

## Summary of January 2018 Pastoral Council Meeting

**Financial Report:** There were no unusual expenses to mention. There was a bump in the last reported collections which were attributable to the Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) stewardship program which the church solicited. OSV does have a second year program, and the Stewardship Committee is meeting with OSV representatives to determine if it's warranted and financially justifiable.

**Cemetery Commission Report:** Commission Member Bill Hegeman, who works with Charlie Nabholz, Phillip Hiegel, Jackie Harrell, Jim Luyet, and Tim Nabholz, sought to have the Pastoral Council approve the construction of an additional mausoleum. Hegeman noted that the Commission was established in 1989 as a non-profit 501 C-3 with the blessing of then Bishop Andrew McDonald. Since the Commission was established, a couple of 144-unit mausoleums and three 64- space columbariums have been installed. The mausoleums are nearing capacity, and there's space to add one more 144- unit crypt at an estimated cost of \$178,000. The Commission has the funds to move forward, but wanted the Council's approval to do so which was granted.

**Old Business:** The construction of Spiritan Center is on budget and ahead of schedule. The new, updated opening date is June 1<sup>st</sup>. A big thank you goes out to Nabholz Construction and all its subcontractors for the pace they have been able to maintain. To date, \$6.3 million has been pledged to cover costs. The Parish Hall will then be emptied and shuttered. Demolition would come when funds become available.

**New Business:** The Diocese has established new requirements regarding pastoral council by-laws. They were gone over in detail at the meeting. Essentially, a council must have a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, and Secretary to conduct meetings. Council members can be elected and/or appointed but they can only serve two consecutive three-year terms. The number of members may vary, but St. Joseph is most comfortable with nine. Two of the outgoing ones, Marla Hambuchen and Frederic Simon, had their terms expire. They were both applauded for their dedication and diligence.

**Pastor's Report:** Father Tony only asked for repeated prayers for vocations. He noted a recent retreat for prospective priests attracted 25-30 men. A similar retreat for women contemplating a religious life was to be held in February.