

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – Dec. 7, 2018

Members Present: Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Kathy Hussey, Bernie Jackson, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Mindi O'Rourke, Christina Yousaf, Deacon Jeff Beals, and Fr. Hyland.

Opening Faith Reflection – N/A

Fr. Hyland's Report:

- Getting ready for Advent Mission Dec. 9-11.
- The diocese is changing Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA) collection process. Instead of collection in the final quarter of the year, the collection will be linked to tithing among parishioners and payments will be made throughout the year by the parish. Parish councils need to develop a plan to encourage giving. This change was developed to encourage financial stewardship.

Deacon Jeff Beal's Report:

- RCIA – 2 new inquiries of which both have been baptized.
- Working on recruiting substitute teachers for Religious Education.
- Scripture Study beginning in February with the Gospel of John.

Youth Report:

- Dec. 7 – Youth Mass
- Religious Education has 24 high schoolers attending.
- Bible Study continues.
- High Schoolers went to Chicago to go Laser Tagging Extreme.

Old Business:

- Advent Mission – Dec. 9, 10, 11.

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Old Business Continued:

- Infant of Prague Statue – contractor sent detail drawings of the statue and the associated niche (includes walls, floors, statue repair). Candles for the niche will be purchased at a later date. Project should be completed by spring.
- Epiphany Dinner – Sunday, Jan. 6th at 12:30 pm. Parish Council will coordinate the event. Sign-up sheets were put up in the vestibule. Several people have volunteered to help with the event. EIU choir and St. Charles youth choir will sing. Need 3 young men to dress as 3 kings for the event.

New Business:

- Ministry Fair – after weekend Masses Feb. 23-26. Need to reach out to various ministries for any needed clarification of their mission.
- Vocational Meeting for any young men interested in entering the priesthood Dec. 27 at Villa Maria in Springfield.
- Jo & Jeff Coon will be stepping down from the Pastoral Council after the ministry fair. Deb Cuddy remains the chairperson. Mindi O'Rourke is the new secretary.

Closing Prayer was offered by Fr. Hyland.

Faith Reflection Assignment: Christina Yousaf

Next meeting: January 9 @ 6:30 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by:
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