

Holy Family Parish

Pastoral Council Agenda

January 28, 2021

1. Prayer on Mark 1:21-28
 - a. We reflected on the Gospel passage for the coming weekend.
2. Facilitators and Note takers
 - a. Based on Strength Finder assessment
 - b. Note Takers – Brienne and Eileen
 - c. Facilitators – Sal and Jenny
3. Endowment Review
 - a. Should the school be included in the endowment?
 - b. Exclude the school from the endowment for engagement ministries
 - c. Option to create a separate endowment for the school – there was one such for SJB school in the past. Father Kevin will try to find out from the Diocese what happened to it.
4. Vision and Mission Statement
 - a. Vision Statement
 - i. Striving to be a community of intentional disciples welcoming and serving young Catholics and all to discipleship, so that together we actively and joyfully seek to learn, love, and live our faith in Jesus Christ.
 - ii. Young Catholics
 1. Many wanted the adjective “young” to be removed
 2. Wordsmith to make the statement more inclusive
 3. Father Kevin wants to highlight bringing young Catholics to grow in the faith
 4. Older members of the community help to engage young people
 5. Father George recommended beginning with “Holy Family Parish strives” and “building on gifts and strengths of experienced Catholics”
 - iii. Things the group liked:
 1. “intentional disciples”
 2. “actively and joyfully seek”
 3. “learn, love, and live”
 - b. Mission Statement
 - i. Father Kevin recommended adding the specifics about building the faith and using the gifts and talents of experienced Catholics to support young Catholics belongs in the mission statement, not the vision statement
 - ii. Father George: All members are important to God and all members are in a different place in the journey of faith.

- iii. Mike: the focus should be on bringing in people who are not currently present in the church (young Catholics, young families) to focus on bringing people in
 - iv. Fr. Kevin: the mission of older Catholics is to reach out and to get the next generation of Catholics to live their faith
 - 1. Helping young people find their faith in a challenging culture
 - 2. “Afflict the comfortable; comfort the afflicted”
 - v. Use the word bridge
 - vi. Rephrase or specify “embracing our differences”
 - c. Drafts of the vision and mission will be sent out prior to the next pastoral council meeting for feedback with hope to finalize and include in Handbook.
- 5. Alpha Evangelization Steering Committee – Update Deacon Frank & Father George
 - a. Begin the first round in the fall
 - b. The team is talking about inviting people to the first session to be formed as leaders but run through a “Beta Alpha” late spring/summer.
 - c. Drip Campaign style – grow interest by giving people bits of information in the bulletin each week – Deacon Frank will do this
 - d. Everyone on the team recruited people to join the Alpha leadership team – the first group to go through the program
 - e. Focus on bringing people from all five churches together
 - f. Be ready to point people towards ministries that suit their strengths after completing Alpha
- 6. Staff Update Father Kevin
 - a. Sister Lynne and John Cupps have been relocated to St. Irenaeus
 - b. Karen has moved to Sister Lynne’s former office with an assistance M/W/F/Sun mornings
 - i. Gerri Kopelic (staff) and Cindy Vento (volunteer)
 - c. More changes may come after Easter
- 7. Capital Expense Task Force – Father Kevin
 - a. OLOJ sound system was updated and ambo mics fixed.
 - b. St. Irenaeus sound system is being updated (\$10,000)
 - c. Small sound system modifications at St. Joseph included in upgrades at STI.
 - d. May put in permanent video equipment at St. Joseph and St. Irenaeus due to live streaming failures in the past
 - i. Recommendation to come from Finance Council soon
- 8. Family Catechesis Model Steering Committee – meets next week – no update
- 9. Lent Plans
 - a. Will appear in the bulletin this weekend
 - b. Fr. Kevin encouraged the pastoral council to be as involved in Lenten activities as possible/comfortable with
- 10. Adult Faith Formation
 - a. Interest in beginning an adult faith formation program (separate from RCIA)

- b. St. John's used to have Jesus 101 in person and live streamed; different parishes had different forms of Adult Ed.
 - c. Looking for presenters?
 - d. Jenny and Deacon Frank recommended following the RCIA model
 - e. Lisa suggested Mass 101 to teach people about how the mass works to grow deeper in faith through understanding the mass
 - i. Similar to what was discussed with Worship Committee
 - ii. Commentator to teach during mass (e.g. in the balcony at St. John's, voice over on live stream)
 - iii. Structure as a special event
 - iv. Use captions – Pop Up style
 - f. Father Kevin will take these suggestions to the Pastoral Staff
 - g. Special Interest Adult Catechesis
 - i. E.g. music ministry with Catechesis – Sing Once – Pray Twice
11. Daycare
- a. Exploring the option of having a daycare center at St. Irenaeus
 - b. Provide continuum of care for parents who send their children to Holy Family
 - c. Attracts young adults and families
 - d. Holy Family provides before and after care for students enrolled in the school
 - e. Parish operation – unrelated to the school
12. Evaluation Tools:
- a. Parish Survey – Update Brienne – Meeting in February
 - b. Ministries Groups Committees Interview/Questionnaire – Update – Jon Fesz
 - i. Handbook in process – completion goal is the end of February
 - c. SWOT Analysis (Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats)
13. Ministry Update
- a. SOS
 - i. 44 volunteers (10 active)
 - 1. Care givers, shopping
 - ii. Over 80 recipients
 - 1. Most recipients are from OLOJ but it's expanding to St. Joseph's and St. John's
 - 2. Pandemic has slowed
 - iii. Looking at adding weekend mass transportation through Access
 - b. Expanding St. Vincent de Paul across the Parish
 - c. \$25,000 donated to local food banks
 - d. Christmas brunch team delivered 256 packages to community members on Christmas Eve and Christmas day
 - i. 20 drivers from all 5 churches
14. Schedule Next Meetings – Thursday, February 25 6:30pm
- a. March Meeting – Monday, March 22 7:15pm
 - b. Goal is to pick a consistent monthly meeting day/time in the near future (3rd Thu?)
15. Closing prayer