

## St. Michael and St. Joseph Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall

1. **Opening Prayer-** by Father Dan for all the Religious Priests, Sisters and Deacons.
2. **Approval of minutes-** from March 16, 2016 Motion by Chris Tarcson seconded by Carl Yebernetsky.
3. **Financial Reports- St. Michael, Joe Korb-** CSA Goal is \$46,515, 239 pledges to date for roughly \$57,000 which is \$10,000 over goal for this year compared to 2015 the CSA Goal was \$48,277, collected \$64,102 which was \$13,700 over the goal. October count for parishioners attending Mass had an average of 571 in 2013, 500 in 2014, and 449 in 2015. Past years offertory was \$6,000 /week. 2016 offertory around \$4,700/\$4,800 week with \$6,000 less collected for the year so far. 797 Households with 436 envelopes being used. Wish list for the Parish- A/C replaced, Parking lot paving ( to meet prior to next meeting to discuss), Organ / Piano replaced. Will meet next on May 24, 2016 for the 2017 Budget.

**St. Joseph, George Kutskel-** CSA Goal \$21,410, 87 families have pledged to date for \$27,775, \$6,365 over the goal. \$15,215 paid to date. Mass attendance from October average was 242 in 2013, 227 in 2014, and 206 in 2015. 272 Households with 205 envelopes being used. 2014 Offertory was \$140,000, 2015 to date is \$86,000 with a projected \$106,000 for the year.

4. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Holy Name Society-Steve Rutledge-** Along with Outreach sponsoring the Parish picnic set for Sunday afternoon, July 17<sup>th</sup>, for both parishes. Outreach will be providing games.
  - b. **Rosary Society-**
    - i. **St. Joseph, Mary Ann Nicometo-** Last meeting March 1<sup>st</sup>. Craft Fair/ Soup Sale was a success. May 1<sup>st</sup> tureen brunch after 9 am Mass in honor of St. Joseph. Members from both parishes are welcome. Rummage Sale will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>- 8am to 6 pm and June 11<sup>th</sup> -8am to noon. Drop off dates are June 7-9 from 8am to 6pm in the Church hall.
    - ii. **St. Michael- Matilda Illuzzi-**A vestment of Sacred Heart was donated to Father Dan. A new Alb for Father Dan and a vestment for Father Walk is being purchased. Discussion on our pilgrimage for plenary indulgence to Sts. Cosmas & Damian thru the Holy Doors on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> starting with 11 am Mass, followed by a tour by Msgr. Riccardo. Luncheon to follow at Mary's Place. Contributed new rosaries to First Communicants and RCIA Candidates. Will donate a themed basket for the Parish picnic.
  - c. **Knights of Columbus- Dave Straub-** Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Reverse Raffle fundraiser. Planning a trip to the Altoona Curve for the first weekend in June. Mother's Day Baby bottles

will be handed out at both churches to collect coins and return on Father's Day. Will be collecting donations at Wal-Mart for ARC.

- d. **St. Michael Outreach-Lori Herzing**-Last meeting was April 11<sup>th</sup> with 19 people attending. Put together 23 college stress boxes which were mailed to our college students. They text when they receive them. Has been a positive way to let our college students know we continue to pray for them while they are away from their home parish. Will be providing games and publicity for the Parish picnic hosted by the Holy Name Society. Both Outreach and HNS along with both St. Joseph and St. Michael Parish Rosary groups have agreed to make gift baskets for door prizes at the picnic- no purchase necessary. Voted to buy 2 portable canopies to be used at soup sale next year, Festival take out area and Parish picnic if needed. Denise McMillen, Lori Herzing, and Julie Felix will attend Council meetings to represent the Outreach Group on a rotating basis. This was the last meeting till September, group agreed to continue on with Julie Felix- Chairperson, Barb Dettore- secretary, Sandy Macioce- treasurer, and Theresa Cyphert- contact person.

