

In Attendance: Fr. Jim Benz, Deacon Mark McCarthy, Mary Bryne, Ann Ficken, Mike Mohrmann, Dan Pelikan, Lynn Owen, Donna Pundmann, Tony Scoggin, Laurie Steinkamp, Chris Unterreiner, Deb Young
Excused: Celeste Leuck; Al Rothermich

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the October 28 meeting were approved with two minor changes.

Formation – Forming Intentional Disciples

- The first two chapters of Forming Intentional Disciples were discussed. There was much discussion about reaching children and through them, their parents, about developing a personal relationship with God. Chapters 3 and 4 will be discussed at the December meeting.

Pastoral Assembly

Deb Young and Laurie Steinkamp shared their experiences from attending “A Call to Prayer” led by Archbishop Carlson and three other priests. Deb and Laurie felt the session was very good. There were discussion regarding recent quotes from Pope Francis, who encourages us each to “stop and ask for directions” from God and to “stop and listen” to what we’re being called to do. A topic of conversation was how Jesus sees beyond our human weaknesses. If He calls us to do something, and we think we can’t do it, it can be considered rebelliousness. Jesus became angry only two times – at the money changers in the temple and when the apostles would not heal a baby with palsy because they were not confident in the ability He gave them to do so. We should keep that in mind in our daily lives.

Father Martin shared that it is not possible to draw another person to a personal relationship with God unless you have one yourself.

Father Brian Fisher shared that Jesus tells us to “stop, turn around; I love to look at you”. He never turns his back on us; we do it to him. We should make time to stop and listen. Don’t make prayer a part of your daily check-list. Make it a part of your whole day.

The 2014 Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop was shared and it centers on prayer and having a personal relationship with God.

Deb and Laurie found many resources the Parish can reach out to for help, such as for door-to-door evangelization.

An email summary will be sent to all participants of the event and will be shared with the Parish Council when it is available.

At the assembly, the Archbishop shared a document, “Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization”. This is a document in preparation for a Synod of Bishops to be held in 2014. The document asks for input on a series of questions, many of which are very involved and will take a lot of thought. The answers are due back to the Archbishop by 12/13. The Parish Council is asked for input, and a small group, potentially led by Al Rothermich, will respond.

Leadership Roles for 2014

- Leaders for the Parish Council for 2014 are: Chair – Celeste Leuck, Vice-Chair – Al Rothermich, Secretary – Ann Ficken

Knights of Columbus

The District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus has asked Father for suggestions on ways the local council can help the parish and/or community. The following list was compiled:

- Offer rides to Sunday Mass for older parishioners
- Offer to help with minor home repairs for the elderly or infirm
- Our parish has a Legion of Mary, and they regularly make home visits. The Knights could help with these visits or possibly with a parish census.
- Mirror the types of volunteer services by Duchesne High School’s Key Club but on an adult level.
- Volunteer as PSR teachers or assistants
- Volunteer with the three parish day-schools in the various capacities needed by the schools while wearing K of C insignia
- Assist with the Giving Tree/Adopt a Family program
- Assist the Respect Life Apostolate

- plus more of any area-wide service: volunteer with Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Services

SWOT update

Dan Pelikan, Celeste Leuck and Ann Ficken proposed a process for the Parish SWOT Analysis. A small group will provide questions to all Parish Council members, as well as leaders from the operational ministries at the Parish to accumulate the feedback. From there, the small group will compile the information and present it back to the Council. The ultimate goal is to identify initiatives that should be the focus during the final year of the Council's term. As a result, the timeline will be accelerated, with the responses requested in January, and proposals on action items back to the Council at the February meeting. Dan, Celeste, Ann and Chris Unterreiner will lead this effort.

Pastor's Time

- The letter sent to all school families will be going out with the Lent Finish Line. We will have a two-sided document, so Father is considering what to put on the other side. It might include the Lenten calendar.
- Evening prayer combined with the showing of Fr. Robert Barron's "Conversion" DVD series, which will include discussion, is being considered for Sunday evenings during Lent. The Liturgy Committee will be looking into it.
- There is an opportunity to install solar panels on the gym roof, to save on Ameren utility bills, through earning rebates on our energy usage. A roof inspection has been completed as part of the investigation. It has been determined that the gym and school roof will need to be replaced fairly soon, at a total cost of \$500,000. Further study is being performed.
- Stations of the Nativity will be held in the Church on 12/6 at 7:00.

There will be no agenda meeting for December

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, at 7 p.m. (social meeting and formation)