

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – Jan. 7, 2016

Members Present: Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Ryan Siegel, Lexe Volk, Anne Wend, Mary White, Olivia Norris, Charmaine Owens, Deacon Rupp, and Fr. John

Opening Faith Reflection offered by Charmaine Owens.

Fr. John's Report:

- The Ministry Fair is Jan. 16 & 17.
- Fr. John will be at Mundelein for a workshop later this month.
- Rob Johnson will be at St. Charles from Feb. through May.
- It is 5 weeks until Lent. Stations will be at 7pm on Friday evenings. The pork chop dinner is Feb. 5, and the Fish Frys will start after that.
- There are some concerns about the choir being able to hear the lector during the Mass. The choir members present believe that it is a problem that can be addressed by reminding the lector to speak directly into the mic.
- Wayne Neese is retiring, and Ray Kuznicki will be our new Maintenance person.
- A meeting to address stewardship and discipleship in the diocese will soon be held. Representatives from each parish are asked to attend. Matthew Mittelstaedt, Ed & Rosie Schniers, Matt Piescinski, and Ramona Tomshack will be participating from St. Charles.
- The Advent Mission has been set for Dec. 4-6, 2016. Fr. John is going to make contact with a potential speaker.

Charmaine's Report:

- The Tuesday Epic Study on the History of the Church had 23 people in attendance.
- Once again this Lent, we will be offering the "Living the Eucharist" small groups.

Deacon Rupp's Report:

- The Sunday morning Bible study after the 8:30 Mass is ongoing.
- He is also continuing with his monthly newsletter, RCIA, Religious Ed. and home visits.

Youth Report:

- A Timothy Retreat will be held in Feb. It is a requirement for the Confirmation class.

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Youth Report Continued:

- NCYC was a great success. The youth enjoyed Fr. Arisman's leadership.
- December was not too busy, but they did help with the Epiphany dinner.
- Dates for skiing are being set.
- They will sell baked goods at the Fish Frys.

Old Business:

- Lexe reported that the directories are mostly distributed. They will be on sale after the 5pm Mass and in the office. The price is \$10.
- Mary, Matt, and Deb met regarding the details for the Jubilee Year of Mercy and how St. Charles can provide opportunities to celebrate the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy all year.
- The Parish cookbook will move forward. Mary has started the process.

New Business:

- John Schmitz and Cay Kolling both retired at the end of their terms on the Pastoral Council. There will be a booth at the Ministry Fair to look for potential new members.
- The Works of Mercy Day will be June 4, following the 8:30am Mass. More details will be available later.
- The Parish Picnic Dinner and Mass will be June 11 at 4pm.
- Corpus Christi is May 29. There will be more discussion on this topic next month.

Closing: Fr. John

Faith Reflection Assignment: Matthew Mittelstaedt

Next meeting: February 3 @ 7:00 pm