

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

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph

1. **Opening Prayer** by Father Dan pertaining to Christian Unity.
2. **Introduction of newly elected/appointed members – to take office at February meeting** – Fran Marshall and Chris Tarcson (St. Joseph), Mike Hassan, Steve Rutledge and Carl Yerbernetsky (St. Michael)
3. **Approval of Minutes** from November 19, 2015. Correction to St. Michael's financial report – heaters purchased for rectory side entrance of the church (not vestibule). Spelling of Matt Gabler (not "Galber"). Luanne Varacallo made a motion to approve and Paul McCloskey seconded.
4. **Financial Reports:**
  - a. **St. Michael (by Fr. Dan)**—no meeting recently. Repair and addition to snow melt in sidewalks completed recently for approximately \$6,400 by Stuart Electric. New faucet in Social Hall. Snow removal being done by Dunlap Services. 2015 CSA update: Goal - \$48,277 – pledged \$64,102 and currently paid \$61,952. 2016 assessment will go down about \$1,800. Lottery Fundraiser in December made \$2,352.
  - b. **St. Joseph (by Fr. Dan)**— last meeting was Nov. 17, 2015 and next meeting will be Feb. 24, 2016. 2015 CSA update: Goal - \$22,585 – pledged \$29,440 and currently paid \$28,665. 2016 assessment will go down about \$1,200. Lottery Fundraiser in December made \$2,076.
5. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Holy Name Society: (by Rick Chapman)** TurkeyBingo in November raised \$718. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Dine-Out Day at Luigi's with raffles raised \$607. Current balance is \$2,100.07.
  - b. **Rosary Society**
    - i. **St. Joseph (by Mary Ann Nicometo)** Christmas party held Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at Luigi's. Veronica Payne donated vestments to Infant of Prague statue in the church. Vendor and craft fair was held Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> along with a soup and bake sale. All went very well. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> there was a bake sale after the 9 a.m. Mass. Members voted to donate \$150 to the "Thirsty Thursday Theology." No meeting in January. Next meeting Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - ii. **St. Michael (by Father Dan)** New officers were elected for a year 2 cycle: Matilda Illuzzi- president, Lori Herzing – vice president, Denise McMillen- treasurer and Shelly Luchini – secretary. Had a nice Christmas party in December. Next meeting is Jan. 27 where they will discuss final numbers for the November nutroll sale.

- c. **Knights of Columbus (Dave Straub):** Baby Bottle campaign from the spring is now concluded and raised \$8,700. \$164 will be used to buy more bottles for Pro-Life. The money raised helped to pay for the bus trip for DCC students to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. They will have a Valentine's Dinner on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at McGivney Hall. And a Reverse Raffle at the Luthersburg Community Center in the spring.
- d. **St. Michael's Outreach Group (by Fr. Dan):**Last meeting was Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Rang bells for the Salvation Army Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> in front of the DuBois Mall and raised \$389.72. Next Monday, they'll put together Shut In bags for our first Friday Communion parishioners and shut in buddies. In March/April next round of College Stress Boxes. Will hold a Soup Sale in March/April. Still working with Holy Name on a Parish Picnic in 2016.
- e. **Catholic Education**
  - i. **DuBois Area Catholic School (by Father Dan):**Mid Terms are going on now. Musical "Little Mermaid" to be after Easter at school. Robotics team went to Fargo, ND – did well. Girls and Boys basketball teams are doing well. Next month Bishop Persico will announce the Pastoral Plan for the schools.
  - ii. **Religious Education (by Fr. Dan)**  
New revised Child Protection Adult training going on now through April 6<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation will be Fri. April 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Tobias in Brockway. Parent meeting coming up Sunday for those with children will receive First Reconciliation on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is looking for teens to apply to the Youth Board. Meg will see if anyone is interested. Adaptive curriculum for children with special needs is being implemented. RCIA will hold Rite of Election Sun. Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart in St. Marys.
  - iii. **Adult Education (by Fr. Dan)** We are moving forward with an adult education program called "Formed". Implementation will begin in February with a presentation at all Masses.

## 6. Old Business

- a. **Polish Festival Committee update**– meeting was held Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> with 40 people attending. Very positive comments to start it up again. Next meeting in February. Will have a survey for people to fill out during Masses at both churches Jan. 30/31 in church to see if they are interested in helping.
- b. **Diocesan Pastoral Planning Update** – will be a Vicariate meeting in April that the Bishop will reveal the plan that will take place at the end of September.
- c. **Catholic Services Appeal** – already addressed during finance part of meeting.
- d. **Thirsty Thursday Theology update (by Luanne Varacallo)** – meetings going well. They meet every month at the DuBois Diner. Developing a core group with

about 12 people attending. Currently planning a “sip n’ paint” event. Matt Gabler commented it is filling a need by the young people.

- e. **Liturgical Ministries** (by Fr. Dan) – new Eucharistic Ministers are now participating in weekly Masses.
- f. **Pastoral Council Election update/review**
- g. **Christmas/New Year’s Mass Schedule Review/Evaluation**The book “Rediscovering Jesus” that was in the pews during the Christmas holiday was well received by the parishioners. Christmas Masses were well attended as were the New Year’s Eve/Day Masses.
- h. **Parish Reception/Breakfast – Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> after 5:30 p.m. Mass; Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> after 9:00 a.m. Mass.** Committees were appointed for both: Mary Ann Nicometo, Luanne Varacallo and Barb Ross will oversee the Reception on Saturday and Fran Marshall, Ann Buzzell and Kathy Ford will oversee the Breakfast on Sunday.
- i. **Evaluate Parish Mission** went well. Over \$2,300 was donated to the Mission by parishioners from both parishes. Council wants to have another mission in 2016.

## 7. New Business

- a. **Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule** – 9 a.m. at St. Michael, 6 p.m. at St. Joseph. Also Easter schedule was discussed. Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Good Friday Service will be at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph, Easter Vigil Mass at 9 p.m. at St. Michael, usual Mass schedule on Easter. Easter baskets will be blessed at 11 a.m. Holy Saturday at St. Michael and Noon at St. Joseph.
- b. **Church cleaning – volunteer or cleaning service?** – Gina Knarr reported on this by phone (from Florida). She said volunteers had been working well until recently. Volunteers have been dwindling and a hired service might be a better way to go. Someone, a clean team captain, would show the new hired crew what needs done each week. Volunteers would still clean the Church 1 time in the spring before Easter. Much discussion was held. Parish office will contact Financial Aid office at DCC to see if there is a family who would like to clean to help with tuition costs (instead of hiring a professional service). Motion was made by Dallas Rensel for St. Michael’s office staff to make the call and seconded by Kathy Ford.
- c. **Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid (St. Joseph)** – money to be used for Catholic Education, retreats, support families, support for events, Catholic summer camps and priestly education. Members will recommend to the finance council to donate if there are no envelopes in current packet for collection of Lithuania.
- d. **Stations of the Cross** - Stations of the Cross will begin on Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph at 7 p.m. and will alternate between churches.
- e. **Other concerns** – none given.

**8. Next meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 at St. Michael** will have officers' election and a reorganizational meeting.

**9. Closing Prayer** for religious vocations.

**10. Adjournment** at 8:45 p.m.