

## ***St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting***

### ***June 27, 2021***

**Attendees:** Father Joe Mamich, Tony Manning, Bob Mathas, Jude Siefker, Peggy Slavik, Alex Tomlinson, Greg Savel, Jodi Januszewski, Terry Dillehay, Nathan Smee, Jim Lechko, and Nancy Piatak.

**Excused:** Dave Hildebrand and Jason Pokorny

**Called to Order:** Alex Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led the group in prayer.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from the April meeting were approved. Jodi Januszewski and Gregg Savel made the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted. Bob Mathas was appointed Vice Chair of PC.

Attendees were asked to give a short review of their personal life and relationship with our parish.

#### **Commission Reports:**

Spiritual Life – Jim Lechko & Terry Dillehay

- Peggy reported that the picnic is scheduled for July 31 with PC hosting the ticket sales. A golf ball drop is planned as an event for the picnic as well as free ice cream. She lead a discussion on the possibility of a time capsule for July 29, 2046. The 75<sup>th</sup> celebration of our parish was held June 11 with a good turnout. Volunteers are needed for coffee and donuts to be served after 8:00 and 10:30 masses the first Sunday of the month starting in August. The health fair will be held in October. Funeral luncheons are being coordinated.

Liturgy: Jodi Januszewski & Dave Hildebrand

Community Life: Peggy Slavic and Jason Pokorny

- Golf Outing – August 6<sup>th</sup> – planning that
- Bus Tours – upcoming

Social Concerns: Jude Siefker & Tony Manning

Youth: Nathan Smee & Greg Savel

#### **Results of the Survey:**

- 600,000 register Catholics in Diocese, 27,000 Responded
- Went over the highlights
- 11x more likely to come to parish if recommended pastor
- Leadership of parishes hold a huge sway in parish success
- Highest % of people attending Mass on monthly/quarterly basis
- Catholics need to do a better job at telling personal stories/evangelizing
- 75% of parishioners have never gone to a retreat
- 85% of Catholics have never asked someone to consider religious life, 86% have never asked someone to consider priesthood.
- St. Joes: 68% of St. Joe's strongly agree with recommend our parish,
- 75% strongly agree with recommending our pastor
- 58% of parishioners strongly agree with financial openness
- 24% strongly agree with parish involvement in neighborhood
- 73% strongly agree in Body and Blood
- Sharing our story is in line with diocese

#### **Synod 2022:** (detailed report was distributed)

- Words that stood out
- What the Spirit is trying to tell us about journeying together

- What was resonating in the group and what the Spirit is asking of us (why are we attending mass?)
- Recommended emerging actions
- Demographics of listening sessions:
  - male, 23
  - female 28
  - percentage age 65 & over - 43%
  - percentage age 50 to 64 - 31%
  - percentage age 30 to 49 - 2%
  - percentage under age 18 - 24%
- Every 5 to 10 years a synod is conducted
- A discussion followed regarding a possible survey to determine how many parishioners attend mass every week, sometimes attend, or do not attend mass. Our active parishioners are encouraged to try to bring inactive parishioners back to the church. Those actively donating in Faith Direct are not necessarily active parishioners. Tony Manning will work on a survey and submit his ideas to Father Joe.

#### **Pastor Remarks:**

- Finances – As of 5/31
    - Offertory \$37,512 ahead of budget
    - Maintenance/ Repair \$4,174 ahead of budget
    - Overall Operating Surplus \$153,666. With \$113,000 of that being Heart of a Shepherd donations.
  - Considering the Mass schedule change, when we last changed in 2009. 2009-2010 had:
    - A 101 drop in average weekend mass attendance
    - 29 less envelopes collected, both similar to the 3 previous years.
    - A drop of \$11,000 in Offertory, which was different than one of the previous three years.
  - Commented on how good father Sanson's talk was at the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  - The new mass schedule has been favorably accepted with only one complaint
  - The new members of PC are reminded that photos are scheduled at the next PC meeting, Monday August 8th.
- Meeting ended at 8:52 pm

#### **Closing Prayer**

**Next Meeting – Monday, August 8, 2022**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Piatak**