

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

**OPENING PRAYER** – Father Peter Meyer

Present: Annamae Elliott, Deana Pfanner Groves, Dan Lauzon,  
 Fr. Peter Meyer, Iris Miltenburg and Debbie Yutzi

Regrets: Ken Gallipeau, Frank McGuire and Barb Vodicka

Approval of Previous Minutes: Moved by Dan Lauzon and seconded by Deana  
 Pfanner Groves

**BUSINESS**

1. Bill Ridley, First Nations: Bill was introduced to council members. He shared his personal story of his indigenus background, the struggles he and his family have endured and the challenges they continue to face. "How do we move forward?" We need to learn, and listen to their stories. Mr. Ridley was open to speaking to small groups in our parish in the future to help with this complex process.
2. Year of St. Joseph Update: The Year of St. Joseph ends on December 8, 2021. Short reflections for the bulletin will continue until Christmas.
3. Library Update: The library has been updated and organized according to subjects and will be a 'browsing library'. Once the update is completed people will be able to 'browse' at books and sign them out.
4. Gift Card Fundraiser: Barb Vodicka would like to add order forms in the bulletin as well as speak at the Masses on Nov 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> as a reminder about our campaign and how to order.
5. Christmas Turkey Dinner Update: Arrangements have been made with the Grill on the Green for our Take-Out Turkey Dinner on Sunday, December 5th. Details are in the bulletin.
6. Sacramental Preparation Update: I attended the Remembrance Day Liturgy at the school on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and was very impressed with the liturgy. It was a well planned liturgy with the students taking on most roles of readers, singers, story tellers and tech support. This was the first time that the older grades were able to be in the gym for an assembly and the primary classes observed the liturgy through an online presentation from the gym.  
 We have tentatively set a date for Confirmation in May with Father Peter officiating. Preparation for this sacrament will begin after March break.  
 We are still looking at the dates for First Communion and First Reconciliation.  
 We will be having an Advent Mass with the students here at the church and they will be divided into two groups. It will be nice to welcome the students back to the church.  
 We have had a request for a children's choir for the Family Mass, but knowing all the protocols that would have to be put into place with children, we have chosen to wait another year.  
 We are still busy with Baptisms.

7. C.W.L. Report: We had a great meeting on November 9th with 16 members attending! We completed voting on all 9 Instructed Votes. There were good discussions and information shared. The next meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup> with 7:05 p.m. Mass and Christmas meeting at 7:35 p.m. in the hall.
8. Knights of Columbus Report: The Knights of Columbus has had two successful meetings so far with the 3rd on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Masks are required and social distancing. The Knights of Columbus are having a Fish Fry on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

9. Synod: People will have an opportunity for input on themes of "Listening, Mission and Moving Forward". Discussion groups can be arranged in the New Year to review the three questions. Dan Lauzon will assist Father Peter to set up groups for discussion. Guidelines will be used which have been sent from the diocese. Information will be gathered by March 15<sup>th</sup>, compiled by the Diocese and then sent to Ottawa by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Individual input can be submitted by filling out the questionnaire on the diocesan website.
10. Penitential Service: A time for communal reconciliation service and individual confessions will be made available to people. See the bulletin for upcoming dates.
11. Christmas Mass Times:
  - Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve) at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
  - Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day) at 9:30 a.m.
  - No Saturday 5 p.m. Mass
  - Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>) at 9:30 a.m.
  - New Year's Mass Times:
    - Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve) at 5 p.m.
    - Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Day) at 10:00 a.m.
    - No Saturday 5 p.m. Mass
    - Epiphany of the Lord (Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>) at 9:30 a.m.
  - There will be registration for Christmas Masses only.
12. Other Information
  - Christmas cards will be mailed to members of the parish.
  - Please call the office to talk with Father Peter if anyone feels they need support or help during these difficult times.

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Iris Miltenburg

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, January 11, 2021 after Mass