

St. Norbert Pastoral Council – December 8, 2011

Attendees: Fr. Jim, Megan Derse, James Schnell, Zak Haney, Mike O'Malley, Bryan Spaeth, Sue White

Opening prayer was led by Bryan Spaeth. Personal updates were given by those members in attendance.

Fr. Jim presented the Pastor's December Report –

- Four Holy Day Masses for Immaculate Conception
- 3 Memorial Masses
- Baptisms at Masses were discussed. Perhaps we could have a baptismal Sunday per month and not every week. Lengthens the mass time and perhaps effectiveness.
- Parish will be working on implementation on the Bishop's Pastoral Decree. Copies of this Decree was distributed in the fall.
- A safety procedure plan has been worked on by Kevin Ress and Steve Jakups following an incident at a Mass. AED will be placed in a visible location with training occurring after 2nd semester starts.
- A number of advent offerings have been occurring or will occur: Advent (First) Reconciliation December 5, Extended Reconciliations next week, Anointing of the Sick December 14, Church Decorating December 20.
- The Church Lotto tickets have been numbered and the sale will start the weekend of Dec 17 and continue until the beginning of February.

An update on Helping Hands was presented by Sue White. All persons who expressed an interest from the Elizabeth Ministry or Helping Hands have been personally contacted by Sue. Everyone contacted is excited to help extend this ministry to those in need, including our campus parishioners. Cathie Puryleat will contact Sue as needs arise within the parish community. (A first need has arisen and been addressed.) In turn, Sue will contact volunteers as needed. James Schnell will speak with the SNC personnel as how we can more effectively reach student needs. As of right now, sufficient volunteers are awaiting projects as needed. If larger volume of needs arise, more help will be solicited.

Fr. Jim would like to establish a Liturgy Committee. Based on the Interest Sheet, 11 persons have indicated interest in Church Cleanup, Church Environment, and/or Worship Committee. All persons interested as well as Carolyn Schaeffer and Tom Bolin will be asked to join in this committee.

Tom Bolin had expressed interest in the music format. Jennifer McAllister has met with Tom. Tom will be invited to the newly formed Worship Committee.

Fr. Jim asked what the council members had heard about the new translations. Various comments were expressed. 75 missalettes will be available in the Gathering Space this weekend for use so that any interested parishioner could use these to reflect on and to use during mass.

Peg VandeHey's position will be temporarily filled after January 18th. Katie Price will be the interim DRE and help continue all of the parish needs throughout second semester, including First Communion, Sunday morning Children's Church, and the beginning of the Confirmation process for 2012. This position is part time – 20 hr per week. SNC Human Resources will help with applications. Interested parties can apply.

All parish council members are asked to bring 2 names to be presented for the selection process for the council for the next term to the next meeting.

F Cubed will be discussed at the next meeting to be held on February 9th, 2012 at 5:30 pm.