

## Pastoral Council Meeting 9/15/22

Attendees: Tommy, Jean Klein, Carly, Don, Luke P, Deacon CF, Fr. Carl, Kathy Verstegen, Kurt VanTheil, Steve Hamilton

Began with prater & sharing “fun fact” & “Something you’re thankful for”

- ✓ Prayer – Scripture verse for weekend –lexo devina
- ✓ State of Parish & role of Pastoral Council report out by Father Carl- discussion
  - We need spiritual depth
  - How are we growing spiritually?
  - PC—Where is the spiritual development for our teachers & our staff? is it intentional?
  - We can invite others to a deep spiritual relationship
  - We need leaders at Holy Spirit Parish
  - HS School is heading in the right direction. This year we increased our student retention—at school All 19 students stayed from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Peter L working with education board
  - The Kids at HS School are very spiritual
  - Opening for catechetical moving in the right direction
  - Need to invite HS students to personal relationship. We will save lives. It is moving in the right direction.
  - Father recently made some changes in staff. It’s a gift to work hard. It’s a gift to be passionate. Father expects hard work and needs passion from his team.
  - Father discussed how our parish is underserved with ordained ministers. (Can we get a newly ordained priest?)—St Pius & Kaukauna each have 2 priests. We are the largest parish in the diocese with only 1 priest
  - Discussed his vision for the rectory. He wants a to be a social area with a prayer space (chapel)
  - Wants a place for seminarians to stay at the rectory
  - Father’s experience is that “money comes around when your saving souls”
  - Holy Spirit Parish is at 1800 people, Father would like us to grow to 2000
- ✓ Father’s challenge and action items to the Pastoral Council
- ✓ How do we develop our teachers & staff (our leaders)
  - Prayer (can we coordinate prayer services for them to attend & Pastoral Council?)
  - Retreat (pastoral council to facilitate a retreat?)
  - Book club
  - Jean suggest we survey the staff and identify what they need? What would you like?
  - Have Pastoral Council Personally Interview teachers & staff to build relationships & uncover needs/wants
  - Become a prayer partner for a staff member
  - Create patterns for refocus
  - Empty ourselves
  - Tangible (what did we do)
- ✓ Action item: develop the questions we ant to interview the staff

- We did not assign responsibilities or time frame
- ✓ Action Item: Introduce the pastoral council after mass (meet, greet & pray)
  - We did not identify a specific date/time
  - We did not discuss or determine goal for this event
- ✓ Action Item: Professional development days (bring in Pastoral council)
  - Next meeting capture thoughts and ideas. Identify time and location. Create and assign action items.
- ✓ Catholic speaker on apologetics? (Patrick Madrid, Drew Marinoni, Scott Hahn?)—Steve Hamilton will begin to reach out to some national speakers and apologists.
- ✓ Steve Hamilton shared with the group that the diocese would like us to lead and implement “One family a week.” It is defined by the diocese as a simple goal for Pastoral team, to visit one family a week with Father... getting to know them, their story, what brought them to our community, their hopes, dreams, fears & how we can pray for them.