

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting for April 20, 2015
Parish Pastoral Council, Sacred Heart Parish Center, 7:00PM**

Present: Diane Walling, Fr. Tom Jones, Jane Mulligan, Tom Nowak, Annie Borjas, Joan Loranger, Paul Thornton, Pat Cahill, Nan Tulchinsky, Michelle Kriss, Anne Coglianesse, Fr Brad Metz, and John McNarney.

Absent: Jack O'Brien, Kimberly Spence, Deacon Bill Gallagher, John Lehner, and Paul Eddy.

Opening Prayer led by Nan Tulchinsky. Snacks provided by Nan Tulchinsky.

March 16, 2015 Minutes approved as written.

Mass Schedule:

Fr. Tom again talked about revising the daily Mass schedule because *there will be only one priest assigned to Sacred Heart Parish beginning in July.* Father Brad has been assigned to Holy Cross Parish in Easton, Massachusetts (near Stonehill College a Holy Cross Fathers institution) beginning July 1, 2015. There will be no priest assigned to replace Father Brad. Getting help with the 6:45 AM daily Mass on a regular basis is difficult. Many priests are gone over the summer. During the school year priests serving in the dorms don't get to bed until 1 – 2 AM. Father Tom needs a Mass schedule he can cover by himself if necessary while still meeting the pastoral needs of parishioners. Fr. Tom is able to get up at 4:45 AM 5 days a week to cover the early Mass, but not 7 days a week.

After discussion the Parish Pastoral Council unanimously endorsed the following changes in the crypt Mass schedule beginning June 1, 2015:

MONDAY 6:45 AM Mass

TUESDAY 6:45 AM Mass

WEDNESDAY NO MASS IN THE CRYPT (Basilica Masses 11:30 AM & 5:30 PM)

THURSDAY 6:45 AM Mass

FRIDAY 6:45 AM Mass

SATURDAY NO MORNING MASS IN THE CRYPT (confessions at 10 AM)

SATURDAY Vigil Mass 4 PM

SUNDAY MASSES 6:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM.

Indiana Bishops Pastoral Letter on Poverty in Indiana.

- ❖ Much discussion on how best to get the message of the Pastoral across to the people.
- ❖ Perhaps have a speaker at Mass speak for 2 minutes before Mass sharing their own personal experience of poverty to help parishioners understand the plight of the poor in our local community?
- ❖ More information in the bulletin about poverty in Indiana; perhaps print some of the chilling statistics for all to see such as 80% of public school children are on free or subsidized lunch in the South Bend School Corporation (roughly 13,000 children!)
- ❖ Catholic Social Teaching --- are Catholics aware of what the Church teaches about social justice? (Michelle Kriss has a four-session faith-sharing experience designed to help people become more aware of Catholic social teaching and introduce them to social justice ministry.)
- ❖ Diane Walling: *“Someone once told me that social justice ministry just isn’t fun to do! “The implication is that some folks are uncomfortable and/or are afraid of social justice ministry.*
- ❖ Pat Cahill: *“How about a single line in the announcements at the end of Mass. ‘This Friday, a group of parishioners volunteer to serve breakfast at Our Lady of the Road at 8 AM. Would you like to help? Contact information is in today’s bulletin.’”*
- ❖ Someone suggested we “blow up” and enlarge some of the picture pages of the Pastoral and put them on display in the crypt.
- ❖ Perhaps the Council should put this topic on the August 1 agenda for the Pastoral Council Planning session at the Parish Center?

Council Membership:

- ❖ Because John Lehner has a number of health issues which need his attention, he regrets that he will not seek another three-year term on the Council. The Pastoral Council members express their gratitude to John for his past years of service to Sacred Heart Parish, especially John’s service on the Pastoral Council, and John and Judy’s chairmanship of the annual Epiphany Breakfast for many years.

Michelle Kriss & Faith Sharing Groups:

- ❖ Response from the six small faith sharing groups meeting during Lent was positive
- ❖ Gearing up for the launch of the fall Renew Program *WHY CATHOLIC*
- ❖ Parish Planning Team members for *WHY CATHOLIC* are: Joe Mulligan; Patti & Dave Olive, Jim Kapsa, Kim Spence, Suzanne Cahill, Michelle Kriss (Chair)
- ❖ Planning Team training at Queen of Peace Church, Osceola, Wednesday, April 29 1 - 3 PM.

Pastoral Council Planning Session in August:

- ❖ Pastoral Council members will meet Saturday morning, August 1, 2015 at the Parish Center.
- ❖ Begin with Mass at 8:30 AM and conclude at Noon.
- ❖ Plan Pastoral Council agenda for the year (including ways to implement the Pastoral Letter on Poverty and how to use “Rice Bowl” as a Lenten program.

Round Table Discussion Council Cookout May 18, 2015, 6:30 PM Parish Center:

- ❖ Council Cookout with spouses
- ❖ Parish will supply steaks (some small steaks as well), beer and wine
- ❖ Other side dishes and desserts brought by Council members.
- ❖ Nan Tulchinsky will coordinate what folks will bring and how many will be coming.

Round Table Discussion: Sacred Heart Celebration Mass and Dinner Friday, June 12, 2015

- ❖ Individuals and families & children invited
- ❖ Suggested to serve pizza and salad after Mass
- ❖ Salad could be picked up from Papa Vinos and Pizza delivered (enough for 100 people)
- ❖ People invited to bring dessert
- ❖ Fr. Tom to put out signup sheets in Parish Center and crypt mid-May.
- ❖ Need a coordinator or coordinating team for this event
- ❖ Number of Council members unable to be present for Friday, June 12, 2015 event
- ❖ May 18 gathering of the Council will decide if we can do this celebration this year.

Meeting concluded with a prayer by Jane Mulligan.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, May 18, 6:30 PM, Pastoral Council cookout Parish Center Community Room.

Fr. Tom