



***Sacred Heart Pastoral Council***  
***Meeting Summary***  
**Thursday, November 16th, 2017**

1. Some discussion regarding the number of candidates for the Sacraments and their preparations took place. There is a policy that anyone wishing to receive a Sacrament may, providing that they take part in the preparations. If unable to do so at the arranged times, alternative times can and have been arranged. This is one of the comment areas from the survey. Your pastoral Council will be tackling the process of identifying what comments and concerns can be addressed and their prioritization in future meetings. It is expected that this will take much time.
2. After much discussion and research, we have made a choice to purchase **2 Philips HeartStart OnSite AED's** (Automated External Defibrillator). One to be placed in the church and the other in the hall. Plans to provide our parishioners with instructions for their use will be coming. The CWL has committed to purchase one and the Knights of Columbus have committed to assist in the purchase of the other with other parish organizations. We hope to have these in place by Christmas..
3. We have been discussing "Our Prayer to the Sacred Heart" and it was felt that it was time to change it as we have been successful, with its help, in funding our building needs. [We still encourage you to make financial donations to the Building Fund so that we can continue to do so.] Our prayers of thanks to our departed Deacon Doug Oltsher for authoring it at a time when it was needed. Our new prayer is called "Our Engagement Prayer" and reflects a call for Our Lord's help in building a vibrant, caring Sacred Heart Parish community.

**Our Engagement Prayer**

Sacred Heart of Jesus, we want to be an engaged parish motivated by love for You and committed to our mission of living out Your gospel.  
Help us to be a worshipping community, devoted to Mass, praying with and for one another, and lifting our voices joyfully in song.  
Help us to be a welcoming community with smiles and outstretched arms as we greet all who enter our doors.  
Help us to be a community of good stewards who support our parish and are compassionate to the needs of all.  
Help us to be a ministering community, cheerfully and tirelessly offering our time and talent in service to others.  
Help us to be a community of disciples who place You, Lord, at the center of our lives.  
Help us to be an engaged community with open hearts and minds to seek You Lord, share Your gifts, and rejoice in all Your blessings.  
As we begin this mass, we ask these things in Your Holy Name .  
Amen.

4. The 3 year term for Mary Tosland, Trevor Finkenzeller, and Richard Resch on your Pastoral Council will end as of December 31, 2017. Parishioners who are willing to commit 3 years of their time and talents to assist in helping our Sacred Heart Parish beginning January 2018 are asked to call Diane @ (519) 485-1802 to submit your name (Presently we have 1.). Thank you.

*Please remember your Pastoral Council in your prayers throughout the year.  
Thank you.*

**Our next meeting... Thursday, December 14, 2017 @ 7 pm**