

BENEDICTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saint Joseph Parish Advisory Council

Wednesday, March 15th, 2023

6:30 to 7:30 pm

Church of Saint Joseph – Parish Meeting Room

Meeting called by: Steve Meyer Type of meeting: Saint Joseph Meeting

Note taker: Amber Walling

Agenda Items

	Action	Presenter(s)	Time (on clock)	Notes
1. Welcome		Steve Meyer	6:30	Meeting began at 6:35 pm. Tom Klecker attending as a guest.
2. Prayer		Steve Meyer	6:33	Steve led prayer.
3. Agenda & Prior Minutes Review		Steve Meyer	6:35	No changes to minutes noted. All agenda items are noted.
4. Discussion Items:			6:37	
a. Pro-Life Monument	Information	Bernie Imholte	6:37	Steve Meyer has joined the committee for the pro-life monument. The committee has not met since the Parish Advisory Committee last met and received information from Amy Kluesner, representative from the committee. Vince DeVargas is the head of the committee. Recommendation made for committee members and Parish Advisory Committee members to reach out to a few individuals each to determine the thoughts and feelings surrounding a monument.

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b. Book Discussion: Becoming Eucharistic People	Discussion	Daniella Zupan-Jerome	6:40	<p>Questions for Discussion:</p> <p>1)Page 30, the meaning of reverence as “a posture of awe and wonder before God.” You are invited to share about how you have experienced this, including in the context of our parish.</p> <p>2)Page 37, reflecting on the name of our church, St Joseph. How does St Joseph shape our identity and mission as disciples of Jesus Christ?</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Read Chapter 3</p>
c. Parish Mission Feedback/Recap	Discussion	Amber Walling	7:00	<p>First night – hard to hear livestreaming. Livestreaming was good. Message was could impact everyone, but message seemed to encourage younger individuals. More marketing/outreach for next year. Father participated, but did not take away from the experience, only added. Hoping Parish Mission to serve as a beginning. Third night’s message encouraged sharing Christ’s message with those around us and coming forth with an invitation—what could the next steps be? Liked that the format wasn’t just a speaker – music and Eucharistic Adoration, as well. Seemed a more well-rounded approach.</p>
d. Discernment Process: Parish Advisory Council & Finance Council	Discussion	Steve Meyer	7:10	<p>Recommendation is to provide a write-up in the bulletin including what a member of each council would be called upon to do and what typical ‘qualifications’ may be for someone serving in this role. Acknowledge that one of these ‘qualifications’ may be a willingness to listen to others within the parish.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Determine appropriate timeline for discernment process.</p>
e. Fr. Brad Items/Updates	Information	Fr. Brad	7:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good to start discernment process sooner rather than later. • Council purpose is to discern where Christ is calling our parish to be now and in the future. Creating a ‘brave space’ that allows discussion—even if discomfort may occur. • Mission gave us some items to think about—council is tasked to determine how to move forward from this call to action.

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f. Lent Schedule	Information	Amber	7:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stations of the Cross <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Saint Joseph—7:00 pm on Fridays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mar 17th, Mar 24th, Mar 31st ii. Saint John the Baptist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5:00 pm—with Soup & Speaker following on Wednesdays b. Palm Sunday—April 1st & 2nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Saint Joseph 5:00 pm ii. Saint John the Baptist 8:30 am iii. Saint Joseph 10:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passion is longest gospel version and will not allow for a 10:00 am Mass. c. Holy Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 6:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Parish Center ii. 8:00 pm St. Joseph d. Good Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 1:00 pm St. Joseph ii. 6:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Parish Center e. Holy Saturday—One Sub Clergy Needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Parish Center – Fr. Ian ii. 8:30 pm St. Joseph—Fr. Brad f. Easter Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 8:00 am St. Joseph ii. 10:00 am St. Joseph g. Reconciliation Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Church of Saint Joseph; Saturday, March 25th at 1:00 pm
g. Quick Check Ins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. ACC Collaboration ii. Children’s Choir iii. Youth Participation 	Discussion	Steve	7:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking about whether there is there a specific project that can serve as an opportunity to start more intentional collaboration? • Children’s Choir is not moving forward now. Need to determine if there would be enough participants. • No interest from the youth to attend Parish Advisory Council Meetings.
5. Prayer			7:30	Steve closed with prayer.

