

**ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 22, 2022**

**Members in Attendance:**

Ex. Off.	Rev. Jeffrey Hennes
2024	Kris Hansen
2024	Dave Osier
2023	Mike Daniels
2023	John Lutz

**Absent/Excused Members:**

2024	Chuck Clark
2023	Tim Higgins
2024	Theron Nash
2023	Kris Strigel

- I. Meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with an opening prayer using the Hallow app.
- II. Minutes were approved through email following the last meeting and posted.
- III. Featured Discussion - Christmas Basket: This has been sponsored by the Parish Council, and we need someone to help plan, purchase for, and prepare the basket. Members can make an offering to help provide the goods needed. Kris S. volunteered to organize.
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Alpha: Mike reported that things have gone well. A good number of St. Joe's & St. Steve's members participated. Fr. Hennes would like to have a meeting of leaders to plan how we move forward, whether that would be at St. Joe's, or again partnering with St. Brons. It is a great program for those new to the faith, or those who have been away for a while.
  - B. Diocesan Capital Campaign: We are still awaiting a timeline for the Campaign preparation and rollout. Once we have more information about the process, we can have further discussion. The front staircase and parking lot are items that we can complete with these funds. When looking at the staircase project, we have received a bid from a structural engineer to design the new staircase that would be similar, up to code, The cost for the engineer is \$5,000. There would be an additional need for an architect. All agreed that the costs seem high, but no one has used these types of services to know if the costs are fair. Father will reach out to the Diocese to see if these costs seem reasonable, or if they have other suggestions for contractors. If the Diocese seems agreeable to the pricing, the council is comfortable with moving forward with these bids.
  - C. Pastor Plaque: Father shared a mockup of the plaque that would share the names and dates of past Pastors. All were in agreement that this looked nice and we will move forward.
- V. New Business
  - A. Board of Trustee Appointment: We are in need of a new Lay Member to serve as the Secretary for St. Joseph. Kris H. volunteered to take on this role. Fr. Hennes will schedule the meeting.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Education (Fr. Hennes): Looking at items to engage the parish. A suggestion would be to cultivate a new collection of books to share, using the bulletin to promote the availability. Lent program offerings were discussed. The Advent Blue book will be available this weekend.
  - B. Parish Family Life (Tim): They did a social in October, there are no future socials scheduled. It is thought that they may resume in January.

- C. Buildings & Grounds (John): Boiler project is near done. Pacelli students offered time raking leaves to complete service hours.
  - D. Call to Justice Committee (Fr. Hennes/Mike): Meal of hope will continue in 2023 on the third Monday of each month. We hope to have a Christmas Meal that has a broader reach on December 19.
  - E. Sacred Worship Committee (Kris H.): Mass counts were completed in October for the Diocese as happens every year. The counts are up a bit from 2021. The Kid's Noel play will begin at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve, with Mass beginning immediately after. The All Souls Remembrance Mass was well attended. Daily Mass schedule changes with Advent. We are looking at creating a memorial "wall" (bulletin board) that we will create a remembrance wall to remain through the year. It will help us to remember all those that God has called home.
  - F. St. Anne's (Kris S.): They held a baby shower for Conner & Christina at their last meeting. Their treasurer's report shows a positive increase from last year. They made a recent donation to the Office of Vocations. They are doing two Holiday Baskets in December. They are sponsoring the meal of hope in January. The cookie walk is December 3.
  - G. Holy Name (Mike): They are looking to assist a family for Thanksgiving. The next gathering is this Saturday. The Pork dinner was well attended.
- VII. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 2022 at 6 p.m.
- VIII. Meeting closed with prayer at 7:05 p.m.

Annual Agenda Items: Picnic Basket (March); Tithing/Vision Statement (May); Christmas Basket (November)