

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
October 10, 2022

Attendees: Father Joe Mamich, Tony Manning, Bob Mathas, Alex Tomlinson, Terry Dillehay, Nathan Smee, Jim Lechko, Dave Hildebrand, Peggy Slavik, Jodi Januszewski, Jason Pokorny, and Nancy Piatak.

Excused: Jude Siefker, Greg Savel

Guest: Mark Tomecko

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 August meeting were approved with the correction of the deletion of Jason before Tony Manning's name. Jim Lechko and Tony Manning made the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected and submitted.

Commission Reports:

- Liturgy – Dave Hildebrand led the discussion on whether all members of the bell choir are members of our parish. The celebration choir is made up of both members and non-members. The Liturgy commission will further investigate and comment on the overall status of the bell choir. He commented that we need to unify the scheduling of ushers at the masses. Judy Feador will look into these concerns. Next meeting will be October 25th.
- Spiritual Life – Peggy Slavik commented that the schedule of meeting dates has not been set up. Father Joe commented that the commissions should not meet just for the sake of meeting, even if they meet twice a year.
- Social Concerns – Tony Manning reported the Mission of Hope is scheduling a trip to Detroit in 2023. November 14 is the next meeting regarding Right to Life. There was a recap of Jim Lechko gave a talk on pro-life vs anti-abortion during masses. October 15 has been observed as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. There will be a candle lighting and blessing after the 4:30 mass for a memorial.
- Youth – No update.

Parish Survey – Initial results:

Father Joe reported that so far 26 online surveys have been returned. No one can explain why some parishioners do not attend mass. One survey asked that Father Joe contact them personally. A discussion followed as to whether the chapel be designated as a cry room vs welcoming the children in the church.

Open Forum:

- It was discussed to have Fr. Joe explain the meanings behind different parts of the mass (i.e. when we kneel and why) and have a possible entry be put into the bulletin or have a teaching mass.
- The subject of current social issues was brought up and how it is discussed amongst individuals, as a parish, a diocese and a church as a whole.

Pastor's Remarks:

As of August 31, the church is OK, with \$10,222 in surplus. We are still waiting for the endowment results. Some parishioners are arranging their RMD to be donated to the church. Every October we do mass counts at church. Live stream attendees have gone down with the actual in person attendance going up (831 attendees at all masses and 1,120 live streaming). Father Joe experienced the frustration of live streaming the mass. Father Joe discussed the possibility of bringing back precious blood to the communion. Our bishop is waiting on the medical reports to decide if it is recommended.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for December 12.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak