

# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

**Present:** Andrea Visneskie, Barb Vodicka, Dan Ziegler, Father David Lewis, Lisa Denomme, Marianne Kieswetter, Marty Merlihan, Peggy Kelly, Phil Milan and Tim Baillargeon

**Regrets:** Iris Miltenburg

**Prayer:** Phil Milan

**Approval of Previous Minutes** – Phil Milan and seconded by Father David Lewis.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Calendar - Lisa Denomme: Sales started at the Christmas dinner and continued on the weekend. It will continue to be sold throughout the month of December. Cost is \$10. Proceeds to go to the Roof fund.

St. Teresa Syrian Sponsorship Ministry Report – Marianne Kieswetter: Nothing different from the bulletin. The family is still coming. Still on track. According to the people at the Diocese who have talked to the family, they are excited to be coming. Please pray for them.

Christmas Fundraising Dinner – Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pat Ditner: This year's Christmas dinner was a success with 158 tickets sold. Thank you to all parishioners that helped make this such a fun event. The 50/50 was won by Trudy Denomme. Gift baskets were a great extra towards fund raising for the church roof. Thanks again, God bless the volunteers.

St. Teresa of Avila Penitential Service – Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: It is at 7 p.m. Several priests from the area will be on hand. Check the website for details.

Christmas & New Year's Mass Times - check the website for the times. 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve; 10 a.m. on Christmas Day; New Year's Eve at 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Final Reflection on Weekend Mass Times: There was a good discussion about the current Mass schedule. It seems to be working. Nice that the Masses seem fuller. Overall the Mass times seem good.

Valentine's Evening – Lisa Denomme: Lisa is still looking into licensing and getting tables. Knights of Columbus hall can run the event for us and they take care of all the paperwork we need and get the casino tables. Easier but not in our church. Is there enough interest in our parish for something like this night? Perhaps a fun money and just win prizes. Liquor license and appetizers? February 11th? This idea was met with interest.

The 6 Covenants – Marty Merlihan: Inspired by the pictures of the stain glass on the calendar. Marty went through what all the windows mean. It was an excellent, well researched

presentation. A proposal for the 25th Anniversary of the church is to have a brief write up of the covenant windows and have the students read them during Masses.

**The 25th anniversary of our parish at its current location is on June 13th.** A discussion ensued to have the celebration on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and have a potluck brunch. Father Dave is to invite the Bishop. At this time there could also be a dedication ceremony for the new Stations of the Cross.

**NEXT MONTH'S OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS** - Tim Baillargeon

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Phil Milan

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REPORT**...submitted by Mary Jane Yaeger

Our Council planned on hosting the Stations of the Nativity during Advent. It became impossible to set up a date and so it was decided to cancel for this Advent. We will see about presenting sometime in 2017 in consultation with Father Dave.

Our Annual Potluck will be held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. **All women of the parish** are invited to our Christmas Potluck and General Meeting for fun, fellowship, prizes and food. We begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. and potluck to follow. This year we will have Anne Jamieson from the Diocese as a speaker, and her topic will be "What Can Be Brought to Life in You". Please bring your favourite dish, your plate, cup and cutlery. If you wish, you can also bring a gift for Woolwich Community Services. Don't forget your Secret Sister.

There will NO meeting in January.

The Hamilton Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League will be celebrating 100 years in 2020. They are meeting now to plan events for all Councils in the Diocese to participate.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT**...submitted by Ray Denomme

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 would like to wish the parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Church a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

The "St. Teresa of Avila Angel Tree Drive" was a great success. The Knights would like to thank our parishioners for their great response in support of the Woolwich Christmas Toy Drive.

Come and join us for La Posada, a Mexican Advent Celebration on Sunday, December 18, 2016 at St. Mary's Church, Linwood starting around 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to set up tables and decorate the church hall on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Two to four volunteers are needed on December 18<sup>th</sup> to help direct the flow from the Scotiabank parking lot to the Church. We also need a few volunteers to help serve the food.

The next meeting is on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at St. Teresa of Avila library. The General meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

**SCHOOL REPORT**...submitted by Iris Miltenburg

Father Dave and myself visited the Grade 3 and Grade 3/4 class in November and are looking forward to our visit to the JK/SK, Grade 4/5 and Grade 5/6 classes next week.

Our Grade 2s of the Parish have had their First Reconciliation on December 1st with a very special celebration by Father Dave.

The school Advent Mass will be on December 16<sup>th</sup>, presented by the Grade 3/4 and their teacher Ms. Santarossa. I encourage parishioners to attend these wonderful Masses with the school community.

December 9<sup>th</sup> is a PD day and we have been invited by the staff to join them for their liturgy and lunch.

We are offering our space to the school for their Christmas Concert on December 21st where I'm sure we will be entertained and will definitely be in the Christmas spirit after that.