

## Minutes of the October 28, 2019 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Present: Msgr John, Jeff Vitali, Charles Tocco, Randy Berd, Paul Hill, Peg Sass, Mike Linden, Dawn Pulcer, Deacon Greg Willoughby, Chris Pieback, Pete Connors  
Absent: Jack Kotter, Terry Zalewski will start in Jan, 2020

I. Chairman Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

II. Msgr John said our opening prayer

III. Introduction of new Parish Council Members , Charles Tocco and Mike Linden.  
Charles joined St Therese less than two years ago and is a recent cancer survivor!  
Mike joined St Therese about two weeks ago and comes from St Paul of Tarsus.

IV. M/B Peg Sass, S/B Randy Berd to approve the agenda - Ayes all

V. M/B Peg Sass, S/B Randy Berd to accept the minutes as printed - Ayes all

VI. No Guest Topics

VII. Pastoral Council projects

a. Council/Commission Succession Plan/Review Attendance sheet. Chairman Jeff and Msgr John provided information on how many people had asked to join the Parish Council and when their terms would run.

b. Parish Response to Emergency Situations - is complete

c. Building Security Protocol/Improvements. AKT Audit Msgr John noted that the three panic alarms are now available, the panic bars have been installed, the anti-shatter film has been installed on appropriate areas, and the parking lot lights will be addressed when we do the parking lot.

Msgr passed out an executive summary of their analysis of the Church and Rectory buildings, roofs, HVAC units, electrical, lighting, windows and doors, life safety and parking lot and parking lot lights. The parking lot is to be scheduled for 2020/21, HVAC for around 2022/23 and roof for around 23/24. Msgr John will also ask them to analyze the Parish owned Condo unit and report back.

d. Suggestions ("Are You Curious?") (AYC) Program. Paul Hill noted that he was thinking that the AYC program should wait until we answer some of the many questions asked in the Parish "Involved Volunteers" survey that are the same as AYC. He noted that we need to present the findings of the questionnaire to the volunteers in the bulletin over time. Discussion followed.

e. Prayer/Faith Formation

i. Discussion on the handouts from the Sept meeting from Msgr John regarding positive change and sermons

ii. "Involved" Volunteer Questionnaire - Top five from each Council member

Discussion on should we send the results to each group, e.g. Ushers, for them to read comments? Others too? The consensus was yes as we thought each Commission had passed the information onto all involved.

It was determined that based upon the Questionnaire results of each members top five items to enhance our Parish that the concept of doing something to bring our teen youth into the Church including a full time Youth Minister be considered as one on the top five.

The other unanimous concept was to do some type of analysis and evaluation on the issue of space availability and efficient utilization of current space to see if additional space may be required. Perhaps a Space Utilization Committee would be considered.

N.B. - Each Parish Pastoral Council member is to send to Chairman Jeff one other most important issue from the Questionnaire, other than your own, that will positively impact St Therese of Lisieux Parish, by Monday, November 11 so that all recommendations can be included in the upcoming meeting agenda for Monday, November 18.

iii. Critical Issues to address in 2019/2020

iv. 5 Year plan

VII New Business - There was no new business

VIII Commission Updates

a. Christian Service Commission - Market Days are Nov 2 and 3

The emergency equipment has been moved to the first cubby along the hallway by the St Francis Garden

Six new Bountiful Bakers were signed up at the Ministry Fair

b. Evangelization Commission The Commission members will reanalyze how to make the New Parishioners dinner as successful as it has been in the past.

Off site Evangelization will take place on Nov 14 at St Leo's soup kitchen along with the normal volunteers with a new team using the St Paul Street Evangelization system. The Parish will reinstitute the Vocations Chalice on Nov 3, this time in hopes of more Priests.

c. Stewardship Commission We made the 2019 CSA goal and exceeded it!! Name Tag weekend will be Nov 16 and 17

Consumers Power Project continues where parishioners can receive a free energy audit and St Therese gets some credit

d. Worship Commission Sunday, Nov 10 at 3:00 pm is The Memorial Mass with 81 crosses to be handed out.

A shortage of food for the St Vincent dePaul closet. Notice of what they need may be in the bulletin for youth or adults to bring in.

They added 4 new Lectors due to the Ministry Fair and a Mother Daughter team on Ushers

e. North Macomb Vicariate Council The Vicariate wishes to know when each Parish is doing retreats and confirmation so that if a candidate can't make one parish, they may be able to do so in another.

Nine parishes have started working on their Missionary Strategic Plan but no results yet.

Parishes are beginning to use a shared calendar for all to see what's happening in the Vicariate.

#### IX Fr John's Comments

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Parish Day of Renewal coming up in Nov. The Parish will pay for anyone interested in attending. Contact Brenda

-New locking procedures for when children are in RE. Even the kitchen is locked and adults are to use the bathroom in the Sacristy.

- As part of the new Missionary Strategic Plan, the Parish Pastoral Council will be eliminated and replaced with Parish Leadership Team

-The relics of Fr Solanus Casey will be displayed here at St Therese on Nov 14 through the 18th. There will be veneration of the relics and a talk by Fr Tom Zelinski

-Msgr John will be meeting with Pastor Nate from the Stoney Creek Church. They have purchased a bus and would like to partner with St Therese to provide a mobile soup kitchen plus evangelization and prayer to the homeless. [www.morethanabusstop.org](http://www.morethanabusstop.org)

X Next Meetings Monday November 18. No meeting in December Jan 20, 2020 - Feb 17, 2020 - March 16, 2020 - April 20, - May 18  
Deacon Greg will be Prayer Leader for November

XI Closing Prayer - Msgr John provided the closing prayer

XII Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Submitted by Pete Connors