



Parish Pastoral Council Agenda Tuesday Nov. 2 7:00pm Rooms 101-103

Present: Joshua Bohl, Cheri Brausen, George Burr, Robert McMullan, Amy Moore, Ron Peterson, Rusty Ray, Brian Sauter, Keith Sjostrom, and Kelly Summerville

Excused: Fr. Mike Anderson, Don Hohn, Paul Siler, and LeAnn Zogg (Trustee)

1. Opening Prayer:

Lord, as we prepare to begin our meeting, we recall your promise to be present when two or three are gathered in your name. Inspire us with your Spirit of wisdom; plant seeds of your vision in our hearts and minds; give us humor and give us humility as we work with one another to help people to come to know you. Grant us the willingness to be open to each other, to respect each other, to be honest with each other, and to be supportive of each other as we strive to do your will. Unite us, Lord, in your Spirit. Amen.

-(Adapted from Prayer for Parish Groups D Harrington & J. Kavanagh)

2. We will be having a December PPC meeting-Dec. 7

3. **Synod meetings:** Please think about before the meeting and be prepared to talk about:

- See Synod notes below Commission updates.

-Your reactions to attending the synod meetings, which ones did you attend, what did you find helpful, what insights did you glean from conversations with others, which topics peaked your interest, general comments.

-Where does St. Joes go from here? What was helpful as we move forward in our parish life? What was helpful for your specific commission?

-Recommendations for two representatives from St. Joes to attend the Bishop's synod next spring.

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

- Finance
 - See attached Finance Council Report dated November 2021
- Communications
 - High speed internet is continuing to be installed
 - Goal is to begin live streaming Masses on 1st Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28, 2021
 - Working on 1-year service agreement that will provide an annual maintenance update to cameras and sound system in Worship Space
 - Anne has been working with Lino Lakes police on camera placement at St. Joe's for security purposes – will put seven cameras outside and four cameras inside – will order inside cameras first
 - Software for cemetery commission is on hold for cemetery commission to discuss
 - Working on a communication to parishioners to get updated phone numbers and emails for (non-pictorial) directory
- Facilities
 - Recently replaced well pump and sprinkler compressor (inside fire sprinkler) – numbers 10 and 11 on attached Facility Commission Church Projects handout dated Nov. 2, 2021
 - Looking to get more secure entrance to Door #4 – Atrium entrance by Education Wing
- Community Life
 - Christmas Bazaar – Knights are helping CCW with this event
 - Venison dinner will take place the Tuesday before Thanksgiving
 - Summer Festival – booked entertainment for next year (GB Leighton), as well as the large tent
- Synod
 - No deanery meetings since last PPC meeting – will discuss St. Joe's Synod small groups below
- Pastoral Care
 - Memorial Mass will be this upcoming Sunday evening, Nov. 7
 - Masses have started back up at assisted living homes
 - Looking for people to serve at funerals
- Social Justice
 - Food going out and coming in – “Trunk or Treat” event for Centennial Area Food Shelf
 - Stepping Stone Emergency Housing relocated 50 people to a hotel due to COVID 19 cases in the shelter
 - St. Joe's is making 2 meals a week for 10 weeks for 50 residents
 - New Peace Pole installed outside – previous pole was vandalized last January
 - Advent giving trees will be set up in the main hallway just before Thanksgiving
- Faith Formation
 - Elementary – 188 kids have signed up
 - 35 signed up for 1st Communion
 - Moved all faith formation classes to Wednesday to bring all the kids together
 - Middle school/high school – about 160 kids signed up
 - 52 preparing for confirmation in May

- 45 kids in preschool on Sunday mornings, up 15 kids from last year
- “Trunk or Treat” went well
- Had 19 participants in the MEA Youth Event.
- New Discovery Center opened in lower level of Childcare room. Request to have this room painted
- People are excited to be back in the building
- Liturgy
 - Have volunteers needed for Masses but are looking for more help for the 5:00 Saturday Mass
 - Want to have safer procedures for removing crucifix and decorations behind the altar throughout the year – looking at maybe buying or renting a lift – a lift would come in handy for other events throughout the year at St. Joe’s
 - Waiting for price to get electricity to Pieta statue outside in front of the parish
- Synod – Reactions from the Parish Council Members who participated:
 - Preaching to the choir
 - Enjoyed the small group discussions – want more of them at St. Joe’s
 - Feedback forms felt boxed in – didn’t have chance to give full feedback because limited to 20 words and boxed in to 3 top choices rather than having open responses for all questions
 - People who attended meetings are people who are heavily involved in the church
 - Would have liked to see more people attend
 - Homilies should be more current and not only stuff that happened 1,000 years ago – focus homilies on current issues as it sounds like that is what families and young adults want to hear
 - Based on Synod discussions, people would like to see St. Joe’s promote the good things they are doing in the community as there are things that people are unaware of that came up during Synod discussions
 - Based on Synod discussion, instead of announcing new parishioners at Mass once a year, St. Joe’s could ask new parishioners for photos to display on big screen before Mass on the 1st Sunday of every month – show new members monthly instead of once a year
 - Also suggested to ask for pictures of baptisms and weddings, RCIA candidates and those recently deceased
 - There are current issues in our schools (Centennial being example A) and society (racism, bullying, anxiety) that kids are dealing with
 - Brainstorming on what can St. Joe’s do to help families with these issues – partner with other churches or bring in outside speakers? Do parents and kids want to talk about these issues in small groups at St. Joe’s? Maybe build these topics into the Faith Formation program if not included already.
 - Want to continue Synod discussion ideas for St. Joe’s at next month’s PPC meeting
 - St. Joe’s needs two Synod representatives to be a part of the Archdiocese Synod June 4/5, 2022 – think about nominations

5. Other?

- Next meeting is Dec. 7, 2021
- Homework
 - Ask what your Commission members thought of the Synod
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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