

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

Parish Pastoral Council ("PPC") Meeting - Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Present: Fr. Mike Anderson, Sheila Bianconi, Joshua Bohl, Cheri Brausen, George Burr, Robert McMullan, Amy Moore, Keith Sjostrom, Ron Peterson, Kelly Summerville, and LeAnn Zogg

Excused: Don Hohn and Paul Siler

Opening Prayer – The meeting was opened with prayer.

Discussion – Open Position:

- Judy Foster left last month, and what should St. Joe's look for in filling the new position – how should it align with our mission? Ideas that PPC would like to see with new position are below.
 - Promotion of programs and networking between them
 - Bring energy, work with individual parishioners
 - Hiring current parishioner has benefit in that others know who that person is – there are a lot of good people here at St. Joe's
 - Person could work more in Community Life rather than report under Faith Formation
 - If St. Joe's were to shut down, what would people miss the most?
 - There would be a lot of holes in social fabric of Lino Lakes/Blaine
 - Want to grow peoples' involvement in the church
 - Very visible, outgoing, and engaging – person should be more of an ambassador and be willing to talk with people before and after Mass
 - Look at current staff and make sure they are doing what they are passionate about
 - Person can bring in new ideas and work well with staff we have now
 - Faith Formation should be a key part of new role – Faith Formation has needs that have to be met – have to replace what Judy did with RCIA, baptism, and Synod work
 - May want to hire someone strictly for Faith Formation and hire someone else for a separate role
 - Role of parish is to create missionary disciple – this is also one of the 3 Synod focus areas
 - Coordinator of Mission is title of position at St. Mary of the Lake in White Bear Lake – Coordinator of Mission is a great title
 - Connecting with people is more important than having certain education requirements

Committee Reports:

a. Liturgy

- Everything going great with liturgy
- Communion now passed out to people in pews
- Good reviews from Archbishop Hebda's visit
- Now that people have shots, there will be more recruiting for helping at Mass

b. Faith Formation

- Kids are wrapping up for the year, handing out medals
- Kelly Thurmes will put on something for Vacation Bible School over the summer – will be outside

c. Social Justice

- Had video at Mass showing where Fund for the Poor money goes
- Loaves and Fishes, Stepping Stones, Alexandra House, and Food Shelf have high needs again this month
- Exploring how to approach racism in our community. Want to make clear the message of "the gift of life each person is."

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- Food shipment to Guatemala arrived and is being distributed
- Angel Network had their first connection – Angel Network is a new program for parishioners who are in need to connect anonymously with other parishioners who can provide financial support or other needs
- d. **Pastoral Care**
 - Continue to do funerals and allowing more people to visit/socialize at funerals
 - Getting back to more normal
- e. **Community Life**
 - Festival Committee met two weeks ago – looking to be almost normal year
 - Notable exception to normal year is we probably won't have full Great Hall with Chicken Dinner – we are looking to have food to-go
 - Planning an event for Saturday night (August 7) with GB Leighton (music group)
 - “Bringing St. Joe's Back to the Future” – theme for the festival – we are earmarking some of proceeds for security and technology updates – cameras, keyless door entries, etc.
- f. **Facilities**
 - Replaced 3 cracked windows in St. Joe's Hall
 - Boy Scouts will plant 17 trees around the property this Saturday
 - Had 2 new air conditioner units replaced
 - New lawnmower was ordered this week
 - Ceiling replacement in the hallway in the Great Hall will take 2 weeks
 - Project will take place at end of May and will facilitate the accessibility of fiber optic cable when that is purchased/installed for faster wi-fi speed and other technology needs.
- g. **Communications**
 - Preparing for technical upgrades – Finance Committee approved of infrastructure updates (fiber optic cable) that everything else will be based off of
 - Will get faster wi-fi speeds
 - Will be able to live stream weddings and funerals
 - Communications Commission is working on developing a mission for the Communications Commission
- h. **Finance**
 - Budget will be discussed a week from today on May 18
 - Technology will be main focus
 - There has been slight uptick in Sunday donations
 - PPC has to approve budget – PPC will approve budget at next meeting on Tuesday, June 1
- i. **Synod**
 - There will be 6 week discussion in September – November
 - Discussion materials will be given in late summer, early September
 - Archdiocese is testing materials before giving them out to parishes
 - Need a facilitator and scribe for each small group, ideally small group is 6-8 people

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- Scott Frieler will schedule meeting with Synod Ambassadors the first week of June to gameplan next steps – promotion and getting facilitators and scribes
- Project “Isaiah” – want to work on communication and parish focus – Archdiocese is working on hiring a person to coordinate everything in the Archdiocese including communications and operations management so parishes feel more connected to Archdiocese
- Deanery reps met last Thursday
- Help is available to all parishes who need it

Wrap-up:

- Next Meeting (last meeting of year): June 1, 2021 at 7 pm.
- George Burr will be chair next year – vice chair TBD
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm