

Pastoral Council Minutes  
4/11/2019

Opening Prayer – Carrie Trame

Pastoral Council members in attendance: Fr. Dan, Amy Strubhart, Marvin Ratermann, Diana Koch, Ken Haselhorst, Deacon Steve AuBuchon, Carrie Trame, Jackie Chiarolanza, Ryan Faust, Members absent: Beth Hollenkamp, Carol Imming, Troy Pingsterhaus

Guests: Cursillo group – Deacon Charlie Litteken, Mike Dall, Dave Weis, Justin Litteken, Kevin Kohlbrecher

Old Business:

- Cursillo is a worldwide faith renewal weekend. It is a wonderful weekend opportunity to build and deepen your Catholic faith. In the near future, a couple of the group members will be speaking at our weekend masses to educate our parishioners.
- Approval of 3/14/2019 minutes was moved by Carrie Trame, seconded by Ken Haselhorst, and passed.
- Vocations Ministry report by Ken Haselhorst – May 12 is National Day of Prayer to Vocations to Priesthood and religious life. The Knights of Columbus will serve donuts and coffee after the 9:30 mass.
- Church handicap ramp update from Father Dan – Fr. Dan, the Trustees, Dcn. Steve and the Finance Council are arranging some meetings to move the discussions forward. Currently they are in the planning and research stage.
- Our Sunday Visitor Program update – The Pastoral and Finance Councils are currently working with Our Sunday Visitor in developing a communication and development program to improve our parish identity and increase parishioner involvement and commitment. The issue, how do we attract uninvolved parishioners to become active and involved. You will be hearing much more about this project as it develops. OSV will guide and help us produce these things, including an update of our mission statement, parish branding, projects promotion, etc.
- St. Francis Mission: The Council is looking into the possibility of having a Parish Mission next spring.
  - Fr. Dan contacting Father Pete Schavitz to check his availability for spring 2020.

New Business

- The Pastoral Council should be looking down the road – what are the needs and concerns of the parish and what direction should we be going. How do we bring in

more people to the church? Are we ministering to every group? Where are we going from here?

- Working on ways we can draw in 21-35-year-olds
- Have a new Unsung Hero nomination and will discuss at May meeting.
- Deacon Steve AuBuchon gave us the dates of June 1 & 2 for a special Master Servers trip to St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana. This would be for high school and eighth grade master servers. They will tour and spend a night at St. Meinrad and then go to Holiday World the following day. It is a special gift of appreciation to our older youth who have chosen to continue assisting the parish as servers. Knights of Columbus will fund the St. Meinrad overnight.

Pastor's report:

- We have converted all parish lighting to 100% LED through a grant from Ameren Illinois Electric. This upgrade will lower our electric bill.
- The new mulching lawn mower purchased for the cemetery is great and will help keep grass off the tombstones

Next meeting: 5/9/2019 at 6:00 in parish center to be followed by a Joint Pastoral Council meeting at 7:00 in Heritage Room.

Closing prayer – Hail Mary

Opening prayer for May – Marvin Ratermann

Parish Events/Info

First Communion – April 27, 2019

St. Francis & Joint Council Meetings – May 9, 2019

Confirmation – May 14, 2019

Sunday School Recital – May 19, 2019

VBS Directors Needed