

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**915 Ivory Street**  
**Seymour, Wisconsin**

***Parish Council Minutes***  
***December 1, 2016***  
***6:30 pm***

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Council Members Present: Fr. Brian, Deanna Grimm, Dave Taubel, Mike Blohm, Andy Patz, Ray Leisgang, Jennie Huettl

1. Opening prayer: Andy Patz
2. Review of Committees: Tabled until next meeting to allow for discussion "Searching for a mission."
3. Discuss feedback from parishioners on deficiencies/areas of growth
  - a. Lift by kitchen for handicapped individuals (more accessibility for facilities)
  - b. Alternate Rectory location (long term goal)
  - c. Help for people in need
    - October: reminder in bulletin if in need - county shelter in Appleton
    - Update material for women's bathroom (Christian Service)
    - List of various services available through St. Vincent DePaul (Mike Blohm has a list to share)
  - d. Keeping interest of the 11 year olds through high school age group
    - 8<sup>th</sup> grade historical and spiritual trip. Helping out with reward being the trip
    - "Sunday school" where the parents and children go together
  - e. Wednesday night adult religion class
  - f. Younger parents with young children to get onto some of these committees
  - g. Welcome committee continuing contact with new members for three years
    - Match family with a new family to form relationships
  - h. Speakers
    - Middle Catholics get missed, speakers with community topics
  - i. Adopt-a-Family
  - j. Bring back Little Liturgies
  - k. Bring children up front to sit during mass (possibly doing a trial run)
    - Father Brian to talk to Mary to see who might be interested to chaperone
  - l. Various committees can decide how they want to run it, Parish Council to be support
    - Parish Council members to see who would be potential candidates to run committees/list of names we think would fit into the categories
  - m. Potential seminars (can be handled by Parish Council)
4. Goals for next meeting
  - a. Each member list three people per committee
  - b. Define their goals and objectives. Parish Council will be there for support and guidance
  - c. Parish Council additions
    - Christian Women representative
    - An additional 2-3 members
5. Prayer volunteer for next meeting: Jennie Huettl
6. Closing prayer: Andy Patz

*Next scheduled meeting:*  
Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the school