

TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 20, 2019

7:00 PM at ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY

Present: Wayne Kocher, Cathy McDowell, Stacey Steber, Vickie Stuckey, Jane Kocher, Kurt Ginder, Kevin Blank, Heather Blank, Cindy Blank, Sherry Geier, Gail Niebrugge, Donna Zwilling, Mary Zwilling, Pat Elie, Austin Zwilling, Jeffrey Rosenberg, Fr. Mark Stec

Welcome

Opening Prayer

To prepare for Monday's Meeting, Council members were asked to read an article titled "Hey, pastors, want to bring us millennials back to church?". At tables, members discussed a set of questions and shared thoughts with the group. Discussion around this topic will continue during the upcoming Tri-Parish meetings.

Liturgy and Worship

- 12 months of Blessings-continuing as published and available on the website. [Calendar](#)
- Memorial Day Cemetery Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Stringtown this year. Holy Cross Wendelin, led by Travis Weber and St. Joseph's Olney, led by Caroline Trimble will have services at cemeteries led by parishioners.

Faith Formation

- During summer, the focus will be on adults and young adults (millennials)
- During late summer/early fall, focus on high school students
- School year focus will be on children and youth
- Vacation Bible School will be held on June 22 at Olney. The day will start at 10:00 a.m. and end with 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Community Life

Common Catholic Activities-

- Michael Mette Concert will provide a concert on Sunday, August 25 (exact time to be determined) at St. Joseph Stringtown with an outdoor Mass. Holy Cross Wendelin will have 6:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday that weekend.
- Coffee and doughnuts celebration after Sunday morning Mass at Holy Cross Wendelin for Fr. Steve Rudolphi's 40th year as a Priest on June 2, 2019.
- High school students (including recent 8th grade graduates) can begin playing softball at the Wendelin ball diamond on Monday, June 3. Messages will be sent out on FlockNote.
- Mission trip preparation is moving along well. Chaperones are in place.
- Summer canoe trip is being planned.
- NCYC convention will be held in Indianapolis in November. Adult parishioners are encouraged to attend as chaperones.

Governance

Pastoral Associate Report

Parishes

1. Monthly "Blessing" continues with various opportunities offered at all the parishes
2. Traveling Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima being offered soon to families-watch bulletin for further information

Parish School of Religion/ Home-Based Catechesis

1. 81 students completed PSR at Holy Cross and Home-Based Catechesis
2. The Home Based PSR completion rate was 98%, with scores of 90-100% throughout the courses
3. Checking into Sadlier Home-Based program for smoother transition between onsite PSR and PSR at home

FlockNote

1. There are 267 signed up with 10 groups
2. Communication is going well with many participating, responding and utilizing the resource

Prayer Services/SCAP

1. Memorial Day Prayer Service SJO@ 8:00am

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. Planning for future styles/sessions underway

St. Joseph School - St. Joe's

1. Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion completed
2. Planning begins for next year

Next Tri-Parish Pastoral Council meeting-July 22, 2019 at Holy Cross Wendelin.

Closing Prayer:

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