

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – May 2, 2018

Meeting was held in the church hall. April meeting cancelled due to lower level flooding.

**Members Present:** Jeff & Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Abby Geisler, Derek Hennig, Kathy Hussey, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Mindi O'Rourke, Logan Williams, Christina Yousaf, Deacon Jeff Beals, and Fr. Hyland.

**Opening Faith Reflection** offered by Kathy Hussey.

### Fr. Hyland's Report:

- Lightning Strike – Getting bids to repair steeple. Damage throughout the lower level of the church due to sump pump malfunction causing flooding. Phone system damaged as well. Discussed possible grounding of steeple.
- March Mass attendance was down. April Mass count not available. Estimate an average of 250-300 people between the 2 Masses on the weekend.

### Deacon Jeff Beal's Report:

- Religious Education for this year has ended. It was necessary to rearrange the classrooms for the final round of classes due to the lower level flooding.
- Catechists are needed for next school year.
- Confirmation Retreat was April 7. Brian Pekovitch was the facilitator. Confirmation was April 27, with 22 young adults receiving the sacrament. A reception followed Mass.
- First Communion is May 6 with 10 children receiving the sacrament. Communion Retreat was April 28.
- Formulating next school year calendar.
- RCIA – 6 people joined the church this Easter Vigil.
- Completing Safe Environment Audit – includes training sessions for all church volunteers.
- Restore Order – the new synod developed changes in the order sacraments are received.
- Enrichment Conference – Sept. 30, 2018 at the Decatur Convention Center.

### Youth Report:

- 27 high school students attended classes in April.
- 2nd Sunday of the month is HS Youth Mass except in summer.
- 3 Service projects included Lenten Fish Frys, Passion Play, and SCW Rummage Sale.
- Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 9-12.
- High School went paint balling. Junior High went Rock climbing / trampoline.

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- Infant of Prague Renovation – Committee is looking at restoration companies in Peoria and Chicago. Pictures of the statue were sent but no response received. The statue cannot be dismantled so it needs to be transported as a whole which may be costly. The niche needs lighting, plaster work, and painting done to it.
- Parish Work Day – May 19. Will begin with 8:00 am Mass followed by a blessing and task assignments. Volunteers and work projects are needed. Hope to be done by noon.
- Summer Celebration
  - \* Date – June 9<sup>th</sup> after 5:00 pm Mass
  - \* Menu – pork chop, baked potato, green beans, and salad. Knights are cooking.
  - \* Baker's Auction – Jo and Mindi will email and call bakers. Reducing the number of auction tables from 3 to 2.
  - \* Basket Raffle – Deb and Kathy requesting various church groups to assemble 12 baskets around specific themes.
  - \* Bulletin announcements will begin.
  - \* Proceeds from the celebration will be used to purchase children's bibles for Religious Education classes.
  - \* Set up & Clean Up – need youth group and Squires.

### Dates to Note:

- May 19 – Parish Work Day
- June 2 – Corpus Christi
- June 9 – Summer Celebration

### New Business:

- New Members – Christina Yousaf welcomed as a new member. Logan Williams and Abby Geisler welcomes as youth members.
- Corpus Christi Procession – after 5:00 pm Mass on June 2.
- Christmas Midnight Mass Time – discussion was held to change Mass time. The Council felt that the Mass time was sufficient at this time. No change will be made currently.
- Day of Prayer for Life at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis – People are needed to attend this prayer celebration from St. Charles June 27<sup>th</sup> (5–6:00 pm prayer time). Mass is at 7:30 pm.

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

**Faith Reflection Assignment:** Matthew Mittelstaedt

**Next meeting:** June 6 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by:

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