

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

OPENING PRAYER – Lisa Denomme

Present: Lisa Denomme, Peggy Kelly, Marianne Kieswetter, Father David Lewis, Marty Merlihan, Phil Milan, Barb Vodicka, Dan Ziegler

Regrets: Tim Baillargeon, Iris Miltenburg, Andrea Visneskie

Approval of Previous Minutes – Peggy Kelly and seconded by Phil Milan

BUSINESS

Website Report (Ministry Schedules): For the month of October we had 248 visitors. The volume of hits has increased since September. Mass schedule and church events are the biggest hits. Bulletin link also a favourite. It is being kept up to date. Suggestion that the Ministry schedules be placed on the website with names and not phone numbers. Approved.

25th Anniversary Fundraising Calendar: Lisa Denomme showed the calendar online. Can the website go on each page and add All Saints Day, etc.?

40 Days for Life – St. Teresa of Avila Sponsored Day: It was a success. All spots were occupied. St. Clement's Parish helped to fill the spots.

Development & Peace: Marty Merlihan is speaking at the Masses this weekend. The Development and Peace event is called At the Heart of the Action. There is an action card we are asking our parishioners to sign which will then be sent to the government.

Altar Servers Seating: It was asked why altar servers aren't in the first pew. Discussion ensued and decision was made to keep the same but move the chairs by the Tabernacle over a few feet and perhaps leave the book on the Altar until Father needs it.

Extra Railing: Why isn't there a railing on the other side for the Lectors? Should we have 2? Should we move one railing and move it to the other side? Should we leave it where it is? To be further discussed. Input is welcome.

Christmas Fundraising Dinner: Friday, December 2nd

St. Teresa of Avila Penitential Service: Tuesday, December 20th

Christmas & New Year's Mass Times:

Christmas Eve 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve 5 p.m. and New Year's Day at 10 a.m.

Community Advent Carol Sing: Sunday, December 4th (we are hosting)

Valentine's Evening: Lisa Denomme suggested maybe a dinner dance or a casino night instead of a speaker and dinner. Parishioners have been asking for a change. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Quest Follow-up: This is a Bible study looking ahead to the Sunday readings. Is there interest in the Parish? Perhaps a Thursday morning? Perhaps for Advent and Lent?

NEXT MONTH'S OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS - Phil Milan

CLOSING PRAYER – Lisa Denomme

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, December 6th

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REPORT

The Catholic Women's League dues are \$25.00. Thank you to those who have already paid their dues.

Thank you to those who led the Rosary in October.

The evening with Fr. Joseph De Viveiros and Alice Soeder was enjoyed by all.

Please join us for our upcoming Birthday Party at Chartwell on Wednesday, November 9th at 2 p.m.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 13th for our Annual Christmas Potluck.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT...submitted by Ray Denomme

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on October 14, 2016 went very well. We raised approximately \$1,500.00.

The "Angel Tree" Toy Drive starts up again in late November. Please pick up a marked tag from the Angel Tree and return a new, unwrapped gift with the TAG to the church before December 11, 2016.

The Knights of Columbus will be involved with the Woolwich Community Services on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 wrapping gifts and sorting food hampers at the Lions Hall. To volunteer from 9:00 a.m. to noon or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., please contact Ray Denomme at (519) 669-3854 or email raytrudyd@gmail.com for a time slot.

The Knights of Columbus Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Royal Canadian Legion. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$24.00 per person and can be paid in advance to Ray or at the hall. Please confirm your attendance by calling Ray Denomme at (519) 669-3854 or email raytrudyd@gmail.com before December 5, 2016.

The next General meeting is on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at St. Teresa of Avila Church Library. New start time for the General Meeting is 7:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR REPORT...submitted by Iris Miltenburg

The First Reconciliation classes at the 9:30 a.m. Mass are going really well. We have 16 children participating in the program and all are very excited. First Reconciliation is Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

School Masses continue to be done well by the teachers and students. Our Feast day Mass was truly a celebration of St. Teresa and Thanksgiving. Thank you Mrs. Russell and her Gr. 4/5 class.

We had our first school visit to the Gr. 1 and 2 class but unfortunately Father

Dave was sick and unable to attend. A story of Jesus as our friend was read and discussed. The visits continue next week with Gr. 3 and Gr. 4/5.