

Heart of Jesus Area Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 1st - 7:00pm at Olivia

Our Mission: "Through our Baptism we Catholics in the heart of the Diocese of New Ulm share in the priestly, prophetic and kingly offices of Jesus by centering our lives on prayer, evangelization, and loving service to others."

Members:

Bird Island: George Stadther(2016-2019, 1T), Mary Jo Schmoll(2014-2017 – completing T)

Hector – Maggie Wiggert (2017-2020, 1T); Carol Westhoff (2016-2019, 2T)

Olivia – Abby Thurston (2016-2019, 1T), Kim Lippert (2016-2019, 1T)

Renville – Diane Adamski (2015-2018, completing 1T), Nancy Standfuss (2016-2019, 1T)

Ex-officio – Sara Anderson, Fr. Denny Labat, Fr. George Schmit

Absent: Abby Thurston, Diane Adamski, and Fr. George.

A. Opening Prayer - Lead by Fr. Denny

B. Routine Matters

- a. Approval of minutes – November 28, 2017 - Correction to election of officers to reflect Mary Jo's position as chair, no president.
- b. Additions to agenda - none added
- c. Parish Reports/coming events – by 1 of parish reps
 - i. Bird Island – by George Stadther & Mary Jo Schmoll
 1. March 10th - Confirmation, March 26th - School Spring Concert, April 7th - Prime Rib Dinner, First Communion, Last School Day
 - ii. Hector – by Maggie Wiggert & Carol Westhoff
 1. March 21st Soup/Supper followed by Stations of the Cross
 - iii. Olivia – by Abby Thurston & Kim Lippert
 1. March 10th - Confirmation, March 11 - Coffee and Rolls, March 18th Men's Breakfast, March 22nd - Chrism Mass, Palm Sunday - CUF breakfast, March 25th - Adult Faith Formation - John Verly, April 18th - End of Life Seminar
 - iv. Renville – by Diane Adamski & Nancy Standfuss
 1. Soup and Bread suppers Wednesdays in Lent 4:30 -7:00, March 10th - Confirmation, Palm Sunday - K of C Breakfast,
 - v. AFC Events
 1. March 10th AFC Confirmation at St. Mary's
 2. March 25th - Adult Faith Formation John Verly 6pm
 3. April 18th - End of Life Seminar 11am -2pm - No cost to attend
 4. April 22nd - AFC Volunteer Appreciation Event 3:30 start, supper at 5:00
- d. Liturgy, Education and CCW Reports
 - i. First Communion at St. Marys April 29
 - ii. First Communion at Holy Redeemer and St. Aloysius - May 6th
 - iii. St. John's 8,9, and 10th graders, joining Stewart for Confirmation
 - iv. Liturgy committee meet next week to discuss Holy Week
 - v. New CCW President for Holy Redeemer - Robin Kleinhusen

C. Unfinished Business

- a. Parish Budget Letters/Ask to Increase Giving Update
 - i. We have seen an increase in all four parishes. Keep up the positive momentum.
- b. Diocesan Study - AFC Questionnaires Update - The Bishop has decided to put this on hold for 6 months or so. Possibly this fall.

- c. Heart of Jesus AFC/ What should be done as an AFC?
 - i. Sacred Dates - Sara to work with Nancy and Sue to create a combined list of fundraisers and events.

D. New Business

- a. Diocesan Plan for Parishes
 - i. PVI, the number of priests in the diocese: Discussion on merging AFC's and merging parishes. We not part of these merges. Discussion on the 4th Plan for Parishes, and the Parish Vitality Index. If you wish to review the Fourth Plan for Parishes go to www.dnu.org/fourthplan/. The parish vitality index graphs can be found in the [figures for section 4](#).
 - ii. Fr. George next winter - Fr. George is planning to be in Florida Jan - March. With fewer priests we will likely have more one priest weekend's during this time. We will need to seriously look at the one priest weekend Mass schedule in hopes of making the Saturday Mass time at St. John's earlier than 7pm.

- b. Liturgy as a AFC

- i. Fr. Denny has started to discuss with the Liturgy Committees to discuss the idea of a common music list for the AFC. They will also begin to talk with liturgical ministers. They are trying to make liturgical ministries as similar as possible so ministers can serve in multiple parishes.

- c. AFC Adult FF options

- i. [Formed](#)
 - ii. [Engaged](#)
 - iii. [Matthew Kelly will be in Minneapolis September 29th](#)

- 1. There was discussion on the possibility of a bus to bring parishioners to this event.

- d. Video from Amazing Parish Website

- i. Time did not permit us to watch the video from amazing parish, instead we watched the video on [John Verly](#), the presenter who will be here March 25th for Adult Faith Formation Night.

E. Future Business

- 1. Next meeting – Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00pm
 - a. Agenda items – Video from Amazing Parish Website on Transitions.
 - b. Deadline for additional agenda items (week before meeting)

F. Adjourn and closing prayer

Future meetings: **1st Thursday** of September, December, March and May at 7:00pm at Olivia: