

Holy Cross Wendelin, St. Joseph's Stringtown, St. Joseph's Olney
Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
September 25, 2017 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Mark and opened with a prayer. New Pastoral Council members Kurt Ginder and Wayne Kocher (St. Joseph's, Olney) were welcomed. Father is looking for two additional members from the St. Joseph's Olney Parish in the near future. In addition, this is the first meeting that Caroline Trimble, new Pastoral Associate attended.

At the last meeting, Fr. Mark asked for volunteers from our Parishes to participate in the "Into the Vineyard" program offered by Belleville. This program will teach participants how to become proactive in keeping our Parishes alive by bringing back ideas to share. Gary Zwilling has answered Fr. Mark's request and volunteered to represent our Partnership for the two year training commitment. He has currently attended one session.

Led by the efforts of Caroline Trimble, we are applying for the Saint Meinrad Young Adult Initiative. Helping parishes connect with young adults is the goal of the Saint Meinrad Young Adult Initiative. A program of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and funded by a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc., this five-year project will select 12-15 partner parishes to assist in developing innovative programs and ministries to meet the spiritual needs of adults ages 23-29. A key objective will be to strengthen the domestic church of young adult households. If selected, our Parish Partnership would incur little to no cost and would receive resources and support.

Pastoral Council members were placed in four groups. Each group was asked to reflect on the following questions, record answers, and report to the larger group:

- ❖ What efforts have been made with young people ages 23-29?
- ❖ Why is outreach to this group important to you?
- ❖ List three things you know to be true regarding the faith experiences of young people ages 23-29 and why you know these things to be true?
- ❖ Please identify the top three reasons why your ministry to young adults has been less than satisfactory. Explain.
- ❖ What do you hope your parish looks like in ten years with respect to young adult involvement?

Caroline and Fr. Mark will use the input from this meeting to write the grant proposal. If we are unsuccessful in our attempt join this program, our Partnership will continue to search for and implement new ideas to revitalize the young adults to engage with their Catholic faith.

Some Pastoral Council members have received feedback around the adjusted Mass schedule. Parishioners are encouraged to continue offering opinions with the reminder that no changes will be made until after the end of the school year to accommodate the PSR classes and meeting schedules.

Mass schedules for the upcoming months were established to include:

- Sunday, October 15, 2017-(Smorgasboard at St. Joseph's Olney)
 - 8:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Wendelin
 - 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Olney
- October 31-November 1, 2017-(All Saints Day, Holy Day Of Obligation)
 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Stringtown (Tuesday)
 - 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Olney (Wednesday)
 - 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Wendelin (Wednesday)
- November 2, 2017- (All Souls Day)-Thursday
 - 8:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Wendelin
 - 12:15 p.m. at St. Joseph's Olney
 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Stringtown
- Thanksgiving-
 - Wednesday, November 22, 2017-
 - 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Olney
 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Stringtown
 - Thursday, November 23, 2017
 - 8:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Wendelin
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 - Thursday, December 7, 2017-6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Wendelin
 - Friday, December 8, 2017-
 - 8:00 a.m.-St. Joseph's Olney
 - 6:30 p.m.-St. Joseph's Stringtown
- Christmas Weekend and Holiday
 - Saturday, December 23, 2017-4:30p.m. at St. Joseph's Olney
 - Sunday, December 24, 2017-
 - 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Wendelin
 - 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Olney
 - 9:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Wendelin
 - 11:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Stringtown
 - Monday, December 25, 2017
 - 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Olney
 - 10:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Wendelin
- Weekend masses and Solemnity of Mary(Obligation lifted)
 - Saturday, December 30, 2017
 - 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Olney
 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Stringtown
 - Sunday, December 31, 2017
 - 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Olney
 - 10:00 at Holy Cross Wendelin
 - Monday, January 1, 2018-9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Olney

Caroline has created and will maintain a joint calendar for the Partnership. Parishioners can access the calendar on the web page in the upper right hand corner. A Facebook page has also been developed and all are encouraged to “like” and “share” with fellow parishioners. Other social media and electronic forms of sharing our Catholic faith and resources are being reviewed for best fit for our Partnership.

Caroline also shared a website for consideration, formed.org. She and Father Mark asked for Council members to review the site, sign up for the free trial, and give feedback as to whether this might be a worthwhile resource for our Partnership to purchase a membership for all Parishioners to access.

The next joint meeting will be held on November 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Wendelin.

Individual Parish meetings will be held on:

- October 17, 2017-St. Joseph’s Stringtown
- October 23, 2017-St. Joseph’s Olney
- October 26, 2017-Holy Cross Wendelin

The meeting was closed with the prayer for Vocations.