



## St Patrick's Council Meeting Notes November 27, 2018

The Council met on November 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Present were Father John Haugen, John Wessel, Lucas Thein, Dean and Rosalee Boeckenstedt, Jerry and Janet Nadermann, Deanne Wulfekuhle, and Carol Steger.

Father Haugen provided an update on the status of the Catholic Church parishes in Iowa. He mentioned that twelve priests serve 46% of the parishes in the archdiocese. Also noted were the large number of parishes that have closed and the fewer number of priests now available to serve those still open. He emphasized that we need to decide if our parish is Vital or Vibrant. We need to make a commitment to the community. Many people do not understand what parishes do and need to do to survive. There was a discussion on the sexual abuse issue and why people have left the church.

It was mentioned that we need to note the people we do not see in church, maybe stop to see them. We also need to stay in contact with young college students that have left the parish.

John Wessel reported on the Capital Campaign for our parish.

Sandy Klaus is in charge of compiling demographics for the parishes to be released at Town Hall Meetings in 2019. Each parish needs to do Pastoral Planning for the future.

Carol Steger mentioned that the cash collected on the third Sunday of December would go toward the Pay it Forward Fund. The cash collected on December 30<sup>th</sup> would go toward the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Carol also informed them that the Stewardship Committee was planning to have bingo type cards in January for adults and children. They would have small tasks

**to complete and return in February. There would be a drawing for prizes for those returning the cards.**

**Deanne updated the members on what the Faith Formation groups were planning.**

**Carol Steger, Secretary**