

Church of St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council

February 22, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Lynda True, Bernie Dutke, Angie Neumann, Roberta Grady, Ryan Kracht, Lisa Gonzalez, Fr. Creagan, Fr. Hughes
Guests: None

Fr. Creagan offered a prayer to open the meeting at 7:05.

Parish Anniversary and All School Reunion: The Corn Feed August event will be rolled into the Parish Anniversary and All School Reunion, although corn on the cob will not be on the menu. There will be another celebration in September for the anniversary of the first mass celebrated in the parish.

Minutes from the January 10th meeting were approved.

Hospitality Saturday March 4 and Sunday March 5

- 5:00 Sat Bernie Dutke
- 7:30 Sun Roberta Grady
- 9:00 Sun
- 11:00 Sun Lisa Gonzalez

New Parishioner welcome: Dan Brewer is working on setting up welcoming teams. He will need to work with Mike Snyder to make sure that the proper screening and training are done. We discussed the need to have some coordinators. Father Creagan was going to ask the deacons if they would be interested. It was also mentioned that it would be helpful if the volunteers could also be geographically paired with the new parishioner(s). It helps to build community if one of your neighbor's welcomes you.

Upcoming Events: On Thursday, March 9th at 7pm, there will be a ceremony to bless the two newest icons: The Dinner at Cana and the Divine Mercy. Father is trying to line up as many Eastern rite clergy (both Eastern Rite and Orthodox) to attend. Inviting the local protestant communities was also discussed. The iconographer will then make a presentation on the construction of the Cana Dinner Icon.

Fr. Kubicki SJ will be here for our parish mission on March 11-14. He will give the sermon at all Sunday masses and the Saturday anticipatory mass. Then on Monday and Tuesday, he will deliver two lectures, one at 8am and then will repeat it at 7pm.

- March 13 – "The Meaning of Life"
- March 14 – "Reaching the Goal"

The event will be advertised on Relevant Radio. Invite your friends!

We then spent time discussing Bishop Hebda's questions from last fall's staff conference. We focused on how we could affect our community. We thought about having neighborhood gatherings and invite 20 or so parishioners and any other known Catholics in that neighborhood to a potluck get together. We would need a list of parishioners – a map of our parishioners. We need to discuss/plan this more. But we thought we would start out by setting up a social hour for former members of St. Michael's on a non-hospitality Sunday following the 7:30 mass.

Parishioner Questions: Will the priest face away from the congregation at St. Joe's? The archdiocese is not requiring any parish to change the orientation of the priest at mass. St. Joe's has no plans to change the direction the priest faces during mass.

We adjourned at 8:40. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm.