

St. John Evangelist – Blessed Trinity Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John Evangelist Parish
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 Dinner: 6:00 pm & Meeting: 6:30 pm

Present: Fr. Schmeckel, Bridgitt Zielke, Norma Horne, Paul Garni, Chris Audino, Tim Woodworth, Deb Hassler, Scott Birenbaum, Sarah Schueffner, Mason Klein, Liz Holtz, Kelly Jens, Carol Marksteiner, Rich Michaletz, Rich Tauferner, Rita Gast, Steve O'Neil, Nick Cinquepalmi, Ruth Paul, Jim Klich

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome
 - B. Approve October 27, 2022 Minutes
 - C. Approve June 28, 2023 Agenda
3. Old Business
 - A. Women's Group Update (Liz Holtz/Steve O'Neil): An 8 week program "Walking with Purpose" was held at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday mornings last Fall. Approximately 25 women attended and represented 3 or 4 parishes. They plan to begin another session this September which would run from September to May. They are looking at using "Wild Goose" series which will be a 14 week program. Questions were asked about the possibility of childcare so that younger mothers could attend. Also, if the day and time are set and if there would be at time other than Saturdays which could be attended by more women. Some in attendance also had not hear of this program and asked how it was communicated. It was brought up that it was in the bulletin. More communication will be done about the program in the Fall.

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4. New Business

A. Saturday Mass Change Feedback (Fr. Schmeckel): Mentioned that the new Saturday Mass schedule will be going into effect beginning on July 1. He asked all council members if they had heard any feedback after the announcements. No one had heard anything. He asked again that people give the change time.

B. 2023 – 2024 Joint Meeting Schedule (Fr. Schmeckel): Released a Pastoral Council schedule for both parishes which will include every other month solo meetings and four joint meetings throughout the 2023-2024 year. Questions were asked about if the joint meetings will include a dinner. It was determined that a dinner will be held only during the joint meeting in November and January. No one objected to the joint schedule.

5. Administrator's Remarks (Fr. Schmeckel): Spoke about the distribution of the Precious Blood during Mass which has been approved to begin. He stated that he has reservations but would be willing to resume it on Holy Days and other High Feast Days as well as Christmas and Easter. Members had reservations about beginning it again. It was brought up that the Northside Parishes offer it and no one partakes. Father also reminded the council that any left over Blood would need to be consumed by the Eucharistic Minister and that may be uncomfortable for the Minister. It was recommended that a survey might be done to see if there was interest in bringing this back.

6. Closing Prayer