

Parish Council: 20 October 2011

1. Opening Prayer
2. Remarks by Council President
None to report
3. Commission Reports
 - a. Worship Commission
 - i. New Roman Missal: bulletin inserts (from US bishops) in 5 upcoming bulletins
 - ii. Penitential Rite: all three forms will be used – change with the Liturgical Seasons, WC members picked which Rite for which season
 - iii. Advent Penance Service set for Monday, December 5
 - b. Finance Commission
 - i. Stewardship Campaign still being discussed
 - ii. School Subsidies: Diocese will apply a credit to all parishes providing school subsidies to their parishioners to offset a tax levied by the Diocese for all parishes without parochial schools
 - iii. Cemetery fund in good shape
4. Old Business
None to address
5. New Business
 - a. Membership Drive & Parish Membership
 - i. Last membership drive: 12 new families (over 20 new families in the last 3-4 weeks)
 - ii. Post merger: about 773 families – 50% (+) increase in membership
 - b. Catholic Urban Project
 - i. Catholic Urban Project Advisory Committee is considering when/if/how to replace Rachel
 - ii. Eventually, CUP will become its own entity, separate from the parish
 - iii. CUP pays for itself, requires little assistance from St. John the Baptist
 - c. Schola Artium
 - i. Over 25 children now participating
 - ii. Many volunteers from Fr. Gab. Rich. High School, but could use a few more adult volunteers
 - d. Baptism Policy
 - i. St. John's has seen a tremendous increase in the number of Baptisms celebrated at the parish in the last 2 years
 - ii. A Baptism Policy has been implemented to ensure a smoother celebration of the sacrament. It's available at the parish website: www.ypsilanticatholic.com
 - iii. We are currently working on a funeral policy manual
6. Pastor's Remarks
None
7. Next Meeting: January 2012
8. Closing Prayer