

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – Apr. 5, 2016

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

Opening Faith Reflection offered by Deacon Rupp.

Fr. John's Report:

- Discussion on Lent and Holy Week and the different opportunities of prayer and learning.
- Rob Johnson will be with us until May 13.

Charmaine's Report:

- Religious Education is coming to a close.
- Final preparation is underway for First Communion and Confirmation, both to be celebrated in May.
- The confirmation program "Chosen" has had positive results.
- A grant is being completed for more adult enrichment programs.

Deacon Rupp's Report:

- Continues to work with 6th grade Religious Education.
- There was a good turnout for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Youth Report:

- All age groups worked the bake sales.
- March was dedicated to the Passion Play which turned out well.
- The following outings are planned:
 - * Paint ball in April.
 - * Trip to Chicago for a Segway tour in June.

Old Business:

- Jubilee Year of Mercy articles continue in bulletin. Matt and Jim will take care of May – Comfort the Sick and Visit the Afflicted. June is Shelter the Homeless. Joel at Hedwig Haus will be contacted to write this article.
- Parish Cookbook – More recipes are needed for the Parish Cookbook. Currently, about 14 people have submitted them, and our goal is to have 50.
- The Parish Work Day is June 4. There is some interest already. People should contact a council member or call the office if they have a need.
- The Summer Celebration is Saturday, June 11 following the 4:00 pm Mass.
 - * Proceeds will benefit the Rectory Renovation.

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Old Business Continued:

- * Ryan is working on the meal, Deb and Mary on the baskets, John Schmitz and Charmaine on the baker's auction, and Lexe on the posters
- * There will be a quilt raffle.
- * Plates and forks will be provided for people to share the bakery items.

New Business:

- The local contractors are ready to work on the new Baptismal Font, but there has been a delay in the manufacturing of the actual font. Charmaine is checking into the timeline on this.
- The Corpus Christi Procession is May 29. We would like additional banners so that all of the ministries are represented.
- The choir will be singing at the Cathedral in Springfield for Mass and offer a concert at Blessed Sacrament Church in Springfield both on May 1.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Rupp

Faith Reflection Assignment: Charmaine Owens

Next meeting: May 4 @ 7:00 pm