

St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting – February 25, 2020

Present: Fr. Rooney, Eric Sattler, Gilbert Normandin, Bill Jasman, Pauline Bergeron, Judy Vasicek, Linda Korowin, Dianne Pavlov, Mary Jane Magalotti

1. Dianne shared prayer of St. Gertrude the Great.
2. Father asked that we discuss the following
 - Mass schedule
 - Adoption of parish in Honduras
 - Further discussion of the Unleash the Gospel document
3. Father talked about the recent changes to be made at Sacred Heart Parish of Grosse Ile, Fr. Mike is retiring. Pastor at St. Cyprians moving to Christ the Redeemer. This leaves openings. Fr. anticipates that these parishes will cluster and have a single pastor for both. More information to follow and the impact this will have on the downriver parishes.
4. Mass Schedule: the parish Worship Commission recommends to the Parish Council that there be an elimination of (1) one weekend mass due to diminished attendance. The Worship Commission is asking for the Council's support. Fr. informed the council that there was concern of what the financial impact would be. A review of the finances was done over this past summer with the reduction of the Sunday 12 noon mass. Fr. reported that the difference was \$17, this indicates there is no financial impact. The mass schedule will again eliminate the 12noon mass beginning May 31st and resume on September 13th. What the Commission is asking for support that beginning in January, the schedule be reduced again.
 - After much discussion, the Council supports the reduction of (1) one Mass on Sunday.
 - The council strongly recommends that the parishioners be informed of rational and given an opportunity to give input on preferred times.
 - Mary Jane to send message to Marianne Robinson, secretary of the Commission, informing of the Councils support to reduce the Sunday mass schedule to (2) two beginning in January 2020 along with the councils request to involve the parishioners.
5. Adoption of parish in Honduras: Fr. spoke about adopting a sister parish and recommends a parish in Honduras within the capital, Tegucigalpa. There would be a financial impact on our parish. Fr. discussed some of the difficulty there is with getting money to the parish but that the archdiocese does have a process in place to help with this.
 - Bill, Pauline, and Eric volunteered to investigate needy parishes and bring back for further discussion and support.

6. Unleash the Gospel (UTG) discussion: there was more discussion around what it means related to evangelization. