



## Parish Pastoral Council Agenda Tuesday Dec. 7, 2021 7:00pm Rooms 101-103

**Present:** Fr. Mike Anderson, Joshua Bohl, Cheri Brausen, George Burr, Robert McMullan, Rusty Ray, Paul Siler, Keith Sjostrom, Kelly Summerville, and LeAnn Zogg (Trustee)

**Excused:** Don Hohn, Amy Moore, Ron Peterson, and Brian Sauter

### 1. Opening Prayer:

Ever loving God,  
You gather us together as a parish of St. Joseph,  
To carry the Gospel of Christ to all people.  
Bless the members of this parish council.  
Let your Spirit enlighten our minds  
And guide all our actions,  
That we may be renewed in faith,  
United in love,  
And bring to fulfillment the work of your church  
To your greater honor and glory.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.     *Amen*

*(taken and adapted from Christ the King Church)*

### 2. Continuation of Synod talks:

- A. As you may recall, we were all given the task of “checking in” with our respective commissions and getting their “take-aways”/ comments / and insights on how the Synod affects your commission (hopes and dreams?).
  - a. Faith Formation:
    - i. Synod could have been better promoted as some parents didn’t know about the Synod
    - ii. Kids may be more likely to come if it was a different format (one event rather than weekly session for six consecutive weeks)
  - b. Synod Deanery
    - i. The goal is to work more collaboratively with other parishes in the Archdiocese
  - c. Facilities
    - i. Nothing on appearance of building and what it looks like inside – is it a welcoming parish, does it make people want to come back, etc.
  - d. Communications
    - i. Nothing additional that hasn’t been discussed above
  - e. Pastoral Care
    - i. No Synod updates
  - f. Finance
    - i. Want to see more stronger theological-based teaching in the faith formation program

- B. Are there actions we can pursue now ( ie. youth involvement, etc) while we wait for the pastoral letter which comes out next November 2022?
  - a. Invite youth to events
  - b. Promote our ministries
  - c. Draw more people into the parish through events – one parish does “Pints with Pastors”, where pastor attends a young adult happy hour
  - d. People will come for events that are meaningful, even if they don’t come for Mass
  - e. St. Joe’s does a lot for our community – have to better promote – don’t just put it in bulletin or have announcement at Mass as those messages don’t reach non-church goers
  - f. It would be good to have a formal process for submitting information to Communications Committee (know who to contact) so the message gets better promoted
    - i. Events can be better promoted if Communications Committee is aware of them in advance.
- c. We need ten representatives from St. Joes along with the pastor to attend a Deanery Consultation on Feb 19. From there we choose two representatives to attend the Archdiocesan Synod June 3-5, 2022. Come prepared to suggest some names of people that we can ask to attend. They probably should have come to the Synod meetings in Sept/Oct.
  - a. Saturday, Feb. 19 meeting is from 9:30-3:30
  - b. Pastoral letter comes out Nov. 2022

### 3. **Commission updates: Synod, Pastoral Care, Social Justice, Faith Formation, Liturgy, Finance, Communications, Facilities, Community,**

#### **Synod**

- Bill Lynch is new COO (Chief Operating Officer) of Archdiocese – new position in Archdiocese
  - Bill has a business background, from Delta Airlines
  - Wants to improve 2-way communication with Parishes and Archdiocese
  - Wants Archdiocese to make quicker decisions
  - Focus on priority projects and programs – “Priority Programs”
- Lay Advisory Board
  - Want to improve communication between parishes and Archdiocese
  - Talked about miscellaneous items – unmarked graves, vaccinations, Latin Mass, etc.
  - Next meeting is in March

#### **Pastoral Care**

- 8 funerals and burials the last month, 2 more coming up
- In mid-Nov, Barb Uschold Anderson met with pastors from Living Waters, Rice Creek Covenant, and a Life Coordinator representative from Lyngblomsten (senior living center) – broke ground where old 49 Club was on Hodgson Rd. and County Rd. J in Lino Lakes
- Took a break due to COVID at Lino Lakes Assisted Living
- Waiting restart date from Gracewood
- Faith Formation supplied over 150 cars for homebound residents
- About 130 homebound receive cards on continual basis
- Homebound are signing up for Barb Uschold Anderson’s Advent Reflections and are being sent books
- Prison Ministry visits haven’t happened for about two years – when start back up they will probably be virtual visits

## **Social Justice**

- See attached handout for updates

## **Faith Formation**

- Fully up and running
- About 40 kids in pre-K program
- Faith Formation is only on Wed. nights
- Have about 200 kids from grades 1-6 – Kelly is doing a great job of keeping them on the move with different activities
  - Incorporating music component
- About 60 kids in the middle and high school program – Scott doing a great job engaging them
- Everyone is excited to be back in the Church
- Making cards for homebound
- Doing a Feed My Starving Children Event in Jan. 2022

## **Liturgy & Community Life**

- No update

## **Finance**

- At budget for collections – collections are about \$50k more than last year at this time
  - Budgeted \$100k increase in collections from last year
- Harry Larson retired from Finance Council after 46 years

## **Communications**

- Working on being able to live stream Mass
  - Audio signal is not working with video signal – will start live streaming when this issue is resolved
  - ‘Worship Channels’ is company we will work with for live streaming
  - Will live stream on YouTube and Facebook and also have a link on website for people to watch the live stream
  - Will post Christmas Mass(es) online
- Advent Newsletter mailed out within the last month
- Security cameras (outdoor and indoor) will be installed this spring

## **Facilities**

- Chuck is getting prices for Door #4 near Faith Formation wing
- Chuck will get an engineer to look at secure ways to get to the top of the back of the altar where stuff is stored
- See attached handout for specific project information

## **4. Other?**

- Next Meeting is January 4, 2022
- Leadership dinner is Friday, January 7, 2022
- Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

**We, the people of St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, as Christ's Body, strive to be the heart, hands and feet of Jesus Christ. ”**

**-- St. Joseph of the Lakes Vision Statement**