

**St. Joseph the Worker
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 23, 2023**

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

- Opening Prayer- Liz Reef
- Review and approve September 2023 meeting minutes
 - Meeting notes will be revised to show that offertory baskets will not be brought up to keep it consistent with 10:30 Mass.
 - Motion to approve minutes with correction mentioned made by Rob Flesher, a second to the motion by Rachel Green. All Pastoral Council expressed their agreement to approve.
- Fr. Joe Updates
 - Drainage work has begun.
 - Will cost approximately \$70,000
 - 3 roofs will cost SJW \$20,000 with the 2 insurance deductibles.
 - Diocese is asking the Parish conduct a “Parish Vitality Study” that includes number of parishioners, what stewardship activities, future campaign plans, etc.
 - In communication with diocese, they suggested that we go with a fundraising group for a campaign for the parking lot, kitchen, lighting, hall windows.
 - 10% of all funds raised will go to the diocese to help fund the restoration of the Cathedral’s 95-year-old building structure.
 - Would like to raise more than is actually needed to create a safety net of savings to help secure funding for the future needs of the parish.
 - A fundraising group will assist the parish in all aspects of the capitol campaign. Interviews to choose a fundraising group will be scheduled.
 - Eucharistic Congress is happening Saturday. 37 parishioners have requested tickets.
 - SJW is hosting Andrew Dinner on 11/8.
 - Evening will be the Bishop and Priests of the Deanery. Young men from Jr. to 30 years old. 5:30- Dinner and Prayer and Priests sharing about their vocation.
 - Fr. Chiola is having a book signing after masses the second weekend of November.
 - Mission talks
 - 3/5 Fr. Braden Maher (Chaplain at Eastern Illinois) will speak on prayer
 - 3/12 Fr. Marty Smith (Pastor in Jerseyville) will speak about faith and family.
 - 2/20, 2/27, 3/19, 3/26 (Tuesdays evenings) during Lent would be open if we wanted to do something on every Tuesday during Lent. Discussion:

- 3/26 would be too busy for a mission and will be a Pastoral Council meeting
- Potential topics to consider: Eucharistic adoration, Mass etiquette (bowing during Nicene Creed), Sacramentals, Sacraments
- Hold Pastoral Council meeting at 5:00 instead of 5:30 on 2/27 since it is on a Tuesday to allow time for a Lenten presentation

New Business

- Thoughts on continuing Eucharistic events: i.e. Holy Hour, Adoration or other suggestions
 - Mondays have about 25-30
 - Holy Hour has about 5-8 before Mass. After Mass has about 10-12. At benediction 4-5.
 - The presentation of the Eucharistic Miracle Saints is completed.
 - Could consider doing Holy Hour or Adoration once a month? Could wait for Adoration to be explained during Lent. Or could be explained more in a bulletin?
 - Could do Adoration the 3rd Monday of the month 6:30pm-7:15pm?
- Review Bylaws for suggested terms of service revisions.
 - 2 slight revisions made.
 - Council voted to pass the new by-laws
- Contacting and recruiting new youth member
 - Gavin will reach out to potential candidates.

Old Business

- Review and approve adjusted Pastoral Council terms of service discussed in the September meeting.
- Pastoral Council Members Opening Prayer assignments in 2024 will be in same order as 2023 with the exception of one member and the new youth member.
- Status on digital sign (Ben)
 - Cost difference of over \$5000 for inside light.
 - Ben will ask about external light cost.
 - The words "Catholic Church" at bottom of sign.
- Closing prayer
- Next meeting's prayer leader: Debbie Shawgo