

St. John Paul II Parish, Carroll, IA

Pastoral Council Minutes, January 5, 2023

Present: Fr. Kevin Richter, Deacon Dave Prenger, Deacon Tim Murphy, Jane Boes, Julie Borelli, Kathy Halbur, Mary Anne Lahr, Alan Loew, Scott Steffen, and Mary Jo Wieland. Not present: Fr. Patrick Behm and Allison Schoonover.

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Richter, using the Parish Vision Plan prayer.

Motion to approve the September minutes by Deacon Dave Prenger, seconded by Jane Boes.

Old Business: Welcome: EmmaLee Miklosovic. EmmaLee was introduced as the Director of Evangelization for St. John Paul II Parish. She is originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and recently graduated in December from the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio with a degree in Catechetics and Evangelization. She is excited to be here and get started in her new role within the parish.

Committees

- The **Spirituality and Unity Committee** (Deacon Dave Prenger & Jane Boes). Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent, possibly in conjunction with Community Night on Wednesday night.

There will be a promotion for Adoration, as it will be the one-year anniversary of Perpetual Adoration in our parish.

There has been a request from Meals on Wheels here in town to possibly see if anyone from our parish would be interested in helping deliver meals to shut-ins. It will be advertised in our weekly bulletin and on the parish Facebook page.

The three deacons will begin a rotation which will include having them at the rural sites.

The annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held January 22 at Collison Hall at the St. Lawrence site.

- The **Hospitality and Fellowship Committee** (Julie Borelli and Mary Jo Wieland). Mary Jo mentioned that complimentary tickets for the Turkey Dinner in November were sent to new parishioners, and Fr. Kevin noted that it was very well received. This will be continued for any parish dinners, etc. that we have in the future.

The council discussed outlining the details and functions of the greeters and ushers, and having a meeting with each of the respective groups in the future to strengthen each of the groups.

- The **Discipleship Committee** (Alan Loew and Allison Schoonover). Alan reported that only two out of the four Community Nights during Advent were held due to bad weather. The Lenten Community Nights will be held at the St. Lawrence site. They are hoping to reach out more to the younger families and religious education families, and hope to be working with EmmaLee to boost attendance.
- **The Evangelization and Outreach Committee** (Deacon Tim Murphy and Mary Anne Lahr). EmmaLee will also be helping this group. Deacon Tim noted that the Advent trees were very received at both church sites, with large amounts of gifts being received by those in need in our area, nursing home residents, the nursery at the hospital, and grocery and gas cards to be given out by Fr. Kevin to those in need who contact the parish office.

Deacon Tim said that the trip to Rutledge, Tennessee last October went very well, and they hope to make it an every other year trip. He said that maybe some time in the future they could have a presentation open to parishioners to give details of the trip, show pictures, etc.

"Summer Event" 2023

- Julie Borelli has reached out John Angotti to see if he would be available again this year, but has not heard anything back yet.

Perpetual Adoration

- Anne Loew recently did a witness video which is on the parish Facebook page. As mentioned previously, the perpetual adoration team hopes to do a promotion possibly sometime during Lent.

Wedding Preparation: Witness to Love

- Fr. Kevin and Julie Borelli explained the new wedding preparation program which will be used on the diocesan level, titled "Witness to Love". Julie compared the program to RCIA, in which it is a 6 month program prior to marriage. The engaged couple will choose a "mentor couple", who they will work with during their engagement, and also meet every other month or so after the wedding.

Diaconate Ordination

- Alan Loew will be ordained as a permanent deacon on August 5 in Sioux City. Plans will be made in the future to celebrate as a parish with Alan.

New Business

Baptismal Preparation for parents/sponsors

- Fr. Kevin will be working with EmmaLee about a new in person baptismal preparation.

Appeal Sent to Diocese for Mass regulations

- Fr. Kevin noted that he sent an appeal to the diocese in regard to the new Mass regulations.

Closing Prayer was said by all.

Next Meeting will be held Thursday, February 2, at Collison Hall, St. Lawrence. (committees)