

## Circle of Saints Cluster Council

The Circle of Saints Cluster Council meeting was held at 6pm on November 21, 2017 in the St. Patrick Church cafeteria. Council members present were Brad Fisher from St. Patrick (SP), Nancy Roth from St. Michael (SM) and Joe Dvorak & Bob Kriener from St. Joseph (SJ). Staff members present were Stephanie Babinat-Business Manager & Father Mike Mescher. Regret was Doug DeMeulenaere from St. Michael & Ramiro Guzman from St. Patrick.

Father opened the meeting at 6 and led us in prayer. Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Decision Items:

- None

### Discussion items:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent will be on 12/24. We will have Mass on Saturday, 12/23 at 5:30 at SJ and Sunday, 12/24 at 10:30 at SP
- Christmas Mass schedule will be same as usual: Christmas Eve 4pm SJ & SP, 6pm SM. Christmas Day 9am SP
- Holy Family will be 12/31. We will have regular weekend Masses that weekend. Father will do a Mass on Monday, 1/1/18 at 9am for Mary, Mother of God.
- The SJ Council decided to keep the Mass time at 5:30pm

### Committee reports:

- Faith Formation: Have more kids attending RE this year than we have in the last 12 years. NET Ministry retreat will be this Sunday for kids in grades 7-12. Deacon Joe is teaching RCIA this year and has about 13 people attending.
- Finance: Steph handed out the current financials for the council to review. All 3 parishes are financially doing well. No problems right now. The Fall Dinners all were financially about the same as they have been in the past so that was also good.
- Hispanic Ministry: Attendance has been up a little the last few weeks. Jackie and Steph are working very hard to continue to educate Hispanic families about RE being encouraged for kids from preschool-12<sup>th</sup>. We do have more Hispanic kids that are coming on a normal basis and not just on the years they make a sacrament.
- Pastor's Report: Father Kulas was here this past weekend to talk about Unbound. Deacon Thomas Winner will do a renewal weekend for the cluster in February.

Parish reports: SJ-Church is restored after the fire. Just waiting for the carpet to be installed.  
SM-Tuck pointing is complete, roof work will need to be done on the CCD Center.  
SP-school roof work is complete, new entry system is working well.

Other new business: Father will be offering confession at set times during Lent. He will put them in the bulletin and will be in the confessional for people during those times. Otherwise, people can always tell him they want to do a confession and he can do that before or after Mass.

Andy Upah will be ordained in May. Would be nice if each church does a gift of money for him.

There are 9 going on the trip to Haiti. They will be there in January.

Next regular meeting: Steph & Father will set something up and email everyone

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Babinat, Business Manager