

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2017

**ATTENDEES:** Father Jeff Goeckner, Robin Black-Rubenstein, Deacon Dan Corbett, Linda Daniels, Jason Dreyer, Georgann Lautner, Jeff Litterst, Clyde Nossner, and Bruce Thorley.

**ABSENT:** Deacon Fernando Solomon, Maria Carrion, Nathan Dammerich, Lacey Gelsing, Arthur Langston, Marisa Nieto, and Nate Vuagniaux.

**GUESTS:** Jennifer Hefferlin (PSR coordinator), Rob Savant (PSR/Confirmation), Kermit Winslow (PSR/5<sup>th</sup> grade), Benna Denué (PSR 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Parish Staff-Office Administrator).

The Gospel for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time was read by Jason and the reflection by Linda. The Gospel from Mark talks about the leper who begged Jesus to heal him from his affliction. “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Jesus, moved with pity, did so will it but warned the man to tell no one but to go to the temple and present himself to the priest. However, the man in his excitement and joy “publicized the whole matter.” The reflection explains that although Jesus realized the dangers of touching this infected person, in his compassion there is no hesitation to comply with this man’s request. Jesus doesn’t want the man to publicize the miracle because he doesn’t want to distract from his primary mission—to spread the Good News of the “nearness of the Kingdom of God.” Linda questioned why he didn’t want the man to tell anyone. Father said that Jesus didn’t want to turn his mission into a sideshow.

*“Miracles reveal this truth but can also distract from it. Even today, many Christians are more interested in miracles and apparitions than in discipleship.” (Sunday Prayer for Catholics 2018, LTP)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ash Wednesday**—Lent begins Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **FMCHS Auction and Dinner**—their first auction/dinner, will be February 17<sup>th</sup> at FMCHS.
- **Rite of Election**—The Rite of Sending will be at the Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:15am Mass. The RCIA class will then proceed by bus to Springfield for the Rite of Election with Bishop Paprocki. There are 24 people in the class. The StB Choir will be providing the music for the celebration and will be taking a bus, too.
- **STB2019 Jubilee Planning Meeting**—Next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup>. Nine people (including FJ) attended the first meeting. There were more who couldn’t attend that evening and more who are interested in participating in the planning the celebrations for our 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year.
- **First Penance**—was scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>, but Father has a conflict and will have to reschedule.
- **Deacon Mark Tracy Ordination**—Deacon Mark will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. Our StB Choir will be singing at that celebration, too.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)**

- **Re-structuring Meetings at STB**—Father has a plan for the 7 or 8 parish councils—church and school—to meet on one night. We would all meet in the Oak Room. Father would begin with prayer and then give a general overview. The groups will then go to their separate meetings. This will eliminate Father having to deliver duplicate information to multiple groups and will make the groups available to each other so issues can be resolved in one night rather than a stream of emails over days. In the process, a new Communications Council and a new finance council will be created. Agendas for each council will go out the Thursday before the meetings for all the groups to review. If someone is on multiple councils, they can look at the agendas and determine which meeting they need to attend. Father hopes to start this in April. The date is forthcoming.

## **BUSINESS**

### **PSR (2018-19)**

Jennifer provided some statistics:

- 266 PSR students registered K-8  
K-11      1<sup>st</sup> Grade-28      2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (two classes)-46      3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-32  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade-24      5<sup>th</sup> Grade-34      6<sup>th</sup> Grade-18      7<sup>th</sup> Grade-30      8<sup>th</sup> Grade-32.
- 18 Catechists.
- 1 office helper.
- 1 music teacher.
- 1 out-of-sequence tutor for kids working on sacraments.
- 30-50 kids missing every week due to sickness or other conflicts.
- All the classrooms at the school are in use as well as the Oak and Acorn Rooms in the church basement.

Father explained that more space is needed. Though more space will be provided after the renovations planned in the STB2019 Plan it won't solve the need in the short term. Some classes are overcrowded and chaotic.

Options:

- 2 sections of PSR: 3:45pm and 6:45pm. Drawbacks: Creates the need for more volunteers to teach and monitor; parents and teachers may be unable to attend the 3:45 session; multiple trips for families with kids who would need both groups if we split the sessions by ages.
- Sunday classes: Father prefers to keep Sunday a day of worship. Besides there are a lot of other conflicts that day, too.
- Rent space from St. Andrews—more leadership and teachers will be needed if PSR expands into another location. St. Andrews is currently between permanent pastors. Benna will make inquiries. If St. Andrews agrees, Jenn would like to do a walk-through and start asking for additional personnel ASAP.

