - Maintenance/ Repair \$8404
 - Overall Operating Surplus \$169,271
 - \$87,000 is from Heart of the Shepherd
 - Still registering new Faith Direct
 - In pew donations up as well
 - 75th Anniversary – Moving forward – Saturday June 11th
 - No tickets, will have seating chart
 - Can take up to 300 People
 - Reception - Sunday June 26th
 - Hour devours
 - Invited all living priests and sisters from the parish
- Open Forum
 - Tony – How do we have a shortage of servers?
 - Half students belong to St. John's and covid delay training for 2 years
 - 19 servers in training
 - Petitions – Thought of putting in petition for putting in pray for life from birth to natural death
 - Only drawback is we use a service that gives us weekday petitions
 - *Suggestion- open weekday masses up to “open” petitions – in the chapel
 - Talk about going back to daily mass at chapel?
 - Possibly Summer
 - Is chapel mass attendance seasonal?
 - Thought on large screen for music/singing being installed in the church?
 - Fr. Joe is against due the way the church would look
 - Seems like there is a lack of singing in the parish, especially at different masses
 - *Suggestion to go back to tried/true songs that people know to get people to get singing more
 - Coffee and Donuts – Trying to bring it back.
 - Thought to open up the HFC just to allow people to gather after mass
 - Trying again after the mass time change
 - Ask for new volunteers
 - Funeral Lunch – Trying to start it back up as well
 - Only 1 person to run it
 - Trying to have a rotation of people who could run it
 - The question was asked if mass schedule change was from attendance/ Fr. Kevin's future?
 - Fr. Kevin's 4 year assignment is scheduled to conclude June of 2024.
 - Diocese is losing 23 pastors by 2023
 - Thank you to outgoing members from Fr. Joe
- Meeting ended at 8:36pm

- Closing Prayer
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Next Meeting – Monday, June 27, 2022