



**Pastoral Council Regular Meeting
Teleconference
December 15, 2020**

Present: Fr. Matthew Jacob, Fr. Stephen Buting, Doug Borys, John Clark, James DeGuire, Jim Karolewicz, Jim Kochan, David Kriete, Cathy Liska, Monica Misey, Tom Pranica, Joe Russell, Jon VanDrisse

- I. Opening Prayer – the meeting began at 7:03 PM with a prayer led by Fr. Stephen.

- II. Discussion Items
 - a. Approval of November 17 Meeting Minutes – a motion to approve the minutes was made by Doug and seconded by Cathy. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Prayer & Worship Commission – minutes from the December 1 meeting are attached.
 - c. Human Concerns Commission – met last evening; the next meeting will be in January.
 - Food pantry is being run outdoors and will continue to do so through the winter. Approximately 20,000 people have been served, with 30-40,000 pounds of food distributed.
 - The Women’s Care Center continues to support mothers in need via Zoom.
 - The Clothing Center has issued an emergency request for to support families experiencing fires and the homeless.
 - e. Finance Council
 - Net income for the year is about \$40,000 below plan.
 - Commitment weekend brought pledges of approximately \$500,000 to reduce the existing building project debt.
 - f. School Update – school continues to operate in-person classes five days per week.
 - g. Pastoral Update
 - Deanery Meeting - December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021 has been declared as a “Year of St. Joseph” (The Year of St. Joseph Prayer is attached). January 22, 2021 there will be a Day of Dignity Mass at 7PM at St. Monica’s. March 24, 2021 will be a Day of Reconciliation.
 - There will be a Lumen Christi Church Dedication Anniversary Mass on December 22, 2020 at 0830 AM. The weekend of January 2, 2021 will be Parish Feast weekend.
 - Fr. Matthew wants to revive calls to shut-in parishioners in January, 2021 and requested participation from Pastoral Council members.
 - Pastoral Planning will begin with a retreat led by Rich Harter for the Parish Leadership Team on February 10, 2021. Pastoral Council will be included in March.
 - In January, Fr. Stephen will begin a series of articles in the bulletin on the Eucharist in the early Church.
 - h. Pastoral Council Chairperson – Joe indicated it is time for a new chairperson and will include as an agenda item for the next meeting. Please let him know if you are interested in the position.
 - i. The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 19th @ 7:00 PM.**

- III. The meeting closed at 7:50 PM with prayer by all attendees.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Karolewicz

PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING - DECEMBER 1, 2020

Attendees: Al Trenshaw, Margaret Caldwell, Jill Gahn, Moira Shaughnessy, Kate Heinzman, Linda Bergemann, Jim Karolewicz, Jim Kochan, Liz Barrington

Opening Prayer : Ministry prayer for wisdom

Old Business:

- Mass Numbers : running about 690-700 per weekend and approximately 1100 on line
- Thanksgiving - very well attended/ more families and less 1 and 2 persons in the pews/ best attended mass since March
- The ushers have been doing a great job overall. Jim Karolewicz pointed out that the ushers even seem to kind of know where people like to sit which is a very welcoming and friendly feeling. Also, Ushers are doing great with the collection baskets and we believe collections are up as a result.
- Ministry Pro Check In
 - Moira reported we are having good sub request response on Ministry Pro as well as people being willing to help cover.
 - The 7:30 mass is the hardest for sign-ups but seems to work out. It is the least attended mass.
 - For Christmas masses, we are working directly with the ministers to sign up now so we can take their household tickets out of the amount allocated for each mass.

New Business:

- 12/8/20 Holy Day Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm and also a 10AM school mass. The 8:30AM and the 10:00am masses will be live streamed.
- 12/12/20 Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe mass at 9:00am. Fr. Stephen will be the celebrant and the mass will be live streamed.
- 12/19/20 Communal Reconciliation - Fr. Matthew asked people to come to the regular confessions as we are unable to have as many priests at the communal service due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Christmas:
 - We discussed that the reservations system (Event Brite) goes live on Monday 12/7 at 8:00am. Many of the staff will be there will their laptops ready to assist people that are not able to use the online system.
 - Masses: Christmas Eve: 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm; Christmas Day: 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am
 - The sign up goes through midnight Thursday 12/10/20. The tickets are different colors depending on where you are located and the mass. Tickets will be mailed out on Friday the 11th to all people.
 - Margaret has talked to the Knights of Columbus. In lieu of not needing them for parking lot duty this year, we are hoping they will be willing to help with ticket collection and to alert people as they pull in that if they don't have tickets that they are unable to attend in person. We don't know at this point if we will fill up the registration fast or at all. We will know more next week.

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- Sign-ups are ongoing for the ministers at each mass and we are trying to get them all done as much as possible this week.
 - Moira will resend email to the greeters as well to get them on as well.
 - Jill has worked with the lectors and has them pretty well signed up
 - Usher and communion minister signups are ongoing as well and are filling in
- 1/3/21 Epiphany / Parish Feast Day/ Organ Recital 2 - Michael Batcho from the cathedral will be playing
- 1/23/21 and 1/30/21 First Reconciliation - Kate is working on 2 retreats as well that can now be in person. The suggestion was made to work with Fr Stephen for priests and also to perhaps have sign ups to be able to determine the number of confessors that will be needed.
- Next meeting on 1/12/21 at 6:30pm via zoom...Christmas recap and Easter look ahead (Ash Wednesday is 2/17/21)

"a Thrill of hope, a weary world rejoices" enjoy the season this year and we will see you in person or online! Thank you all again for all you do!

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.