

St. Joseph and St. Michael Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph

Introduction of Deacon Patrick Comfort and his wife, Silvia by Matt Gabler

1. **Opening Prayer** by Father Dan pertaining to the Poor Souls.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from October 14, 2015. Motion by Dallas Rensel and seconded by Matt Gabler.
3. **Financial Reports:**
 - a. **St. Michael (by Maddie Cherry)**– no meeting recently. 2 small heaters were purchased for the rectory side entrance of the church and heaters are almost ready in the sidewalks. Also new lights were purchased for the Rectory dining room. There was a discussion to purchase racks to store chairs in the social hall.
 - b. **St. Joseph (by Barb Ross)**– Finance committee met Nov. 17, 2015. Review of comparison of budget with actual profit & loss from July through Oct. of this year. Most items in line except for Offertory which is lower at this time. Also noted that the October Count for parishioners attending Mass was down. Concrete repair work to the front of the church is pending. Discussion held re: EFT and Credit Card transfers by parishioners to the offertory. George Kutskel is looking into it and will forward info on to council to read at next meeting. .
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Holy Name Society: (by Bob Patton)** Rang bells for the Salvation Army earlier this month. Turkey Bingo is this Sunday at 4pm. Dec. 6th is Dine-Out Day at Luigi's with raffles. Current balance is \$583.00
 - b. **Rosary Society**
 - i. **St. Joseph (by Mary Ann Nicometo)** The group met on Nov. 3rd. They will have a Soup/bake sale in conjunction with the Craft Fair on Dec. 12th in the Social Hall, then another bake sale on Dec. 13th after Mass. Christmas Party for members and guests Sun. Dec. 13th at Luigi's. Current balance is \$8,805.94.
 - ii. **St. Michael (by Theresa Cyphert)** The group met Nov. 4th and said the Rosary in the church before the meeting. 360 nutrolls were made Nov. 4th-6th. Christmas party will be Dec. 13th at the DuBois Diner. The group decided to sponsor a needy family for the Angel Tree with \$500 of funds. Election of officers was held and Matilda Illuzzi- president, Lori Herzing – vice president, Denise McMillen-treasurer and Shelly Luchini – secretary. They will serve a 2 year term. Next meeting is Jan. 20, 2016. \$5 year dues are due.
 - c. **Knights of Columbus (Dave Straub not present):** Fr. Dan reported, Goodwill's collection box is now in St. Michael's Church parking lot. Goodwill weighs the items then gives K of C a donation for every pound.

d. St. Michael's Outreach Group (by Theresa Cyphert):

The group held their most recent meeting Nov. 16th in church social hall. They raked leaves for one family. Patriotic Rosary on Nov. 2nd went well- about 100 people attended. We hosted the Parish Mission morning session socials. Had about 20-30 people attending the social each morning. Put together 24 College Stress Boxes that will be mailed in Decemeber. Will ring bells for the Salvation Army Sat. Dec. 12th at the DuBois Mall. At our Jan. 25th meeting will put together Shut In Bags for the elderly, then in March/April another round of College Stress Boxes. We are planning to help Holy Name Society co-host the Parish Picnic in 2016.

e. Catholic Education

i. **DuBois Area Catholic School (by Father Dan):** DCC Robotics team took 1st place at Penn State – going to Fargo, ND in Dec. Advent Program including confessions are coming up.

ii. **Religious Education (by Meg Hough)**

All Saints Day Events successful. The evening session of the movie “*God’s Not Dead*” was positive experience by both students and parents. Catechist recertification was held Nov. 8th with 8 catechists participating. Confirmation 2016 date has yet to be set. 1st Reconciliation will be in March and 1st Communion on May. 3rd Grade Work of Mercy to Feed the Hungry was held last Sun. with food collected after Rel. Ed. Classes. They are purchasing an adaptive curriculum from Loyola Press to use with special needs children.

iii. **Adult Education (by Meg Hough)**

RCIA Rite of Acceptance will be held this weekend. Symbolon concluded earlier this month. A new program “Formed” is being promoted. A committee is being formed to see if this is a feasible idea as the cost is \$140 per month.

5. Old Business

a. **Fund raiser to replace Polish Festival**– meeting will be next Wednesday night.

b. **Diocesan Pastoral Planning Update** – Dallas Reinsel reported that this was very informative and well attended. In January, there will be a meeting of the Bishops with all the pastors to discuss the possible changes. Deacon Pat and wife Silvia discussed what occurred when their churches merged in Illinois. Bob Patton commented that the number of priests will go from present of 121 to 74 by 2024 and that it is a big concern.

c. **Catholic Services Appeal** – St. Joseph goal is \$22,585- current pledges \$28,935 – currently paid \$27,175. St. Michael goal is \$48,277- current pledges \$64,102– currently paid \$57,367.

- d. **Thirsty Thursday Theology update (by Luanne Varacallo)** – There was a meeting Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at The Diner where they came up with the new name (Thirsty Thursday Theology). They meet every month. They met on Nov. 12th and had 8 people. Matt Gabler ran the meeting sharing stories and a good discussion. Next meeting is Dec. 12th when Luanne's son & his wife will discuss marriage. St. Catherine's paid for the appetizers at that meeting, can St. Michael's do it this time? Approximately \$200. Motion was made to give the group \$200.
- e. **Liturgical Ministries** (by Fr. Dan) – this weekend the final commissioning services for the Eucharistic Ministers will be held.
- f. **Upcoming Pastoral Council Election**
 - i. **Nominations for new council members- November** 5 people are currently nominated from St. Joseph and 22 from St. Michael. Nominations will be accepted until the end of November. At that time Paul McCloskey (for St. Joseph) and Luanne Varacallo and Matt Gabler(for St. Michael) will call the nominees and see if they want to be on the ballot. They, the nominees will fill out a biography form for insert into the bulletin.
 - ii. **Elections to be held Jan. 16-18, 2016** This will be done during all Masses. Ballots will be handed out at all Masses to those 18 years or older.
 - iii. **Parish Breakfast planned by Council 2016** It was discussed that after the 5:30 p.m. Mass Sat. Feb. 20th at St. Michael's and 9 a.m. Mass Sun. Feb. 21st at St. Joseph that all council members will attend & host a Parish event with appetizers on Saturday evening and a breakfast Sunday morning. Luanne made a motion and Dallas seconded it.
- g. **Evaluate Parish Mission** went well. Over \$2,300 was donated to the Mission by parishioners from both parishes. Council wants to have another mission in 2016.

6. New Business

- a. **Christmas/New year's Mass schedule** – In 2014 we had a total of 6 Masses between the 2 churches. This year it was decided to have Christmas Eve: 4pm (St. Joseph), 6pm (St. Michael), 9 pm (St. Michael) and 10 pm (St. Joseph). Christmas Day: 9 am (St. Joseph) and 10 am(St. Michael). Luanne made a motion and Theresa seconded it. As far as New Year's Masses – it was suggested 6 pm at St. Joseph and 9 am at St. Michael – Ann made a motion and Dallas seconded it.
 - b. **Other Concerns** – none
7. **Next meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015 at St. Michael's?** This was cancelled by council. The next meeting will now be Wed. Jan. 20th at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph Church Hall (incoming council members for 2016 will be able to attend if they wish).

8. Closing Prayer

9. Adjournment