

## ***St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting December 12, 2022***

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

**Excused:** Terry Dillehay and Dave Hildebrand,

**Called to Order:** Alex Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led the group in prayer.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from the October meeting were approved as submitted. Jim Lechko and Bob Mathas made the motion.

### **Commission Reports:**

- Spiritual Life – Peggy Slavik reported on the community dinners, clam bake and Thanksgiving dinners. The health fair was not as well attended as hoped probably because of the covid. Perhaps a chili or soup will be planned in the future.
- Social Concerns – Tony commented that the West Side Catholic center is doing well as is the Mission of Hope, MOA, and Right to Life. The collection for Ukraine is still in the working stage. The next meeting is January 23.
- Youth – Nathan Smee reported that PSR is being revamped. The last meeting was November 14.
- Liturgy – The bell choir is looking for more participants. A discussion followed regarding the songs at the masses and whether they are necessarily approved.
- Spiritual Life – Jim Lechko reported that February, May and August meetings are scheduled.

### **Parishioners Surveys**

Father Joe reported that the response rate of the surveys returned was only 5.1% or 115. Two parishioners returned their surveys reporting problems. It was determined that the best time to address the concerns would be between Easter and Christmas. A discussion on the kind of music played at different masses followed and it was determined that perhaps a small card could be displayed, which could make our parishioners more welcome.

### **Pastor's Remarks**

Father Joe commented on the Eucharistic Adoration at our parish which is available 24 hours a day, like 6 other parishes in the area. Referring to the statement of church revenue and expenses, he noted that we are still ahead of budget, income from parish programs was \$79,653 in 2022 compared to \$79,878 in 2021, maintenance and repair \$117,707 in 2022 compared to \$121,403 in 2021, investment & endowment income \$49,848 in 2022 compared to \$116,600 in 2021. We are still ahead of budget. Our parish is planning on sponsoring a family from the Ukraine who will stay with us for two years. Social Concerns is working on it. Father Kevin has been assigned to study in Rome. Although we have 77 funerals in a year as well as 24 marriages the possibility of having another priest assigned to St. Joes is still uncertain.

After prayer, Alex adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm. The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2023 and April 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Piatak