

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2016

ATTENDEES: Father Jeff Goeckner, Robin Black-Rubenstein, Deacon Dan Corbett, Lacey Gelsinger, Rich Hahn, Arthur Langston, Georgann Lautner, Jeff Litterst, Marisa Nieto, Clyde Nossner, and Lauren Serfas.

ABSENT: Maria Carrion, Cindy Clark, Linda Daniels, Jim Jatcko, and Mary Westerhold.

Father Jeff advised us that Cindy Clark is no longer on Pastoral Council since she has taken on other duties. She will continue to serve on the Stewardship Council and on the newly formed St. Boniface 2019 Planning Commission.

Father also introduced us to our new member, Clyde Nossner. Clyde, who is currently in the Diocesan Deaconate Program, gave us some additional information about himself. Welcome to the Pastoral Council, Clyde.

The meeting began with prayer and reflection on the Gospel reading from the Second Sunday of Lent. The Gospel is Luke's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Our reading was an abbreviated version. Rich said that a lot was left out. He read the other two Gospel accounts and noticed some small, yet confusing, discrepancies. Father said to keep in mind that the Gospels were written at different times and to different audiences. The Gospel authors probably didn't know each other. Rich also finds it strange that every time Jesus goes off to pray, the apostles fell asleep. Deacon mentioned that he finds it easier to write his homilies when Jesus shows his human side. In this reading he shows his divine side.

There was then some discussion of the Pope's recent visit to Mexico--and of some of the banter publicized in the press about the Pope's response to comments made by presidential candidate, Donald Trump in regards to building a wall between the U. S. and Mexico to stop illegal immigration. The Pope said we should be building bridges. According to the press, it was reported that the Pope doubts Trump's Christianity. There was also some discussion on the Pope's comments on the use of contraception in light of the Zika Virus epidemic in South America. The press is making it sound like—if I understand correctly--the Pope has given approval to the ok to the widespread use of contraceptive aids. In reality, he has agreed to the use of prophylactics during sex only if the woman is already pregnant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PENANCE: Sunday, February 21st at 2:30 p.m.

LIGUORIAN WEEKEND: February 27th/28th. Father Joseph Curalli from Barnhart, Missouri will be here to talk to the parish about the *Liguorian Magazine* which is a leading Catholic magazine published by the Redemptorists.

KOINONIA WEEKEND: STBK2 will be held March 4-6. More on this from Robin later in this meeting.

BABY JESUS UPDATE: Baby Jesus continues to be quite the celebrity. The young man who took him has agreed to pay restitution for repairs and will carry him to the manger on Christmas Eve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

SECURITY: It's official. Eddie Sjursen has been hired as our Parish Campus Night Security. He is excited to be a part of the Parish Staff.

REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL: This group will meet Monday, February 22nd at 7pm and will be preparing for Stewardship 2016. They will be delegating some of their responsibilities and forming some sub-committees. They will be assigning someone other than Cindy Clark to be their liaison to the Pastoral Council.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - ROBIN BLACK-RUBINSTEIN

Koinonia—March 4th- 6th. There are 11 signed up. The Koinonia team will be speaking at all Masses this weekend. It has been decided to have our Koinonia retreats every year during Lent. Father commended the team for meeting faithfully over the past year.

Living the Eucharist—There are 11 groups with about 120 people

Month of Guided Prayer—This will be in April. Robin will be putting out sign-up sheets after Koinonia.

Free Lunch Fridays continues to thrive and overflow with generous workers.

Priest, Prophet and King—A video series by Bishop Robert Barron will be presented in April.

Frequent Flyers are meeting tomorrow, Friday, February 19th. They will attend the Stations of the Cross in the Chapel at 6 pm and then will go to the K. C. Fish Fry for supper and fellowship.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Clyde is enthusiastic about social justice. He is working on a plan for our parish to become more involved with helping the most desperate and those with deep need. He would like to see us get involved with the Food Bus and also to see what are the greatest needs of the Glen-Ed pantry. As he formulates his ideas he would like to see the K. C.'s, EHS students, FMCHS students, youth groups, and other parishioners get involved as well. Robin mentioned that the Free Lunch Friday group is overflowing with help. They would probably be interested in being connected to Clyde's program, too.

YEAR OF MERCY

Kuddos to Lauren for an excellent article. Father reported that he has had some pretty profound reconciliation moments.

CREDO 101

The last session was held on Tuesday, February 16th. It was a full house. All but the parents of 2 kids attended the sessions. They will be meeting with Father for one-on-one sessions. Father is leaning towards the topic of Christian Morality for Credo 102 next year.

BUSINESS

FRATERNUS

On September 17th a meeting will be held for those interested in being trained as mentors from our parish and surrounding parishes. Father had a sample flyer to be used as bulletin inserts.

FIDELIS

Father talked to this organization. They are still working on developing their program and will probably be ready in 2017.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

This is also the weekend of Koinonia—March 4th and 5th. We will follow the same schedule we had last year:

- Friday
 - 3 p.m. - Exposition followed by St. Boniface Grade School Stations of the Cross
 - 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Confessions
 - 6 p.m. - Adult Stations of the Cross
 - 7 p.m. – Adult Choir
 - 10 p.m. – Night Prayer*
- Saturday
 - 7 a.m. – Morning Prayer*
 - 9 a.m. to noon – Confession
 - 3 p.m. – Closing and Benediction

*Note that the times of Night and Morning prayers are different from last year.

Deacon will contact the people who wanted to do security last year. We would like them to be there from 9pm to 6am. Sign-up sheets will be available to fill the hours for Adoration. Lauren will also set up a Sign-up Genius. Father Jeff will talk to Jill about having the choir there for an hour. He will also have her put together a worship aid. The youth groups will do night prayers. Lauren will reach out to the groups. Deacon Dan will do morning prayers at 7am with Clyde. We will provide water and books for reflection. Marisa will pick up a couple of cases of water. She will also let the Spanish community know about the event.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

- March 20th is Palm Sunday.
- Tuesday: March 22nd is the Chrism Mass in Springfield.
- Holy Thursday: March 24th. The Pastoral Council will host a Soup and Bread Supper to begin at 5:30 followed by Mass at 7pm. We will have Subway soup and bread, and water and tea. We will NOT have a pot luck. Robin and Lacey will coordinate this event. Help from the council members to help set up and clean up would be appreciated. Deacon suggested meal prayer cards be provided.
- Good Friday: March 25th. Service at 3pm. Stations of the Cross at 6pm.
- Saturday: March 26th. Easter Vigil Mass will begin at 6:30 pm.

Marisa mentioned that the Spanish community has a Living the Eucharist group, but, because of the bad weather last weekend, they are starting a week late.

Also because of the snow last weekend, our RCIA group did not go to Springfield for the Right of Election. Deacon stated that 75% of the RCIA groups in the outlying areas of the Diocese didn't make the trip.

Clyde had a request to have care centers provide a list of Catholic residents and their room numbers made available in all care facilities. Eden Village does this and has it available in a central location for those who bring Communion to their residents. Father said the matter would be discussed at the next staff meeting. If approved, Clyde can proceed with his plan to approach other care facilities to follow Eden's procedure.

Jeff mentioned that Pre-Cana Saturday went well. There were 26 couples, and they were an interactive crowd.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 10th at 6:30. We will go back to our regular schedule—the first Tuesday of the month—in April.

Father ended the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Georgann Lautner