

St. Joseph the Worker
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 24, 2023
5:30-7:00 PM

In attendance: Fr. Joseph Molloy, Sr. Judy Pfile, Gavin Davis, Rob Flesher, Rachel Green, Pat Kornfeld, Ben Kwedar, Liz Reef, Debbie Shawgo, Grace Ann Thomas, and Jennifer Trapani

- Opening prayer- Jennifer Trapani
- Review and approve March, 2023 meeting minutes
 - Minutes approved
- Fr. Joe Updates
 - Landscaping is getting positive reviews. Don Herron (Cajun Landscaping) from our Parish is doing it and is donating a lot.
 - Communion is starting for both species next weekend, May 6 & 7.
 - Easter décor is beautiful. Thanks to John Kennedy and all parishioners who helped out.
 - Around 50 at the last holy hour and about 50 who attend Fr.'s class.
 - Heard positive news on the Saints and the Eucharist articles.
 - October 28 Eucharistic Congress at B.O.S. Diocese will reserve 94 tickets for St Joseph the Worker. Congress Opens at 10:30am, 1:00 will be speakers, 4:00/4:30 will be the Mass.

New Business

- Eucharistic Miracle display will consist of 81 selected panels. Volunteers needed
 - May 13 and May 14- Sign-up sheet went around to pastoral council members.
 - Do we want refreshments?
 - Pat will ask Patti Lang (social committee) to make cookies.

Old Business

- Update on digital sign bids
 - Waiting on ACE sign's bids/drawings
- Update on Forge program at Cathedral
 - For Young Adults throughout Springfield, although most are from Cathedral.
 - Grace Ann received different list of activities and attendance from the Forge.
 - Most success with Social Activities and ministries.
 - Discussed can we ask the Forge to come out to Chatham? Or can we introduce it to young adults here?
 - Ages 21-39
 - Get a group together
 - Ben has offered to help start a committee of 21-39, will reach out to Kathy Szamocki, can talk to Clare Volpert.
- Revive or other programs that strive to encourage Millennials and Gen Z back to church may be considered in the future. We first want to explore a local St. Joe's committee for said generations that may be able to spearhead efforts on how they can best utilize their talents and creativity to attract more Millennials and Gen Z to church.
- Update on local mission preachers for 2024
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- Sr. Judy checked about Sr. Ann Willets. She no longer does it anymore. Sr. Judy will ask another Dominican Sr.
 - Council discussed what would attract members to attend.
 - How to be a Catholic and defend the faith?
 - How to have time for God?
 - How do you live in today's world with your Catholic beliefs?
 - Blessed Virgin Mary and what her role is in the Church
 - Women in the Bible/Church
 - 2 or 3 nights where we have different topics
 - Saints of the Eucharist- St. Catherine of Siena featured May 6 and 7
 - Liz completed- St. Catherine of Siena- May
 - Pat completed- St. Julian Eymard- June
 - Any additional comments or suggestions from council members for consideration in future meetings
 - Sr. Judy sent out emails asking "What the Eucharist Means to Me" to 17 parishioners.
 - Closing prayer
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- ❖ Next meeting date: May 22
 - ❖ Prayer Leader: Gavin Davis