e. **Catholic Education**

- i. **DuBois Area Catholic School- Father Dan**- upcoming science competition, June 5<sup>th</sup> will be Graduation, School trips to Harrisburg and Pittsburgh planned. Little Mermaid play a success- sold out. NHS was held for High school students this past week, with the Middle school next week. Later summer Rummage Sale- St. Joseph Church to donate what is left from their Rummage Sale in June.
- ii. **Religious Education- Meg Hough**-Confirmation was celebrated on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Tobias Church in Brockway. St. Michael had 18 candidates and St. Joseph had 2 confirmed at this celebration. Retreat for First Communion will be held on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at St. Michael Church. First Communion scheduled at 9:00 am on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> for St. Joseph Church and at 12:30 pm the same day for St. Michael. Last class for 2015-2016 catechetical years will be Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Diocesan Child Protection Policy has been updated to reflect the use of occasional volunteers. Copies of volunteer's clearances need to be on file at the parish office and kept indefinitely due to the possibility of someone returning in the future with an accusation of abuse. Meg Hough announced she will retire at end of her current contract and wishes to thank all for letting her serve the Lord by serving the Parish families of St. Joseph and St. Michael. Parish Council applauded Meg for all her work and extended wishes for a very Happy Birthday and Retirement.
- iii. **Adult Education- Meg Hough- 15** People signed up for the next Bible study on the Apostle Peter held on Wednesdays by Deacon Patrick Comfort. The Formed committee will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

5. **Old Business**

- a. **Polish Festival Committee Update-Steve Rutledge**- 3 Bands reserved, have most all captains for committees- lot of new ideas (ex: adult games-corn hole). Next meeting on 5/16 at 6:00pm. Food preparation dates- June 11<sup>th</sup>- Haluski at Central Christian, July 8, 9, & 10- Pierogies, July 18 & 19- Pig in the Blanket, Aug 30 & 31- Pig in the Blanket.

- b. **Thirsty Thursday Theology, Matt Gabler**-making use of Formed at the meetings. Some members from St. Tobias attending. Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the DuBois Diner.
- c. **Parish Constitution / By-Laws,-** Amendment adopted unanimously for Deacon to be Ex-Officio member of Parish Council. Mike Hassan motioned to accept, Steve Rutledge-second.
- d. **Follow up on Church cleaning at St. Michael** -2 students who will be attending a local college in the fall and will graduate from DAHS in June are hired to clean the Church.
- e. **Rectory Cook** – Father Dan was pleased to announce his new cook, Janice Fleming.
- f. **Community Days-** Will place in bulletin if anyone has an interest in having a float or booth at Community Days. We will place an ad in program from both Parishes. Chris Tarcson thought it would be good to let the community know we are still here and working to get Parishioners back.

## 6. **New Business**

- a. **Diocesan Pastoral Planning Restructuring Proposal**
  - i. Next steps- Discussion concerning the recent proposal. To mail out surveys to all Parishioners by May 2<sup>nd</sup> to complete and mail to Bishop Persico by May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Parish Town Hall meetings set for St. Michael- April 30<sup>th</sup>- after the 5:30pm Mass and Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. St. Joseph- May 1<sup>st</sup>- after the tureen dinner, and May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Church Hall.
  - iii. Letters need to come from all Parishioners individually to Bishop Persico
- b. **Other Concerns of Council members-**
  - a. Dave Straub asked Father Dan if he has heard anything on the decision of the Supreme Court in the Religious Liberty case. Father Dan stated that 8 Justices were at a tie 4-4 with a possible compromise.

- 7. **Next meeting: Special meeting to Recap Town Hall meetings-** Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm- St. Michael Church Hall.

**Regular meeting:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:00pm- St. Joseph Church Hall

**(Meeting will not be held at St. Michael's to accommodate Deacon Patrick's Bible Course)**

- 8. **Closing prayer-** Father Dan for Religious vocations
- 9. **Adjournment at 9:25pm**

