

TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

25, June 2018

7:00 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Welcome

Present: Fr. Mark Stec, Sherry Geier, Tony Kuenstler, Carl Will, Pat Elie, Wayne Kocher, Mary Zwilling, Hank Ginder, Jane Kocher, Brian Ochs, Vicki Stuckey, Laura Sterchi, Cindy Blank, Gail Niebrugge, Cathy McDowell, Jeffrey Rosenberg, Clint Bergbower, Michael Kistner

Opening Prayer

Discussion around Chapter 6 "It's The Weekend, Stupid" (pages 93-105) of the book: Rebuilt.

- It is related to God's Word and "*God's saving action.*"
- It lifts the human heart toward God.
- It more effectively united the individual with the larger community.

Each Pastoral Council sat together and discussed the following questions and shared conversations with the larger group.

1. What are the strongest aspects of your music program? Where is it weakest? What are your music values as a parish?
2. Are the musicians skilled and competent, or do they struggle in basic skills? Do they bring a worshipful heart and a spirit of service, or are they in performance mode?
3. From the above list of basic principles about music, what do you think would be the most effective in improving music a Mass?
4. Does anyone need to step down in order for your program to move forward?

No actions were taken around music for the Parishes. Conversations will continue at individual Council meetings in the future. Everyone in attendance felt that the people leading music and choirs for their Parish are a positive influence for their Parishioners and make an effective contribution to the Mass.

Liturgy and Worship

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28

Mass at St. Joseph-Olney Cemetery

Prayer Service at Holy Cross-Wendelin, Cemetery led by Travis Weber

Prayer Service at St. Joseph-Stringtown, Cemetery led by Laura Sterchi/Rita Damm

All locations were well attended.

Discussion around the future included:

- Would 7:30 be too early? Earlier in the morning might help avoid warm temperatures.
- Can the location be adjusted for sun position?

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- August 14-6:30 p.m.-St. Joseph's Stringtown
- August 15-St. Joseph's Olney (morning, TBD)
- August 15-6:30 p.m.-Holy Cross Wendelin

Thanksgiving 2018 celebrations will consist of prayer services as Fr. Mark will be out of town.

Christmas 2018 Mass schedule:

Christmas Eve

- 4:00 St. Joseph's Stringtown
- 9:30 Holy Cross Wendelin
- 11:00 St. Joseph's Olney

Christmas Day

- 8:30 Olney
- 10:30 Holy Cross

Faith Formation

- Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross-Wendelin(June, 54 kids participated)
- High School Religion begins August 15 (after the 6:30pm Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin)

Community Life

Common Catholic Activities

- High School Mission Trip-successful, growing each year
- Softball, Mondays at Holy Cross-Wendelin at 7:00pm-Successful program, lots of kids participating. There is a need to share cell numbers with Olney kids in case of cancellations. Fr. Mark will ensure that happens. As more engagement between the Parish Youth occur, more contact information will be shared naturally.
- Volleyball/Open Gym, Sunday afternoons, (time TBD) at St. Joseph-Olney. This will be a stipend position. Looking for recommendations for someone to supervise. A job description will be created. Eligible candidates must be 21 years old.

Should a position as youth director be created for all three parishes to coordinate the programs?

Governance

Pastoral Associate Tri-Parish Partnership Report, June 2018

1. Formed.org- consistent numbers of people each month visiting and utilizing the materials
2. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.
 - a. Presentations for "dowhateverSHEtellsyou"-working towards a date for Holy Cross Wendelin
3. St. Meinrad- Fr. Dave Dwyer CSP -Busted Halo Show- Sirius/XM Catholic Channel - Workshop- July 23- The topic is Leaving the Upper Room: How the Church Needs to Reach Out to the Millennial Generation
4. September FAMILY Mission-Fr. Jim Sichko (Sept 16-19)-Fr. Jim will preach at all the weekend Masses prior to the Mission. The Family Mission will begin on Sunday night through Wednesday night
5. Michael Mette Concert August 12 at 2:00 -St. Joe Open House at 3:00
6. Summer Adult Faith Formation
 - a. Women's Group -Monday morning
 - b. Adult Faith Study-Queen of Heaven- Tuesday morning
 - c. Lawn Chair Discussion-Tuesday evenings

Pastor

Trip to Guatemala

35 people from our Diocese participated. Each participant then spent time within the individual sister Parish connected to his/her Parish. Guatemala consists of 680,000 Catholics in the Diocese. There are currently 34 Priests serving 33 Parishes. Each Parish has several "barrios"/stations/chapels. Two masses are offered per Sunday, one in the morning and one in the evening at the Parish. No Saturday night masses are allowed.

Implementation of the Next Step-no actions taken or decisions made.

The next Tri-Parish Council meeting will be held on August 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Olney.

Closing Prayer:

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD
Diocese of Belleville, Illinois