

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the August 25 meeting were approved as submitted.

Update from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly –

John and Mary Rabbit represented St. Cletus at this assembly, where 75 parishes were represented. The speaker was Tom Corcoran, the co-author of Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter. Some of the highlights from his talk include:

- Parishes should ask themselves why we are doing what we are doing – make sure it should still be happening
- If you lose the “why”, you lose the way
- We need to get into the minds of the “unchurched” because that is who we are trying to reach
- The week-end experience is prioritized – we want people to know that going to church is a good experience and therefore it will be a priority.
- The parish discussed in the book focused on music, homilies and being welcoming to help it become a priority for their members.
- The parish had an “information ministry” which took the place of a traditional secretary and receptionist
- Their Children’s Ministry was broad in that there was something at each week-end Mass, geared toward different age groups.

There was a second speaker who focused on who to get those who are coming to church to become more active in the church. He suggested that asking people to for something specific and then rewarding them for stepping out of their comfort zone can be successful in getting them engaged.

Mary and John shared that they believe we will hear much more about these topics from the Archbishop in the future.

Formation – Evangelii Gaudium - Chapter 4

The consensus about Chapter 4 was that it was easier to read than the previous chapters. Celeste found it motivational and written in a way that addressed many different audiences. Pope Francis reiterated in this chapter that life is not an option. He also says that the Church has not done enough to help women who are facing difficult decisions regarding their pregnancies and to help them to choose life.

Pope Francis is encouraging more dialogue between Catholics and those with different views, in order to share their different thoughts and ideas.

Our actions and lives should reflect what Jesus would want us to do and how He would have treated others.

We will continue with Chapter 5 at the next meeting.

Called and Gifted Seminar

Deb Young, Chris Unterreiner and Ann Ficken attended the seminar. The seminar included an assessment by the participants to help begin to determine their charisms. The lecture described each of the 24 charisms in a fair amount of detail. A follow up opportunity is available for the attendees to participate in a phone interview to further identify their potential charisms and develop a process to help fully identify them.

Parish Council Selection Process

- The list of nominees, obtained through the nomination process as well as from the current members was reviewed. The process for the selection was finalized and will consist of the following:
- A letter will be sent by Father Jim to all nominees inviting them to prayerfully consider the opportunity.
- Each nominee will be personally called by a current parish council member to encourage participation and to answer questions. A list with call assignments will be provided to each member. If there are difficulties finding numbers, the parish office may be able to help.
- An information session will be held on Sunday, October 19, at 2:00 in the Daily Mass Chapel.
- The selection will be completed through a spiritual lottery on Sunday, November 2, at 1:30 in the Daily Mass Chapel.

- The new council members will be invited to the Christmas party in December and will begin their term in January.

SWOT Committee Update

The subcommittee focusing on the financial processes of the parish reported that they had met with Bill Matula a few times, and that he is open to the discussions. In addition, a facilities planning committee has been established to review the overall future financial needs for the parish buildings and grounds. That committee has met only once and Bill still needs someone to take ownership of that process to get it moving effectively.

St. Cletus 50th Anniversary Celebration

- Al Rothermich went through the archives of Sunday bulletins and created a comprehensive list of all Priests and Deacons who have served at St. Cletus. A letter inviting them to the Homecoming event in January 2015 has been drafted.
- There continues to be a very limited response to the request for volunteers to help with the events. The committee will be recruiting people to help.
- The next meeting is scheduled for October 1.
- No photos have been submitted for the book yet. Father will be the collection point, so if anyone receives some they can be given to him.

Pastor's Time

- Father has received a letter from the "Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate" (CARA) offering their services to do a survey regarding parish life. He will be discussing it further with the new council in 2015, to determine if it should be pursued. More information is available at www.cara.georgetown.edu.
- The next movie night will be on October 10 and will feature "October Baby".

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00.