

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – Aug. 1, 2018

Meeting was held in the church hall.

**Members Present:** Jeff & Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Holly Higgins, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Christina Yousaf, Deacon Jeff Beals, and Fr. Hyland.

**Opening Faith Reflection** offered by Jeff Coon

### Fr. Hyland's Report:

- Renovations of the lower level are on schedule: tuck pointing finished and gutter placement are in process.
- Lower level tile removal is being done and classroom doors will have windows in compliance with "Protecting God's Children."
- Mass count has been steady 290-300 attending both Masses at St. Charles. Newman is not included in the count. June and July show less attendance on average. Father is trying to determine trends in comparing 2017 & 2018 attendance.

### Deacon Jeff Beal's Report:

- DAEC conference scheduled for Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 in Decatur. Encourage catechists to attend.
- RCIA - new inquiry is beginning.
- Religious education begins Sept. 16. Recruitment is underway for teachers.
- Restore Order – letters will be mailed to parents whose children will be receiving sacraments of initiation in the new order. Fr. Hyland will give a homily as to the 5 year process of the Restore order and catch up by children in the 3rd through 5th grades in receiving sacraments. Children will not be receiving any sacraments this coming school year. Communion, Confirmation will be received at the same Mass the following school year.
- Scripture Study - Little Rock Scripture study to begin in September.

### Youth Report:

- Catholic Heart Work Camp – 15 attendees (Kevin & Karie Blatnik / Eva Higgins were chaperones).
- Vacation Bible School – 25 attendees with 15 High School helpers.
- Ark in Kentucky on Aug. 5th – 16 attending.
- Bible Study to start after pancake breakfast in September.
- Service for the youth group included VBS, K of C Lemon shake up helpers, Fair gate admission, Pancake Breakfast.

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### Youth Report continued:

- Youth Group went to Holiday World and rafting this summer.

### Old Business:

- Infant of Prague Renovation – Committee still discussing and are requesting additional members for input.
- Statues in the lower level need to be addressed. Some are in poor shape.
- Adult Catechesis – Deb Cuddy gave a list of topics that adult religious education classes may be interested in discussing. Topics would be 4-5 week intervals occurring on Sunday evenings depending on parishioner interest because space may be limited due to HS group meeting on Sunday evenings. Format of the classes was also discussed but nothing finalized. Last meeting, Fr. Hyland felt St. Charles needs to offer more adult religious education classes so parents/adults get more involved in their faith.
- Advent Mission – Fr. Hyland is researching a speaker for the Advent Mission. He has a seminary friend who may come and speak on a Marian topic but needs to coordinate with him. Tentative dates are December 9, 10, 11.

### New Business:

- Environment/Maintenance Ministries – discussion was held on parishioner comments about the church environment (inside and outside) looking substandard and should the environment/maintenance committee do some cleanup. Ray heads up the committee and has been busy with projects involved with the flooding from last spring. The group wanted more information as to specific comments about the church grounds/building appearance. Some cleanup can be done immediately calling together the maintenance ministry volunteers, most likely this fall.
- Parish Picnic (Fox Ridge) possible dates are Oct. 6 or Oct. 13, need to contact Knights for cooking.
- Roy Lanham asked if Sept. 22, Saturday 5:00 pm Mass can be celebrated at Newman Center. Newman is having Oktoberfest that weekend along with EIU Family Weekend.

**Closing Prayer** was offered by Fr. Hyland

**Faith Reflection Assignment:** Deb Cuddy

**Next meeting:** September 5 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by:

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