

September 16, 2021 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Brian Dolezal, Father Jim Fenstermaker, C.S.C., Patrick Hess, Matthew Insley, Jane Murphy, Father Vincent Nguyen, C.S.C., Kris Robinson, Lenny Starczewski, Mike Urbaniak

Opening Prayer:

Shared reflections on Philippians 2:6-11

Review of Ministry Fair:

- The response was not as robust as we were hoping for. But folks who are already involved will presumably continue to be so.
- A good start, not everything has to be done at once. Take the next several months and see how it emerges. Meet people where they're at and get started with some initial plans and activities. We can only do what we have the people for. Set a realistic goal. Once people see something happening, that energizes people and gives them something to be part of.
- There will still be some hesitancy due to Covid, especially to inside events.
- Invitations from Fr. Jim and Fr. Vincent are especially effective. If we identify a good leader or participant, this might be an efficacious strategy.
- What does the liturgical calendar and the school calendar offer us, how can we coordinate?

After-Mass Receptions:

- Community building is one of the most important things we can be doing. For this reason pastoral council members have committed themselves to assist with these receptions.

Good of the Parish:

- Turnout for the back to school Mass and cookout was *awesome!* With 175 parishioners and school families in attendance, it was the largest Mass we've had post Covid. Close to 200 people attended the cookout.
- There has been a good amount of new music and Mass parts introduced recently. How can we better facilitate parishioners learning new Mass parts and hymns?
- Some suggestions were made for spiritual renewal programs that might be considered this fall, including C.S. Lewis' *Most Reluctant Convert* and the movie *Pray* about Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., the world-famous Rosary Priest.
- The council received a list of all parishioners who have joined our parish in the past two years. We discussed ideas such as a dinner for new parishioners. What else could we do to reach out and welcome them?