

JPT Synergy Council – January 22, 2018 St. James, St. Peters & St. Theresa’s PC’s

Location: St. Theresa School Hall at 7:00 pm

St. James Attendee’s: Fr. Ed Tlucek, Bill Kirkman, Glenn Lazich, Debra Dunn, Harold Casper, Drew Yergens, John VanZeeland, Bill Schmitt, Sharon Miley, Renee Hitt, Keith Fisher, Jerry Holzhauer, Cheryl Marotta, Derrick Schiltz & Marissa Reynolds.

Many PC council members from both St. Peters & St. Theresa’s, including Fr. Mark from St. Peters.

- Welcome & Prayer by Father Ed Tlucek
 - Message from the Archdiocese – Mark Kemmeter, Director of the Office for Planning and Councils, introduced by Darlene Sterzinger.
 1. Discussed the assigning of a new spiritual leader to St. James & St. Theresa. The current practice in place will be continued. A new priest will be announced in May and begin in June. Fr. Mark will help collaborate but will not be asked to take on all 3 parishes.
 2. 2020 is targeted by the Archdiocese for the consolidation of all 3 parishes into one cluster with one pastor but 2 full time priests. It takes time for parishes to collaborate and we need to lead the way & see how it can benefit our parish. This is an opportunity to shape the future of the church. This is happening across the country, not just because we have fewer priests but because it is a better use of resources.
 3. Mult-Parish Ministry Institute, each of our parishes should select 4 people (+ one as a back up) to represent the parish & attend one scheduled sessions of 3 meetings either:
Sept. 11, Nov. 13, 2018 & Jan. 15, 2019 (10 am to 3 pm) or
Sept. 13, Nov. 15, 2018 and January 17, 2019 from 4-8pm
- *Recommended that the attendee’s be Staff: Priest, bus. Mgrs,, musicians, DRE/Coordinators, deacons & volunteers & committee members. The team will come back to work with the PC and parish to work out what is best for you and the people in the pews. There are 6 areas of mission covered in the institute and will follow Jesus’ guide of 2x2. Your team is like the apostles; your purpose is Not to run things but to get things started.
- Some parishes are combining PC councils; some parishes have been very aggressive about their collaboration. Such as

Sheboygan, when one priest was reassigned, the remaining priest was able to take over.

- 4 Parishes in Waukesha are working together. Parishes have to design & organize for what will work for your parishes.
- During mergers generally membership remains the same. However, some parishes have grown by reaching out to the parish members as they collaborate. Mergers have multiple worship sites but one parish.
- Multi-parish Ministry Institute is based on best practices and funded by a grant & the Stewardship appeal

HOMEWORK: ID the people to go to the institute and determine which time works better for attendees.

4. Fr. Ed asked about the changing staff of the PC's with some council members coming up for election. Mark Kemmeter encouraged us to just keep telling the story and bringing the new people along. A few parishes have just put the discernment on hold for a year working with the current staff. Council has a built in turn over, usually only lose 1/3 in a year, the number of vacancies is usually 1 or 2. We need to form & grow new leaders. The team that we send to the institute will have a 6 month responsibility and then will turn it over to the council. The team is to represent but have to have ownership by May 1st the Pastors & Leaders of PC should get together to determine the candidates & named by June for the September institute.
5. There is a fee of \$250 divided by the 3 parishes (\$83.33 per parish)
6. Promise: We can promise that if you do this well, you will have ministries in your parish that you have never had before and the quality will be much better.

Discussion Lead by Kathy Scherbarth

Closing Prayer: Father Mark Molling