## **BUSINESS (continued)--PSR (2018-19)**

### **OPTIONS (continued)**

- Home School PSR—Jenn and Robin talked about different home schooling programs for the students and, also, for family home schooling. Both allow for e-assessments as well as some community events. Benna and the others explained that most of the kids like the community atmosphere of the weekly classes. We all agreed of the importance of community and perhaps home schooling would be available for those who have specific conflicts on Wednesday nights. However, once the conflict is no longer an issue the child would be expected to rejoin the classroom.

Jennifer will work on a something that we can present to the parish in the very near future to inform them about the issues facing our PSR program—class sizes, space, the need for trained volunteers. She will spin that this is a GOOD problem to have, but one that needs attention for the coming year.

Our guests were excused at this point of the meeting, as we carried on with the agenda.

### **STB2019 JUBILEE—STB Still Almighty at 150**

Father reported more in depth about the meeting held January 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the celebration events for our 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year. All our annual events will be branded that year with “Jubilee”—Jubilee Bonifest, Jubilee Dinner Auction, etc. Along with these events, here are some of the other events we are planning: (Excerpt from the minutes of the STB2019 Jubilee Committee meeting, 1/22/18)

- Fall, 2018—Media Day. This will be a kick-off and party-on-the-plaza style event. We will distribute calendars—possibly on magnets—with the schedule of events for the Jubilee year.
- December 2018 and 2019—in conjunction with Downtown in December celebration we would sponsor a Christmas parade.
- December 31, 2018 and 2019—New Year’s Eve vigil Mass followed by Exposition until midnight.
- January 1, 2019—the official opening of our Jubilee Year of Celebration. We will have one Mass at 10:15 am followed by a parish brunch.
- Fall, 2019—Big Parish Party. That weekend we would only have the 4:15pm vigil Mass and a Sunday, 10:15am Mass after which we will have a big party on the parking lot with German food, German band(s), old-time games for the kids, and the Bishop.
- Parish Mission/Speaker—Pastoral Council will be in charge of organizing a parish mission and possibly a speaker. Father has someone in mind for the speaker. Linda suggested getting Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for the mission. She and Jason agreed that he is a very dynamic speaker.
- Service Project(s)
- Other events discussed were Living Rosary, some sort of ecumenical event, a pilgrimage that would begin in Rome and include St. Boniface site(s) in Germany. We also talked about increasing the prize awards on our raffle calendars to \$50-\$150-\$1500 for 2019. We could incorporate the Jubilee logo and theme with Bonifest and the BonaRun—t-shirts, banners, etc.

***If we want a mission in 2019, planning must begin now.***

## **BUSINESS (continued)**

### **ROBIN B-R REPORT**

- FIAT, Mary's Yes!—our girls' youth group held their first meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. There were 13 girls and 8 women mentors. Babysitting was provided at the preschool. The girls were excited about the group and planned to spread the word. We would like to attract more of our high school girls. The mentors are taking turns leading the classes. Class material is being taken from Y Disciple off of Formed.org. The group is also planning some social events, service projects, and a rosary walk.
- Opening the Word—this will be the new Lenten faith formation series using the established Living the Eucharist groups and Last Supper Club groups as well as any new groups that would like to form. The sessions consist of some short videos dealing with scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday followed by discussion.
- Koinonia—the team has been working hard to put together another great STBK4 to be held the weekend of March 3-5.
- Wild Goose Series—the last sessions are this week. Excellent series on Formed.org!!
- RCIA—24 people in the class. All the paperwork has been submitted to the diocese.
- Free Lunch Friday—all continues to be good with this group.

### **FRATERNUS—Jason Dreyer**

They continue to have a core group of 4 or 5 young men with another 4 or 5 who attend sporadically. The mentors are planning their annual excursion—probably a camping trip. Bonifest events are being planned, too. They will have their Fratwurst booth. They may do another breakfast like the St. Nick breakfast but with more PR to get the word out and might consider lowering the price. Father suggested putting an ad in the Intelligencer.

### **DEACON DAN REPORT**

Saint Vincent De Paul Society made their presentation to the United Way and was awarded \$18,000. The United Way's only criticism of our group was that we have no minority representation on our board. Deacon also reported that the special fund was given another grant which would allow them to concentrate their efforts on one person/family. They are now looking for that recipient.

The Knights of Columbus have a new leader—Jim Jatcko. Deacon said he expects there will be more spiritual leadership than there has been in the past.

### **LAST SUPPER CLUB**

Linda reported that her group had their fourth meeting. The group is expanding, and all are pleased with the format. Father said he would give the program another pitch in March.

Father closed our meeting with prayer. Our next meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted by  
Georgann Lautner

***ST. BONIFACE PRAY FOR US!!***

8/16/2018

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