

TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 25, 2019

7:00 PM at ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY

Present: Wayne Kocher, Cathy McDowell, Stacey Steber, Vickie Stuckey, Jane Kocher, Herman Zuber, Kurt Ginder, Michael Kistner, Tony Kuentler, Kevin Blank, Heather Blank, Cindy Blank, Sherry Geier, Gail Niebrugge, Donna Zwilling, Brian Ochs, Mary Zwilling, Pat Elie, Austin Zwilling, Fr. Mark Stec

Welcome

Opening Prayer

To prepare for Monday's Meeting, Council members were asked to read Chapter 4 of the book: **Rebuilt** around the topic of conflict. At tables, members discussed a set of questions and shared thoughts with the group.

Liturgy and Worship

- Holy Week Schedule-
 - Holy Thursday-St. Joseph-Olney-Thursday, April 17, 7:00 PM Musician: Linda Schnepfer Choir: Rhonda Kuentler
 - Good Friday-Holy Cross-Wendelin-Living Stations, 3:00 PM
 - Good Friday-St. Joseph-Olney- Friday, April 19, 7:00 PM Musician: Linda Schnepfer Choir: Rhonda Kuentler
 - Holy Saturday St. Joseph-Stringtown Saturday, April 20, 7:30 PM Musician: Lora Kocher Choir: Donna Zwilling
 - Easter Sunday-Holy Cross-Wendelin, Sunday, April 21, 8:30 AM Musician: Lucas Rauch Choir: Rhonda Kuentler
 - Easter Sunday-St. Joseph-Olney-Sunday, April 21, 10:30 AM Musician: Eleanor Steber Choir: TBA [Calendar](#)
- 12 months of Blessings-as published and available on the website. [Calendar](#)
- Proposals for changes to the Tri-Parish Mass schedule were discussed, as had been decided previously. No changes will be made at this time.
- Confirmation Weekend Masses Saturday, May 4-5:00pm at Holy Cross-Wendelin (sole Saturday mass)(six Parishes: our Tri-Parish Partnership, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, St. Stephen-Flora, St. Edward-Fairfield
 - Sunday, May 5-8:00 am at St. Joseph-Stringtown
10:00 am at St. Joseph-Olney

Faith Formation-woven into other items on agenda

Community Life

Common Catholic Activities-

- Open Gym at St. Joseph School gym-Kristie Sandschafer will chaperone
- Michael Mette Concert will be contacted to consider another concert, possibly at St. Joseph Stringtown with an outdoor Mass
- Summer-Fr. Mark will host conversations again on Wednesday evenings.

Governance

- Text Message Service continues to reach more Parishioners
- **Pastor Report**-Woven into other items on agenda

Pastoral Associate Report

Parish Blessings Schedule

1. Monthly "Blessing" continue with various opportunities offered at all the parishes.

Parish School of Religion/ Home-Based Catechesis

1. 51 students enrolled in PSR and Home Based.
2. There is diligent participation with the majority at seventy-five percent completion.

FlockNote

1. There are 262 signed up with 10 groups.
2. Communication is going well with many participating, responding and utilizing the resource.

Prayer Services/SCAP

1. Several opportunities with great attendance, and appreciative responses.

Funerals

1. There have been several wake services, funerals, and graveside committal services.

Spiritual Direction

1. There is a lot of interest and participation for spiritual formation.

Adult Faith Formation Education

1. Women's Spirituality Group - SJO- 1st & 2nd Monday's.
2. J.O.Y.S. booklets for Lent are well received.
3. Lenten presentation at Holy Cross on March 30, 10:00am -12:00pm

St. Joseph Catholic School

1. Working with the 7th graders- once to twice a week- on various religious topics.
2. Prayer Services.

Next Tri-Parish Pastoral Council meeting-May 20, 2019 at St. Joseph Stringtown.

Closing Prayer:

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