

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – Jan. 3, 2018

Meeting was held in the lower level of the church.

Members Present: Jeff and Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Derek Hennig, Kathy Hussey, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Mindi O'Rourke, Anne Wend, Deacon Jeff Beals, and Fr. Hyland

Opening Faith Reflection offered by Jo Coon.

Fr. Hyland's Report:

- Fr. Bernard Olszewski from Cross Catholic Outreach will celebrate Masses the weekend of Jan. 6-7. He will speak on the topic of helping the underprivileged overseas. Fr. Hyland will be at a conference that weekend.
- Epiphany dinner scheduled for Jan. 7 has been cancelled due to repairs on pipes freezing in the parish hall. Discussion for promoting the dinner for next year was discussed as sign-up was low.
- Christmas Mass attendance was up (approx. 620 last year / 778 this year).

Deacon Jeff's Report:

- Mardi Gras Breakfast scheduled for Feb. 11.
- Catechist Appreciation breakfast – Feb. 4.
- ACRE Test for 5th & 11th grades will be administered. 8th grade will be omitted due to Confirmation.
- Discussion on Restore Order of Sacraments was held which is a realignment of the reception of sacraments to parish youth. The change is due to the Diocesan Synod changes. St. Charles religious education will need realignment because of the change.
- Lenten Programs
 - * Consists of (4) DVD Topics.
 - * The programs can be checked out/returned/shared with other small groups.
 - * Study guides will be prepared by Deacon Jeff.
- RCIA
 - * 7 people have inquired.
 - * A meal is scheduled for Jan. 6 for sponsors/inquirers to meet and get to know each other.
 - * Jan. 21 is the Rite of Acceptance.

Youth Report:

- Angie Buescher emailed a list of various activities the Youth Group have done and have scheduled for the future. 30 HS Students are participating. Youth Masses are scheduled for the second Sunday of the month.

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Old Business:

- Infant of Prague renovation discussion tabled for next meeting. A subcommittee will evaluate the necessary improvements. The committee consists of Matt Mittelstaedt, Mary White, and Lexe Volk.
- Council welcomed new members – Derek Hennig and Kathy Hussey.
- Ministry Fair
 - * To be held the weekend of Feb. 24 & 25 after all Masses in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served.
 - * Matt distributed last year's Ministry Fair Catalogue. A review and discussion of all ministries took place. Some ministries are in need of chairpersons. The updated catalogue will be available the weekend of the Ministry Fair. New ministries were discussed such as a youth choir.
 - * Matt will get together with Deacon Jeff and Fr. Hyland to finalize details on the catalogue.
 - * Fr. Hyland requested all ministries be categorized under the 4 pillars: Hospitality, Prayer, Study, and Service.
 - * Fr. Hyland requested that the ministry descriptions include time commitment and requirements.
- Matt discussed the implementation of the "Come & See" Synod that just ended. Some of the Diocesan guidelines/plans will appear in the Catholic Times. The Catholic Times is now in magazine format.

Dates to Note:

- Jan. 20-21 – Newman Connection
- Feb. 11 – Mardi Gras Breakfast
- Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday
- April 1 – Easter

New Business:

- Goals for 2018 to be discussed at the next meeting.

Closing Prayer was offered by Fr. Hyland.

Faith Reflection Assignment: Matthew Mittelstaedt

Next meeting: February 7 @ 7:00 pm in the LL

Meeting minutes submitted by:

Jo Coon, Pastoral Council Secretary