

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 20, 2022
St. Peter, Clermont

Present: Tom Miller, IC; Scot Michelson, SFA; Jackie Halstead, Cindy Einck, HN; Mike Woodson, Mark Walker, SP; Fr. Davis, Maureen Johnson (SJWC Business Manager), Cindy Jacob (Recorder), Renee Matt Damien Matt

Absent: Jay Becker, IC; Ray Gavin, SFA

I. Opening Prayer: Fr. Davis led "Hail Mary"

II. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Scot Michelson, seconded by Tom Miller, motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes: (July 19, 2022) Motion to approve by Mike Woodson, seconded by Tom Miller, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: (May 26, 2022 Special Mtg.) Motion to approve by Cindy Einck, seconded by Tom Miller, motion carried.

IV: Cluster Financial Report: Maureen Johnson reporting.

Scot Michelson motioned to approve; seconded by Mike Woodson, motion carried.

V. Old Business:

A. Questioned when we will be able to bringing back distribution of the Precious Blood at Holy Communion. There is no directive from Dubuque to allow this at this time. Fr. Davis will check with neighboring parishes to see what they are doing.

VI. New Business:

A. ArchdioceseOne: Discussed ArchdioceseOne Appeal. Fr. Davis gave some clarification as to why this special appeal was necessary and what giving options are available. Funds obtained already have allowed Catholic Charities to hire one new lawyer to handle immigrant cases and address water issues at St. Raphael by fixing the parking lot. In addition, they have the funds to begin the new roof on the cathedral.

VII. Cluster Committee Reports:

A. Cluster Liturgy:

- The Cluster Mission was well attended.
- Most sacraments, i.e., baptisms and weddings, are set up through the priest.
- Discussed contact persons in each parish in the event of an emergency and when the offices are not open. Although his cell phone is not for general publication, Fr. Davis will answer the rectory/office phone and there are people within each parish who can get in touch with him.
- Confession times remain prior to weekend Masses or by appointment.
- Cluster Advent Communal Penance will be Sunday, December 4th @ 2:00 pm at SFA.
- Faith Formation has set up a schedule for confession for the students.
- Parish Wedding Committee – Fr. Davis feels it is not necessary to have a designated committee as most things pertaining to a wedding he will handle directly.
- Changes to the role of funeral committees – Fr. Davis usually will select the readings for a funeral Mass unless the family has made prior arrangements.

- Holy Day Schedule – For now, there will be a Vigil Mass and a Mass on the actual Holy Day. For All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) and the feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec 8th) the vigil Mass will be at 6:30 pm at IC. Mass on the day will be at noon at Holy Name.
- Mass of Remembrance – Each parish will have their own Remembrance service the weekend of November 5th and 6th.

B. Cluster Faith Formation: Highlights

- 25 students were Confirmed @ SFA on Sunday, Sept. 11th with SP hosting
- The NET Retreat for junior high and high school students is set for Oct. 23rd @ HN starting at 11:30 with lunch followed by the retreat. They are expecting 20 to 30 students to attend
- IC is still in need of an 8th grade teacher.
- Holy Name is still in need of teachers.
- SFA will continue to have an elementary program with high school students going to an area program of the family's choice.

C. Cluster Social Justice: Highlights

- The Kleenex Challenge went very well with SFA being this year's winner.
- Fall Gift Basket Outreach is on hold for this year – plans to discuss it again next year.
- Giving Tree – HN and SFA coordinating and the information passed on to SP which usually follows the same scheduling. This year, IC will be hosting "Caring & Sharing" through the Sumner Ministerial Association
- Hurricane Relief – Discussed and agreed to ask each parish to donate \$500 to Hurricane Ian Relief on behalf of the Cluster. These funds to be sent to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Venice, FL.

D. Cluster Stewardship Committee:

- Work continues on developing new Welcome Packets
- Plan to create 700 packets, 1 to each family in the Cluster and have 100 in reserve for new members. Packets will include a new Time & Talent Survey. The goal is to recognize and reconnect with parish members
- The committee set Nov. 29th to begin assembling the packets and to distribute them sometime after the first of the year
- The Welcome Packets will run approximately \$2,100.00 or approximately \$3 per packet

Tom Miller motioned to move forward with the new Welcome Packets, seconded by Jackie Halstead, motion carried.

VIII. Closing Prayer: Fr. Davis led the "Our Father"

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 19th, 7:00 pm @ SFA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Jacob (Recorder)