

## SAINT ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE COUNCIL AND LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING MINUTES – NOV. 16, 2023

Present: Father Sean, Deacon Poremski, Kris Budreau, Kim Datzman, Mark Flook, Jan Goetz, Monica Lohmuller, Bridget Schlebecker, Henry Senefelder, Chris Sheetz, Tony Sherfey, Terry Snodgrass, Deb Wallpe, Jennifer Senesac (virtual)

Absent: Kristy Gross

Fr. Sean opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Oct. 19, 2023, Pastorate Council meeting minutes were emailed to council members to review before the meeting. A few grammar and spelling errors were noted. Chris Sheetz made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted corrections. Tony Sherfey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fr. Sean started the meeting with a few updates. Father will be finalizing his book choice for the Pastorate Christmas gift. The book will be given out at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

Fr. Sean explained his reasons for moving the Sunday morning Mass at Sacred Heart back to 10:00 am, effective January 7, 2024. Chris Sheetz expressed concern regarding the large Mass attendance at the early Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's. Moving the Mass time back to 10:00 am at Sacred Heart may help with the crowd issue.

Father Sean expressed a need to survey the parents of CCD students for input on determining the best day and time for religious education classes. Fr. Sean expressed concern that holding religious ed on Sunday may not be the best option and would like input from parents concerning changing the program to a different day and time next year.

Fr. Sean noted the Easter Triduum for 2024 will be as follows (times to be determined):

- Holy Thursday – evening Mass - Sacred Heart
- Good Friday – afternoon service - Sacred Heart
- Easter Vigil – held at sundown – Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday Masses:

- 7:30 am (EST) Saint Patrick, Oxford
- 10:00 am (EST) Sacred Heart, Fowler

Father Sean mentioned the possibility of sending out postcards announcing the Christmas Mass schedule, the new Sunday Mass time at Sacred Heart beginning Jan. 7, 2024, and the new Religious Ed times. The new pastorate hymnals include additional prayers, as well as the Stations of the Cross. Father Sean noted that many people have complimented the servers.

Deacon Poremski updated the council on the use of the Ministry Scheduler Pro app. The app is working well, and people are adjusting to this new way of scheduling. Currently there are 75 to 80 people using the app. We can have up to two hundred users on the free version of the app. If more than two hundred users sign up, we will need to switch to a paid version of the app.

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Bridget Schlebecker updated the council on activities/programs within the pastorate.

- The Lectio Mary study group has had better attendance.
- The Saint Nicholas program is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2023. The number of registrants has doubled from last year.
- Karen Etter and Tabitha Spurlock have expressed a desire to organize a Taizé prayer service.
- The Eucharistic Placards are scheduled to be displayed in the Sacred Heart School gym after Mass on Nov. 19, 2023, and at St. Joseph's after Mass on Nov. 25, 2023.

Kristy Gross was not present; however, she sent a reminder that the Sacred Heart School open house will be on January 28, 2024. Kristy is considering surveying parents in the pastorate to determine why some choose not to send their children to Sacred Heart School.

### New Business:

Kris Budreau reported that the St. Isidore card group (St. Isidore Paper Angels) had its first meeting on November 9, 2023. The card group is part of the Pastorate's Hospitality Ministry. The group will make and send cards for various occasions. Members can contact Kris Budreau (krisbudreau@yahoo.com) to request a card mailed to someone.

Bridget Schlebecker proposed a day of reflection for the members of the council.

Deb Wallpe stated that in April 2024 the rotation of council members will begin. This will be a gradual rotation of new members onto the council, replacing those currently serving. Council members that are willing to serve longer, until the rotation is complete, should contact Deb. Katie Herzing and Missy Krockover will attend the January 2024 Council meeting for the annual Vision Plan review.

The next Pastorate Council meeting will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Johns Hall, Earl Park.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.