

**Catholic Parishes of
South Washington County
Pastoral Council Meeting**

January 17, 2021

Zoom Meeting Attendees: Fr. John Jicha, Fr. Angel Marrero, Dcn. Michael Lewandowski, Dcn. Paul Nicolas, Jim Fetchu (Meeting Chair), Linda Baer, Tina Carder, Dawn McDonald, Donna Bockstanz, Yesenia Solano, Fred Nugent, Evan Snyder.

1. **Opening Prayer and Introductions.** Fr John introduced Fred Nugent and Evan Snyder, who are both discerning a role on the leadership council.

2. **Code of Conduct.** Jim briefly reviewed and reminded attendees of the Council's Code of Conduct.

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes.** Minutes from last Pastoral Council Meeting approved without objection

4. **Covid Restrictions.** The Archdiocese still advising to follow local jurisdiction. Discussed thoughts of mandating masks due to the spike in positivity rates. General consensus was not to change. Fr John would consider designating a special area (e.g. Cry Room) for parishioners who wanted to wear masks.

Other health related events - We will be hosting a diabetic clinic the week of January 17.

5. **Synod Process.** Dcn. Paul provided a brief overview of the Synod Process and provided information on the selected dates.

a. Announced the planned meeting dates for the parishes:

St Augustine	February 22	7pm	
St James	February 23	7pm	
St Josph	February 28	7pm	(Cry Room)
San Jose	February 28	7pm	(Reggie Hall)

b. An additional Zoom meeting will be set up for all those that are not able or comfortable attending an in-person session.

c. Dcn. Paul will prepare materials and plan for the meetings with Fr John and facilitators.

6. **Finance.** In Darby Smith's absence, Dawn McDonald provided a brief finance report discussing the three FEMA/State grants for which the pastorate has applied. The grants are roughly \$150K for St Joseph, \$40-45K for St James, and \$63K for St Augustine. The funds will be used primarily for security upgrades (Doors, access, cameras, etc.) at each parish. We are working with Kristin Kinnaman and possible vendors; Grant funding available through 2024. Researching the necessary equipment to begin streaming masses at St Joseph; funding to come from a private foundation.

7. **Religious Education.** Linda reported there are 74 students attending religious education in person, and another 45 enrolled for home study. There are 41 students enrolled for 1st sacraments. First reconciliation is planned for April followed by First Communion in May.

8. **Confirmation.** Confirmation remains on -track. The new assistant (Dr. Janie Mora) is working out well. Discussed the need to resolve issue of when/what ages sacraments should occur to ensure consistently.

9. **Liturgy.** Tina reported that we continue to need liturgical ministers. Fr John indicated that he was considering a ministry fair in the Spring to familiarize parishioners with our needs and encourage them to volunteer. The fair may also include Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, etc.

10. **San Jose Hispanic Community.** Fr Angel provided a brief update and indicated that RCIA classes in Spanish will be resuming

11. **New Business.** Fred Nugent indicated that on April 2, Into the Breach (KofC Men's Faith Development Group) would be showing the movie "Passion of Christ" in Reggie Hall. The movie will be followed by a brief faith discussion. More information will be forthcoming.

12. **Next Meeting.** February 21, 2022 - 6:30pm

13. **Closing Prayer**