

# **Saint Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting**

## **November 26, 2019 – St. Mark's Parish Hall**

### **Emmaus Pastorate P. Council Meeting**

**Opening Prayer:** Father John

**Members Present:** Ann Gibney, Susanne Hankey, Claudia McCalley, Joan Wangen, Jerry Farmer and Jerry Muff.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Faith Formation Commission Committee**

##### **Janine Berns: FFCC Report**

- 1) FFCC meeting was on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. with Father John and Faith Formation Commission meeting in the Upper Room at Saint Mary.
- 2) NCYC is HERE! Leaving Thursday, November 21st and back November 24th - 11 students, 3 adults Live stream links – the NCYC live stream information can now be found on the NCYC website <http://www.ncyc.info/livestream> .
- 3) Christmas Program – Angel Keppler and family have graciously offered their time to provide another shadow program. She has already reached out to see who would be interested in participating. Angel is also hoping to have a community meal to follow the program.

##### **John Uhal:**

##### **Vocations Awareness Even**

- 1) Goal is to raise awareness of vocations and encourage parents to talk about vocations with their children. Aimed at junior high and high school students, adults, and all parents. Jointly organized by Knights of Columbus and Seven Sister. Current plan is to have a roundtable discussion featuring people in different vocation states with a meal to follow. Time, date, location still to be determined.

##### **Adult Faith Formation**

- 1) Four session event based on the mammoth changes of Vatican II. Currently being studied at St. Mark; quite successful under the name of "Go Deep 2!" Dates, times, locations still to be determined.

##### **Advent Activity**

- 1) Flocknote provides customizable messages based on a fact or theme of Advent. Similar to an email or online retreat. Messages can be easily sent to a group or individuals in Flocknote. Flocknote could possibly tie messages to Fr. John's weekly themes and could possibly create Flocknotes based solely on Fr. John's weekly and overall Advent themes.

### **Finance Committee – Susanne Hankey, Chair**

- 1) The St. Joseph's Finance committee met on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 5:30pm at the Parish Center.
- 2) Alice White gave us background on the Beck Trust.
- 3) Annual report should be coming out on November 23rd to each of the parishes. The Council reviewed the final figures on the hall project. The cost of dry cleaning the drapes, paint, carpet cleaning will run about \$2604.28. Due to the \$133,141 donation from the Poule family our TAXA bill increased by \$13000 over what was budgeted. We plan to draw the increase from the Poule D&L fund to pay this increase.
- 4) Looked over check register and budget; still working on making changes to clean up the budget report.

### **Parish Life Committee - Claudia McCauley**

No Parish Life Committee Meetings have been held since the last Parish Council Meeting on September 16, 2019. At that time, Ellen Collins, Chairperson retired from the position. She indicated that Father John was aware of her decision and added that she believed he would need to appoint a new Chairperson.

### **Liturgy Committee: Joan Wangen, Representative**

No Report

### **Social Justice: Jerry Muff**

- 1)The SJ Committee has been active in collecting food for the Clayton County Food Shelf on the first Saturday of the month mass at St Joes. The Ericksons and Linda Gardner have continued "Fill the Trunk" project, where parishioners bring food or give cash which is taken to the CC Food Shelf. Short term storage of the food items may be an issue we still need to work out during the winter months as we have found out that the church (reconciliation room) cannot be used for this purpose. Additional volunteers for this project would be helpful to transport goods to CCFS when needed.
- 2)Chair, Coleen Moore made a presentation at last week's mass, Nov. 24, of a few additional Christmas related projects. They are the "Giving Tree" where parishioners can bring gifts to place under the tree. Any items considered helpful to the less fortunate individuals, ie. clothing, new bedding, toys for kids, etc. would be appreciated. Givers should just place them under the tree. SJ members will then take them to the Shepherds of the Hills auditorium by December 9<sup>th</sup>.

- 3) Another project is "Reverse Advent Calendar" where food items are listed in the church bulletin that could be provided to those that utilize the CC Food Shelf.
- 4) Additional projects have been offered to our Chairperson but because we did not meet in November, they will be discussed at the Dec. meeting. Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month after mass.

**Stewardship Committee: No Representative**

**P. Council Chair: Ann Gibney**

- 1) The P. Council reviewed the Spiritual Surveys from the parish. The Council will lead a review of this information at the Town Hall Meeting in 2020.
- 2) Ann asked Susanne Hankey to prepare a financial report on the recent renovations which were made to the Parish Hall. This report will be a bulletin insert for the parish as soon as it is prepared and approved by Fr. John Haugen.

**Next Meeting:** January 2020

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janie Wiley, Secretary