

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 18, 2016

Absent: Jack O'Brien, Anne Cashore, John McNarney, Jane Mulligan, Anne Coglianesi,
Kim Spence

Opening Prayer: Michelle Kriss

III. Holy Cross Parishes' Pilgrimage To A "Holy Door" during this extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

- ❖ 5 Holy Cross Parishes in South Bend to explore coming together for a Jubilee Year of Mercy event at one of the Diocesan Cathedrals or at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at ND.
- ❖ Possible Mass/Holy Hour/Confessions?
- ❖ Sometime is late summer or early fall
- ❖ Pastoral Council thought it would be a good idea for SHP to pursue Fr. Tom to attend a Planning meeting.

IV. 175th Anniversary of SHP in 2017

- ❖ Anniversary Year Pictorial Directory? Kim Spence expressed interest.
- ❖ Use current events (e.g., Epiphany Breakfast, Sacred Heart Feastday celebration in 2017) to highlight the Anniversary throughout the year?
- ❖ Send out census information to parishioners in order to update parish census data?
- ❖ Form a Committee of 2 Council members and 3 other parishioners to explore options.

V. JJ Wright Leaving For Rome

- ❖ JJ (and his family) will complete his Ph.D. studies at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome for 2016 – 2017.
- ❖ Last day: May 15 – Pentecost
- ❖ Appropriate "Thank You" and gift planned for the 11 AM Mass (Nan and Fr. Tom)

VI. How to achieve a balance between community and prayerful preparation before Mass?

- ❖ Lack of a "greeting space" leads to folks "socializing" before/after Mass.
- ❖ Mass is not "private prayer time" but "community" prayer time.
- ❖ Council desires to avoid extremes: excessive "socializing" and "absolute silence"
- ❖ Perhaps a musical prelude before Mass and a 60 second pause after the introduction is read to gather our thoughts for the celebration?
- ❖ Perhaps full Council and think about this proposal and discuss at the May meeting.

VII. Solemnity of the Sacred Heart Parish Celebration Friday, June 3, 2016.

- ❖ Mass (6 PM) followed by Pizza/Salad/Dessert Potluck at the Parish Center
- ❖ Parish to supply pizza and drinks
- ❖ Parishioners invited to bring salads and desserts.
- ❖ Nan and Paul Eddy to coordinate food; Fr. Tom to coordinate Mass.

VIII. 'Round the Table:

- ❖ **Michelle Kriss** – 1st Communion Retreat April 23; Last REP class day April 24;
- ❖ 1st Communion Sunday May 1 (11 AM Mass); May Crowning 11 AM Mass May 8
- ❖ Vacation Bible School July 11 – 15 ; Amanda Niedosik to help with VBS
- ❖ *Why Catholic* for 2015-2016 went very well; 2016-2017 topic: FAITH/BELIEVE

- ❖ **Tom Nowak** – Thursday, May 5, National Day of Prayer Breakfast at the Century Center. Joan Loranger and Father Tom, as well as Tom and Marlene Nowak attending.
- ❖ St. Vincent de Paul Legacy Dinner May 11 at Hilton Garden Inn. All seats filled at the SHP table.
- ❖ Newly arrived refugee families are getting settled; once refugee gets his license, they will have a car to use.

- ❖ **Diane Walling** – Blood pressure screening in May and then stops for the summer.
- ❖ *Why Catholic* potluck on April 14 well attended and everybody enjoyed themselves.

IX. Closing Prayer: Diane Beach-Walling

Last Pastoral Council meeting of the 2015 – 2016 term: Monday, May 23, 7 PM

Agenda Items:

- ❖ **Reach consensus on balance between community and prayerful preparation before Mass**
- ❖ **Finalize Sacred Heart Celebration needs on June 3**
- ❖ **Finalize plans for the Annual Parish Mass and Picnic Sunday, August 14?**
- ❖ **Date for Council August Planning session and Council Members/Spouses Cookout in August?**