

MINUTES

St. Paul of Tarsus Pastoral Parish Council

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Present: Father Ron, Deacon Marc, Mike Lauretto, George Trapp, Bea Ladochi, Chris Bonkowski, Jim Rohde, Ray Ignatowski, Denny Kubczak, and Emily MacKinnon.

Excused: Tom Loria, Mike Linden, Marty Winiarski, and Saad Mishkoor.

Opening Prayer: Denny Kubczak led us in Opening Prayer.

Old Business:

Finance Council:

- No Report.

Central Macomb Vicariate:

- The Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2017.

Youth Update:

- Working on the Stations of the Cross.

Worship Commission:

- No Report. No meeting due to Ash Wednesday.

Religious Education:

- Lenten series is going very well with approx. 40 people in attendance for the first two sessions. The series continues on March 22, 29 and April 5.
- Preparation sessions for 1st Communion candidates and their parents have begun and there is much excitement and enthusiasm! First Communion is April 29 with 2 Masses – 10:30 am and 1 pm.
- Confirmation takes place Sunday, March 19 at 3 pm. Forty-eight 8th grade students and 7 adults will be confirmed. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help at the Mass. Families of 7th graders are providing the food for the reception that follows the mass. The response has been terrific . . . they're getting a glimpse of what's in store for their student next year when he or she is confirmed.
- RCIA – there is much excitement among the 5 candidates as the Easter Vigil draws near. Rite of Election took place at the Cathedral on March 4, and that was a very faith-filled experience for all! Look for the article introducing the candidates in the bulletin.
- The Women of Faith will provide hospitality for the May 1 presentation by Anita Houghton, "The Resurrection." This presentation will be open to all.
- Paperwork has been submitted to Chippewa Valley Schools requesting to use Miami Elementary as our Religious Education class site for 2017-2018. However, we will not receive confirmation from CVS until August.

- There are no baptisms in March (Lent). There are already seven baptisms scheduled for April 22.

Christian Service:

- The Men's Group, in conjunction with the Journey Men and the K of C, are working on a Regional Men's Gathering to be held at SPOT on 6-10-17 with Peter Herbeck as the keynote. They also donated \$200 to Mikie's Minutes so that troops overseas can phone home.
- Sandwich Saturday Ministry set a record for volunteers in February with 50. There were 28 for March. In addition blankets, scarves, and hats were given to Sr. Judie for her "treasures."
- Respect Life Ministry is participating in the 40 Days for Life during Lent. They have placed blue and pink flags around the flag pole adjacent to the sign at Romeo Plank and Canal in support of this campaign. The flags represent babies lost to abortion. These flag were purchased by the K of C.
- The Parish Nurse Bulletin article, "Because We Care," is now being written by one of our new lead parish nurses, Rosalie Liddell.
- The Journey Men made a pilgrimage to Grand Rapids to attend a conference. The keynote speaker was Fr. Larry Richards, and was "phenomenal" according to the men who attended.
- Pantry served 142 families (287 individuals) utilizing 58 volunteers who gave 579 total hours of their time.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry will be handing our shawls after the anointing Mass on Wednesday April 5th.
- Deacon Marc was elected to the Diaconate Community Board by my peers. The board serves as an advisory group to Deacon Kevin Breen, Associate Director of Deacons for the AOD. The board helps develop programs, policy and procedure regarding formation and ongoing education as well as other workings of the diaconate community. The board serves the Archbishop to educate and inform of policies that the AOD passes down. Deacon Breen reports to Archbishop Vigneron both directly and indirectly through the vicar for clergy Msgr Tim Hogan. Congratulations Deacon Marc!

K of C Report:

- The fish fries have started off at a record setting pace averaging over 400 fish dinners being served for the first two weeks of lent.
- Good news to report that the Knights of this council have exceeded their goals for the Baby Bottle Drive. As you may be aware of that the Baby Bottle drive was to provide funds for Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Ultrasound Program which provides 50% of the cost of the purchase an Ultrasound machine. The K of C Councils' that make up District 24 have agreed to meet the Supreme council requirements and provide their share of the cost of an Ultrasound machine and yearly maintenance. The machine will be installed at Compassion Pregnancy Center located in Clinton Township, MI. The excess donations will be given to Abigayle Ministries in Sterling Heights, Mi.

Important Dates:

- March 17th 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Fish Fry
- March 18th 4:00 pm Corporate Communion Mass
- March 23rd 7:00pm Officers meeting
- March 24th 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Fish Fry

- March 25th K of C Ham & Kielbasa Orders being taken after all Masses and 26th
- March 31st 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Fish Fry

New Business:

1. A discussion was held on the training received last Saturday on Security in the Worship space.
2. Dynamic Catholic website has a great series during lent. These videos are narrated by Matthew Kelly and based in part on his book “Resisting Happiness”. They are about 4 minutes per day.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of February 16, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on April 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Bea Ladochi will lead us in prayer.

Closing Prayer: Denny Kubczak led us in Closing Prayer.