

## TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 22, 2019

7:00 PM at HOLY CROSS-WENDELIN

Present: Wayne Kocher, Cathy McDowell, Jeffrey Rosenburg, Vickie Stuckey, Jane Kocher, Kurt Ginder, Carl Will, Tony Kuentler, Cindy Blank, Sherry Geier, Brian Ochs, Mary Zwilling, Pat Elie, Rita Damm, Austin Zwilling, Matt Zuber, Fr. Mark Stec.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

To prepare for Monday's meeting, members were asked to watch the following video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_5bUgZWlaHo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5bUgZWlaHo)

Council members were divided into three groups and discussed the following questions related to the video:

- We are compelled by the question of Why? Why do some stay with their faith choice from childhood?
- Why are some compelled to leave one religion for another?
- Why do we seek a like-minded community when it comes to faith?

Each group then shared their discussions with the whole group.

### Liturgy and Worship

- Christmas Masses 2019:
  - Christmas Eve-4:00 p.m.-St. Joseph's, Olney; 9:30 p.m.-Holy Cross, Wendelin; 11:30 p.m.-St. Joseph's, Stringtown
  - Christmas Day-to be determined. One or two masses will be offered. Musicians availability will be included in the decision and shared with Parishes as soon as possible.

### Faith Formation

- Adult Faith Formation-group size increases weekly, discussions have been engaging and participants are having fun
- The next adult topic will be the book Letter to a Suffering Church written by Bishop Robert Barron.
- Vacation Bible School-48 participated in the one-day event.

### Catholic Youth Ministry

- Softball-Monday nights, good attendance
- Mission Trip-successful, participants got to report out at their Church
- Summer Canoe Trip-August 5-had to be rescheduled due to rains earlier in the summer
- NCYC convention-November

## Common Catholic Activities

- Michael Mette Concert-August 25 at St. Joseph-Stringtown, change of mass schedule for the weekend. Holy Cross, Wendelin will have 6:30 p.m. mass, St. Joseph's Stringtown will have Sunday mass.

## Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

### Parishes

1. Monthly "Blessing" continues with various opportunities offered at all the parishes
2. Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for Vocations begins July -participation encouraged

### Parish School of Religion/ Home-Based Catechesis

1. PSR Holy Cross and Home-Based Catechesis begins October 2
2. Home Based PSR will utilize Sadlier Connect Home-Based Program, it provides better collaboration with on-site PSR and PSR at home
3. 4th Sundays will be PSR Mass Sunday -it will rotate amongst the 3 parishes-a schedule is forthcoming-begins October

### FlockNote

1. It continues to grow with new members- 278 signed -10 groups
2. Participation and support encouraged

### Spiritual Direction

1. There are some openings for appointments overall well received

### Adult Faith Formation Education

1. Women's Spirituality Group - SJO- 1st & 2nd Monday's-Room B
2. Journey through the Bible Wednesday and Small Groups at Home begins Sept 11, more details to follow soon
3. Tuesday Nite Theology- TnT- begins Oct 1-SJO-6:30 pm-MPR room-
4. Sunday Readings and Scripture Reflection pages will be offered to explain the readings with commentary beginning Sept 1

## Pastor

Thomas will be leaving soon. He has led some of the Wednesday evening adult formation discussions and will go on the canoe trip with the youth before he leaves our Parishes.

The next meeting was not scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned with the Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood.