

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Agenda
January 7, 2017

Members Present: Deacon Richard Giesige, Deacon Stan Kukla, Don Kreiner, Maureen Rieschl, Kathleen Gabe, Betty Linzy, Sue Webster, Alex Ellul [via phone], Jo Julius

- I. Opening prayer- Richard opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:34.
- I. December Minutes were approved with one correction:
 - a. Correction- Rose Oppenheim showed interest in seeing the Shawl Ministry restarted at Saint Joseph's. Maureen has volunteered to hold the meetings at her home.

OLD BUSINESS

- II. Review of Advent/Christmas
 - a. Advent supplies-some people prefer the Advent Reflection with dates, but the reflections were very nice in the Saint Teresa booklet. Calendars are well- appreciated.
 - b. Penance service-had 46 participants. A few left before the actual Sacrament, and some left right after confessions. Music was very nice. Don played some CD's Fr. Mike provided, as well as some quiet organ music.
 - c. Christmas flowers-they were wonderful. The florist was very helpful and prompt. We collected \$1900 dollars—much more than necessary. The extra funds go into the flower fund.
 - d. Decorating of church-inside. We had a lot of people stay and help : adult parishioners ad youth. It went quickly and smoothly.
 - e. Outside decorations: lights/luminaries. Abdon would like to still have a company come in and do the lights. It's not too early to get an outside provider of lights. The men used a cherry-picker, but the lights were not reliable; but they did get the job done. Don got luminaries at the Dollar Tree, and they seemed dim but that may have been due to all the additional lights lit this year. We need more people to commit to helping Christmas Eve with the luminaries. Don did the lion's share this year, and that's too much for one person.
 - f. The 4:30 Mass was very full, and the music was beautiful.
 - g. There was a good response to the giving Tree and Matthew 25 envelopes.
- III. Valentine's Dinner Dance update-The choir is sponsoring it this year. Don showed us a flyer he drew up for the bulletin. The Don's Knights will entertain again. We will remind folks that we should be respectful to the singers and not talk during the entertainment. We expect a good turnout. Betty has procured a couple of door prizes. Wine will be provided—hopefully at \$5 per bottle per her "connections." ☺

NEW BUSINESS

IV. Liturgical Ministers

- a. Recruitment-Hospitality will pass out the Time/Talent surveys at the Masses on January 14/15. Don will announce about the surveys after Mass, and the Hospitality Ministers will hand them out to be filled out in church.
- b. Announcements will be made for the next two weeks regarding Time/Talent. We can make calls to people interested.
- c. Training Day is tentatively planned for January 28. There will be a quick luncheon provided. Because of the cross-over of ministries, no decision has been made about who will do the training(s).
- d. The Council reviewed the current Time & Talent survey and the Brief Summary of Ministries.

V. Lent/Easter 2017

- a. March 1 is Ash Wednesday. April 15 is the Vigil, Easter is April 16.
- b. Supplies. We will provide 200 Black Books for Lent.
- c. Penance Service. Tuesday, March 28th is the tentative date for the Lenten penance Service. Two priests TBA will preside.
- d. Suzanne Harper has volunteered to help with the fish fries, working with Don this year then, hopefully, taking over next year.
- e. Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays before the fish fries, at 5 pm. The Deacons presided last year. There was a suggestion that we reach out to the organizations to lead the stations with the book provided, such as the Knights, the CCW and the Confirmandi.
- f. Flowers- Deacon Stan will order the flower envelopes for Easter flowers. Maureen will contact the greenhouse to order our custom freshly-grown flowers.
- g. Betty would like 150 Rice Bowls for the Lenten Season to be ordered both for the children and interested adults.

VI. REPORTS

- a. Religious Ed-The Giving Tree gifts were in abundance this year. When we get the thank-you letter, from the Quakers, Betty will provide it for the bulletin. May 7 is First Communion, as well as May Crowning.
- b. Don suggested we introduce the Confirmandi to the Parishioners, in reserved seats with their sponsors. This would take place on February 5 after the 11 AM Mass.
- c. Youth Group-No report
- d. Liturgical Music – We made \$885 for the basket raffles. We also received funds in memory of Rose Mary Howell. We didn't do a cantata this year for Christmas. Don would like to do an Easter Cantata, perhaps on Palm Sunday. There was some discussion about whether it is liturgically correct to do a Resurrection Cantata during Holy Week, and it was pointed out that a cantata is a performance, not a liturgy, so there is no religious conflict involved.

VII. HOSPITALITY- DONUTS

- a. Don handed out a schedule of which group is responsible for hosting hospitality after Mass, beginning in February.

- b. Abdon will contact Dom's to be our preferred provider, with regular orders and billing done through the office.

VIII. Miscellaneous

- a. Bulletins: stuffing/timing. Patrice needs copies of anything going to be stuffed into the bulletins. She is willing to do the stuffing. Decisions made about funerals, etc., must be made through the office and the Deacons. Communication must be clear on all levels.
- b. When Don is not here on Saturdays, we need someone to come and open the church for confessions. Kathleen & Richard have keys, as does, Jo, so they can be contacted by Don if he can't be available.
- c. Saint Joseph's Day is Sunday, March 19. Maureen will get loaves of bread for the weekend of the March 18 & 19. She will get 175 loaves., but no fishes.
- d. We have received a fair amount of memories/thoughts for Father Ed's book. Deadline will be February 28. We will have a little reception after the 5 pm Mass on March 11, Fr. Ed's birthday. Patrice is putting the book together.
- e. St. Blaise Feast Day celebration is the weekend of February 4th and 5th. The Blessing of the Candles/Throats will occur during the regular Mass times.
- f. The Directory will be ready soon—up to 60 pages. The second proof is in process. We will order 150 books. Those who submitted pictures outside the photographer will be charges \$10. Additional books will cost \$10.
- g. Signs- we are discussing the possibility of a generic sign for outside for the frames. Don showed some designs from the graphic company. He will notify them when we are ready to submit a design.

IX CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Deacon Stan closed the meeting with prayers and a blessing at 12:16.

Next meeting is February 4.