

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY APRIL 27, 2021**

Present: Brenda Thiessen, Vince Kirby, Connie Wees, Pat Costello, Jim Mangimeli, John Leise, Jenny Boothe and Fr. Gnirk.

Excused: Tom Manhart, Don Peters, Rachael Urban, Peggy Staup and Pauline Pesek.

The meeting, via Zoom, began with a prayer.

The minutes of March 23, 2021 were accepted.

Pastoral Planning goals for 2021-22 were discussed, including welcoming people back. It will be good for us to be together again. Some threats to the Spirit of Generosity include too many weekend activities that tend to overshadow worship. The importance of reading the bulletin was stressed. It was suggested that another Ministry Fair could be quite helpful. When Deacon Tom has the opportunity to do his presentation on Solidarity and Subsidiarity, we will be better able to discuss Solidarity. As these goals are implemented we will also keep an eye on the 2020-21 goals for further implementation as well.

The Archbishop's letter regarding the Sunday obligation was discussed. We will need to emphasize the welcoming spirit of our parish, with the emphasis on being able to be together and pray together.

The land sale to the Fire Department has been completed. Proceeds have been used to pay off our construction bridge loan from the Archdiocese and invested with the Regan Group.

John Leise has completed his first term and has agreed to a second. Peggy Staup and Don Peters have completed their two terms. We are grateful for their service to the parish. Various candidates were discussed to fill the openings. Fr. Gnirk will follow upon with the candidates.

Deacon Tom will give a brief presentation on solidarity/subsidiarity at the May meeting.

Fr. Gnirk reported that he is planning to retire in July 2022.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Next meeting is May 25, 2021 at 6 PM, at the Fire Barn.