

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – Oct. 3, 2018

Meeting was held in the church lower level.

Members Present: Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Holly Higgins, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Mindi O'Rourke, Deacon Jeff Beals, and Fr. Hyland.

Opening Faith Reflection offered by Matthew Mittelstaedt.

Fr. Hyland's Report:

- Renovations – Almost complete, new phone and internet system to be installed and trained on Oct. 22.
- Adult Catechesis – Sunday Night Scholars begins Oct. 28 and runs for 4 weeks. There is a conflict on one Sunday with a St. Vincent de Paul fundraiser.
- Mass attendance report/comparison graph of 2017-2018 was distributed and discussed.
- Oct. 7 Life Chain at Morton Park 2-3 p.m.
- Synod Implementation – Fr. Hyland requested that council review the bishop's letter "Art of Living & Dying in God's Grace." He stated that Bishop Paprocki will be visiting all diocesan parishes in the coming year and will most likely have a conversation with Council of steps the parish has taken in this implementation.
- Prayer Service – Friday, Oct. 5 for repentance and healing. Also first Friday of the month.

Deacon Jeff Beal's Report:

- RCIA – new inquiry is beginning. One person inquired.
- Religious Education – Need substitute teachers for classes. Registered children 59 Elementary, 23 High School. Second grade series chosen for Religious Ed is "Angels Among Us" which begins the RESTORE ORDER series.
- DAEC – discussion on bullying was presented by the Attorney General's Office; spoke of the many dangers of cyberbullying and bullying in general.
- SACIS to present safe environment training.
- Children's Bibles – new books being used regularly.
- Religious Education Kick-off Pancake breakfast – Sept. 9 – good turnout.
- Bible Study – 18 people, continues for 3 weeks.

Youth Report:

- Spiritual – High School Bible Study – 10-12 high schoolers attended.
- Religious Education has 24 high schoolers attending.

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Youth Report continued:

- Service – distributed calendars, helped parishioner move, helped with Religious Education Pancake Breakfast.
- Fun – Ropes course in Carlinville and Haunted House.

Old Business:

- Infant of Prague Renovation: Drawings of the niche have been completed. Candles have been discussed but not finalized. The niche needs electricity/outlet. Ray Kuznicki needs to be involved with this decision. Replacing the entire statue is cost prohibitive. Adams Memorial recommends replace the crosses for about \$500 or less.
- Advent Mission: Fr. Mark Augustine will be speaker for Advent Mission. He is a seminary friend of Fr. Hyland. The topic is "Behold Your Mother." Scheduled dates are December 9, 10, 11. Council will get ministries to host fellowship after the mission. Council will host the last night with a wine & cheese theme.
- Parish picnic scheduled for Oct. 6 at Lincoln Log Cabin after Mass. Pot luck dinner with the K of C grilling chicken & hot dogs. Last minute details were discussed.
- Epiphany Dinner – Terry Coulton will put an announcement in the bulletin. Looking for people to help put this together. Christina and Terry will be available to help as they are stepping down.
- St. Charles Feast Day – Sunday, Nov. 4 at noon. This event is coordinated by the Council with KC cooking. Details were discussed.

New Business:

- St. Charles Bazaar / Newman Night – Saturday, Nov. 10. Council has decided to donate a Thanksgiving themed basket for the silent auction. Newman Night donations will be of council member's choice.

Closing Prayer was offered by Deacon Jeff

Faith Reflection Assignment: Jo Coon

Next meeting: November 7 @ 6:30 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by:

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