

Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2016

Members present: Deacon Stan, Deacon Richard, Maureen, Don, Jo, Rose, Anna, Betty L., Kathleen, ,

Excused: Alex

- . Opening prayer-Anna opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:36.
  - June Minutes were approved as written

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Following are the dates for 2016-17 PPC meetings
  - a. Dec 3
  - b. Jan 7
  - c. Feb 4
  - d. March 4
  - e. April 1
  - f. May 6
  - g. June 3

It is the end of the liturgical *Year of Divine Mercy*- The Holy door in Rome will be closed on Dec 20. We should remove the prayer from the hymnals the first Sunday of Advent

- Advent Bulletin Inserts-
  - a. Stan and Don went over them and ordered them. There is a booklet of meditations from Saint Mother Teresa. Advent calendar and children's calendar will be distributed the first Sunday of Advent. Parish calendars are in. They will be available to parishioners in the middle of December.
- Advent by Candlelight has been cancelled for 2016.
- Christmas Eve/Christmas 2016
  - a. Presiders- are not scheduled yet.
  - b. Mass schedules: Saturday evening: 4:30 Family Mass, 9 and 11 am Christmas Day.
  - c. Flower Collection-. Flower envelopes will be in the week before Advent. Kathleen reported

they have a new pretty design. Schwartz Flowers was planning to supply our flowers this season. They are open in the fall M-F 9-5. Maureen will reach out to them to make sure we're still on their list.

- Decorating day/times
  - Inside- December 18 after 11. Jo will talk to Coleman's re greens
  - Outside K of C will put up light on November 19.
  - Luminaries-Maureen will get sand. Maureen needs help cleaning up the luminaries: Rose and Jo will help on Sunday.
  - Don will write up an explanation of the Matthew 25 program. Gift cards will be collected starting the first weekend of Advent
  - We need help taking everything down on January 8, after 11:00 mass.  
We should Invite help on Facebook and announce it the week before Epiphany.
  
- The 2016 Valentine Dinner Dance- will be on February 11. It will be the Fourth Annual Dinner Dance. Choir is sponsoring the dance and decorations. Tickets are \$30 person – \$50 per couple. There will be a door prize this year: brunch for two at the Marriott. Someone from choir will announce the K of C singers at the Dinner Dance. .

- REPORTS

- a. Religious Ed- Religious Ed has 51 students enrolled, and was off to a good start with festival games and concessions. We learned a lot: No popcorn, more cotton candy and Italian ice. The next event was Trunk or Treat. 30 cars showed up. "Pope Francis" won the costume contest. \$100 worth of gift cards were presented. The K of C acted as security and judges. Kids from St. John's showed up, too. There will be a Giving Tree in the Religious Ed program for hats, gloves, and mittens. Confirmation will be April 27 at Immaculate Conception for 14 children, maybe some adults, per the Bishop's request instead of at Easter Vigil. May 7 is First Eucharist and May Crowning.
- b. Youth Group-First meeting was in the pumpkin field. There were ten kids and six adults. . Nine were at the formal meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> graders as well as old timers, including two seniors. Theme was *Like Jesus, we serve*. The Jamboree is Sunday Nov. 6. Five students will be attending in Lansing. Low attendance is due to scheduling, rather than lack of interest.  
Youth Service will include: helping decorate the church, help with the Nov 19 festival. Hopefully, they will help with the outside lights as well. They also write letters to the homebound, elderly, and lonely.
- a. Liturgical Music- We are struggling as a choir. Don asked the choir and is asking this group if we think the Mass of joy and Peace is well received by the parish. The general consensus was that it is. He will continue to lead the Mass of Joy & Peace.

We discussed that the parish should get some pre-school Mass books for children.

X Deacon Stan Items- St. Joseph's has a new Facebook page. Patrice will take over the website from Cheryl.

- A tribute for Father Ed will be planned for March, tentatively on his birthday, March 11. We will ask people to submit thoughts/pictures. Patrice already has some in the office.
- Nov 16. St. Francis is having all-day confession- 10 am – 10 pm.
- Father Mike talked about having an Advent penance service, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. It will not include general absolution. He will try to get another priest.
- Couple weeks ago, the Diocesan held a *Call by Name* conference. Nobody from our parish attended. Deacon Stan is listening to sessions and we need to share with our parishioners. There is a brochure to pass out with an evangelization program/plan.
- Pious Union of Saint Joseph has provided brochures. We will put them out by the doors.
- St. Joseph will not have a Thanksgiving Day Mass. We should put a list in the bulletin of other parishes having them.
- At Father Mike's suggestion, we will start to have 7pm Masses on Holy days in the future.
- Betty Linzy procured phones and phone service in Holy Family Center. Patrice got AT& T and they came out, checked phones and fixed them in the center.
- Deacon expressed a need for us to rebuild the Pastoral Council. She should add it to the website, make minutes available, etc. He handed out the Diocesan guideline for Pastoral Councils.

XI-Other

Agenda for Dec 3 Meeting: discuss *Time and Talent* efforts and renewal of registrations renewed.

We should make a plan to introduce the parish's new Administrative Assistant, Patrice, to the congregation—either in person, or in the bulletin, or on Facebook.

Sound system is fixed. Ed Birdsall checked out all the circuits. Don discovered the reset button. Piano mic was defective and he would like to get new mics. The current ones are still under warranty at Simone Sound out of Saginaw.

Rose gave us an "all are welcome" statement she saw in another bulletin, and suggested we add it to our bulletin as part of our Mission Statement.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer at 12:20 p.m.