

ST. JOHN'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2019

Present: Connie Wees, Pauline Pesek, Rachael Urban, Pat Costello, Vince Kirby, Don Peters, Pam McCarville and Fr. Gnirk.

Excused: Deacon Tom Manhart, John Leise and Peggy Staup.

The meeting began with a prayer.

The minutes of October 22 were accepted.

In discussing the Parish Pastoral Plan, we focused on "Spiritual Nourishment" and "Social Justice". It was noted that there are more opportunities for adult faith formation. A suggestion was made that it would be nice to have a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings for adults running concurrently with RF. A preference was expressed for one session opportunities so that a multi week commitment would not need to be made. Currently we offer RCIA and a quarterly Baptism Class. Regarding Social Justice, St. John is involved with Bethlehem House, EPS, Siena Francis House, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the following:

Monthly \$100:

1. Cope
2. Catholic Charities
3. Bethlehem House
4. Serra Club
5. Siena Francis House
6. Western Douglas County Food Bank
7. Care-a-van

Other:

1. Youth for Christ - \$2500 Fall & \$2500 Spring
2. DC West Post Prom - \$150
3. Twin Rivers YMCA Strong Communities Campaign - \$750
4. Bethlehem House Ball - \$1,500
5. DC West Food Bank Mobile Pantry - \$250

Sunday envelopes were discussed. Fr. Gnirk posed the possibility of mailing envelopes every other month rather than people picking them at church once a year. After discussion, the consensus was to do the every other month mailing. The cost would be about \$300 more.

Fr. Gnirk reminded members to beat the Sunday rush and pick up their envelopes, calendars and parish directories after the meeting. Negotiations with the NRD continue concerning the property for the trail. Please support the special collection for the Religious Retirement. Several orders in the Omaha area benefit from this collection.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Next meeting is January 7, 2020 at 7 PM.