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6. Adjournment				Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm. Next meeting: Joint Council Meeting – St. John the Baptist, Thursday, April 13 th at 6:30 pm. Parish Advisory Council Meeting—Wednesday, May 10 th at 6:30 pm

Other Information:

Future Topics:

Attendance:

A/P/V	Name	A/P/V	Name
	Staff/Trustees		Pastoral Council
P	Budde, Dede (SJ Trustee)	P	Meyer, Steve
P	Jenniges, Brad, Pastor	P	Zsupan-Jerome, Daniella
P	Walling, Amber (SJ Business Administrator)	P	Nydeen, Lance
		P	Imholte, Bernie
P	Klecker, Tom (Guest)	P	Fink, Jacob

Goals:

Pastoral Council		
Tentative Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	(Owner) Goal
		POSSIBLE GOAL: Evangelization Planning/Plans PRIMARY TOPICS/CONCERNS FOR PARISH: Communication, Bringing Parishioners Back 'after' COVID, Encouraging Participation for Financial Stability,

Items Brought Forward at April 7th, 2022 Joint Council Meeting:

- i. Connecting with Saint Joseph Catholic School Regularly/Youth Involvement in Liturgy
 - 1. Opportunity for youth sign-up for ministers
 - a. Ushers, Greeters, Gift Bearers
 - 2. Musical Involvement
 - 3. School Kids Participate in Friday Social
 - 4. Have a Mass one Sunday a month with Youth Participation
 - a. Readers, Procession, Servers, Hymns, Kid Friendly Homily
 - b. Switch off between Saint Joseph and Saint John the Baptist
- ii. Providing opportunities for community use of parish spaces at our invitation.
 - 1. Presentations from Various Organizations via Invite
 - 2. Allowing Use of Space for Other Organizations
 - a. Girl Scouts
 - b. Boy Scouts
 - 3. All are invited to share in all ACC events
 - 4. Community Meal
 - 5. Craft Shows
 - 6. Winter Play
- iii. Plan and Host ACC/Parish Mission
 - 1. National-Level Speaker – Multi-Night Series
 - 2. Possibly Week-Long Event
 - 3. Eucharistic Revival
 - 4. Work to set Date ASAP
- iv. Feature Already-Occurring activities in bulletin or prepare an ACC Mission Annual Report
 - 1. Write-ups in bulletin for programs that already exist to inform those who may not have participated in past
 - 2. Powerpoint feed prior to the livestream
 - 3. Compiling Mailing for all ACC members
 - a. Include attendance at programs
 - b. Number of Quilts Sewn
 - c. Number of Meals Served
 - d. Number of Pounds of Food Donated, etc.
 - 4. SMS Text Messaging to get the word out for reminders/invites
 - 5. QR Codes
 - 6. Have a Ministry Fair
- v. On-going Family Night w/Activities for Kids & Families
 - 1. Monthly Event for Socializing Only
 - a. Late-August After Mass
 - b. Game Night
 - c. Movie Night
 - d. Trivia Night
 - e. Zoo Trip
 - f. Farm Visit
 - g. Apple Orchard
 - h. Avon Hills Folk School
 - 2. Kids tour the church
 - a. Up-close look at areas of the church or holy objects (i.e. Chalice, tabernacle, etc.)
 - 3. Family Mass
 - a. Families come around altar at Eucharistic Prayer
 - 4. Kids Vote on Next Week's Event
- vi. Men's Group & Women's Bible/Book Study
 - 1. "That Man Is You"
 - 2. Most of these groups focus around retired community
 - a. Have more time to participate in
 - 3. Early Morning Bible Study Groups
- vii. Multi-generational Programming
 - 1. Senior Citizen Dinner
 - a. Held on day off school, so kids can serve
 - 2. Senior Care Packages
 - a. Deliver these items as families
 - 3. Kids write cards to seniors in parish
 - a. Valentines
 - b. Birthday Cards
 - 4. Board Games
 - 5. Grandparents' Mass
 - a. Invite grandkids to Mass with them.
- viii. What Does Family Friendly Look Like? Creating Family Friendly Environment
 - 1. See Family Night Ideas
 - 2. Kids Packets
 - a. Children's Bulletin
 - b. Kids Offering
 - i. "kind works you did this week"
 - c. Crayons

- d. Stickers
- 3. Stools in bathroom for washing hands
- 4. Diapers/Wipes in Bathrooms
- 5. Knights Stools
- 6. Quiet Space/Step Away Space
- 7. Scavenger Hunt Within Parish
 - a. Hide figurines in plants or around parish
- 8. Pew Cards of What Mass is About
- 9. Everything We Do Should be Family Friendly
- ix. Establishing Youth Ministry Program
 - 1. TEC Weekend
 - 2. Space for teens
 - 3. What does Youth Ministry look like in 2022?
 - 4. Immersing it into the community
 - a. Youth taking ownership of programming.
 - 5. Conversatio Program
 - a. Saint John's SOT
- x. Personal Invitation/Parish
 - 1. Send out letters to people we haven't seen in a while and include bulletin.
 - 2. Ticket to KC Breakfast
 - 3. Welcome Kit for New Parishioners
 - 4. Call for Personal Invitation