



ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH PASTORATE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Notes from February 2, 2021

In Attendance

Stephany Ander, Alex Andrews, Arlene Bowyer, Theresa Boyer, Carmel Brand, Juan Campos, Scott Laird, Tomacita Perez, Kathy Perry, Mark Scheller

Ex officio... Fr. Paul Cochran, Fr. Dan Duff, Mario Delgado (absent), Shannon Peycha

Prayer

Fr. Paul led the council in prayer.

Introductions of Members

Each member gave a brief introduction.

Strategic Planning Process

Our Sunday Visitor will be giving a presentation on Pastoral Vision Planning to the council on March 10 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary. Fr. Paul will confirm the date. This pastoral vision planning process will first begin with a survey for all parishioners to complete. The results of this survey will guide the council in creating a vision plan for the pastorate.

Letter to Parishioners in Frankfort

A revised draft of a letter to St. Mary parishioners was distributed to the council for input. The letter discusses the change in Mass times and renovating Gruber Hall to make staff office space. Suggested changes to the letter were discussed. A "Town Hall" meeting is planned for February 25 at 7:00 pm in Gruber Hall for parishioners to voice their opinions on Mass times and Gruber Hall renovations for office space.

Music in Lebanon

There is currently a plan to find someone to lead contemporary music. Once a person is found and a group formed, they will sing 15 minutes prior to the Sunday 11:00 am Mass. If that goes well, then the group will sing at the Sunday 11:00 am Mass once a month. The earliest this is thought to begin would be in September. However, it very much depends on the status of the pandemic and if singing is permitted. If you have a name of someone you think would do well in leading this group, please contact Fr. Paul.

Other Issues

- Parish/Pastorate Mission – the possibility of having a parish/pastorate mission was suggested and discussed. Fr. Paul will investigate the possibility of having Archabbot Lambert Reilly speak.
- Fasting – the idea of encouraging parishioners to fast as a form of prayer for people return to Mass was discussed. The book, Fasting, by Fr. Slovko Barbaric was also recommended.
- Year of St. Joseph – the idea of praying the Litany of St. Joseph after Mass was suggested.
- Roe v Wade movie – this movie is set to be released sometime this spring. Could this possibly be a pastorate event or encourage parishioners to go see the movie at the time it is released?
- Pastorate Name – is it possible to name the pastorate (i.e., “Holy Family Pastorate)?

Next Pastorate Council Meeting

March 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm

St. Mary Catholic Church, Muller Hall, Frankfort