

Pastoral Council Meeting  
December 1, 2020 @ 7:00 pm  
Church Narthex  
Zoom – Online Meeting

**Attendance:** Fr. Mike Erwin, Julie Ferstl, Marge Jorgensen (T), Chris Brooks (T), Vickie Kaul, Greg Steil, Pat Bordak, Bob Einwalter, Dan Doyle, Tom Kalinosky, Mary Hensen, Connie Caine, Mark Othmer, Bob DePover, Kim Rusch, Kevin Roche, Craig Payne, Gloria Schuett (T), John Haase (T), Kathy Bronner (T), Jeff Gaska (T)

**Excused:** Javier Cavazos, Irma Rosas, John Pryme, Terry Murphy, Kathy Meinholz, Dan Caine, Brenda Caine (T), Marge Groh (T)

**Guests:** Angela Davis, Jeff Caine, Susan Caine

Meeting was called to order by Julie Ferstl at 7:00 pm

**Welcome/Opening Prayer** – offered by Julie Ferstl

**Status update from each parish**

St. Columbkille: No COVID-19 cases have been reported, an outside activity was recently held, doing some renovations to the cemetery, put in a camera in the basement, giving out holy water, pies and treats to members who have not been able to attend mass in person, Men of Christ speakers are at the church this weekend.

SKD: Archdiocese did not approve the sale of the convent, but it could be leased to the homeless shelter. The property will be put up for sale and some of the profits will go to the shelter. The school auction went well.

St. John's: They are working on a tuckpointing project.

Holy Family: The installation of the lift has been approved but they need to finish the diocesan campaign.

**Parish council transitions with Fr. Mike's departure**

On January 5 at 7:00 the Archdiocese would like to meet with the group to discuss Fr. Mike's departure. This would be a virtual gathering.

The Archdiocese has done some homework regarding the structure of the 4 parishes. After some research they determined we would need 1 pastor with the help of the mission priest. The mission group does not want to be pastors, but they want to work with Spanish speaking Catholics and are willing to serve as an associate pastor.

We discussed the current committee structures of the churches. The pastor needs to split their time with all the standing committees, and this can be overwhelming.

There was a robust conversation regarding a variety of options. General agreements:

- We should have the same council goals but perhaps the implementation is different.
- Are there too many changes at one time – are we giving good counsel to a new pastor if we are combining councils and not yet formed? General thought was to wait on a consolidation of the pastoral councils at this point.
- The associate pastor could take on more responsibility with the tri-parishes and the Hispanic community.
- The pastor could take on more responsibility for the School, Finance Councils, and SKD.

Father Mike will redo the spreadsheet of committees and duties incorporating a few ideas discussed and bring it back to both pastoral councils.

### **Lenten Mission on March 3rd**

There will be a mission on one night - March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The diocese is running this event, and this would be the only site offered in Dodge County. The mission would be streaming into parishes with discussions in the churches and online. We will have a phone call campaign to reach out to invite people to attend.

**Closing Prayer** – Dan Doyle offered a prayer.

Meeting ended at 8:15 pm

January PPC Meeting: 1/5 @ 7pm – Church Narthex/Zoom  
Further information coming if SKD needs a separate council meeting in January.