

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Agenda
December 3, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deacon Richard, Deacon Stan, Kathleen Gabe, Alex Ellul, Anna Nowaczewski, Betty Linzy, Maureen Rieschl

MEMBERS EXCUSED; Don Kreiner, Sue Webster

- I. Opening prayer began at 10:34 with Deacon Stan leading the prayer.
- II. Approval of November Minutes
 - a. Corrections- Holy Door closed on Nov 20.
 - b. Christmas Mass Schedule did not list the 10 pm Mass.
- III. Minutes were approved with the above corrections

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Parish Directory- Cheryl has resubmitted the flash drive with pictures of parishioners. The Council agrees she has done a very nice job of getting the directory together.

IV. Christmas Decorating December 18-After 11:00 am Mass. Manger will be up. Jo will write thank-you to Coleman's. for the fresh donated greens. Fr. Mike showed interested in bringing some Rosemary plants for fragrance. Kathleen will check Walmart to see how strong the fragrance is, in consideration of people with allergies. Betty is bringing chili and Don is bringing hot dogs. Flowers will be delivered on Dec 18. Maureen ordered a few more—pink, red and white and 12 decorated wreaths. The issue of pine allergies was raised regarding having 12 wreaths inside the church, so a work order will be made for Jim or James to put wreaths on the poles outside.

V. Valentine's Dinner Dance. Betty reported she has received the contract from the musician and Don will submit the deposit check. Choir will start working on it after Christmas. There are supplies from last year to use—tablecloths. wine glasses, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

VI. Penance Service December 13-Deacon reported Fr. Vincent and Father Mike will hear confessions. Diocese has restrictions—rooms must have windows. We will use the sacristy with door access and the sanctuary.

VII. Thursday, December 8, is Feast of the Immaculate Conception—two masses will held: 10 am and 7 pm.

VIII. Shawl Ministry- Rose Oppenheim wants to restart it. There will be a blurb in bulletin to call Maureen. For information. Jo volunteered to be a reader. CSS may be a source for distribution of shawls. It will probably run Wednesday nights starting in February.

IX. Liturgical Ministers Workshop (Jan/Feb?)-Will be further discussed later.

X. REPORTS

- a. Religious Ed- Betty shared a thank-you letter from Ypsilanti Evangelical Friends Church. They expressed gratitude for the gifts donated. The children are sharing in Advent reflections each week. Two third graders and one fourth are being homeschooled due to no other enrollment in those grades. The broken partition in the hall is unusable, needs attention.
- b. Youth Group-went to the diocesan jamboree-five youths attended. They appreciated the workshops, and went for Adoration. They are planning meetings Dec 4 and 11. Anna plans to take them Saturday for Adoration at Christ the King. The goal is to bring them closer to Christ. Christmas cards for homebound are getting mailed. Last meeting had a good turnout—13 for the meeting—four or five 8th graders. They helped at the craft Show, and even a couple helped with the lights.
- c. Confirmandi should be involved in the parish as part of the community service. Deacon will talk to Ted.
- d. Liturgical Music- Alex will be here tonight for Mass.

XI. Don wrote an article re Matthew 25. Patrice will do a bio on FB to introduce herself.

XII. Adult Advent calendars will be in this week's bulletin.

X CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT-11:30 Deacon Richard led us in prayer.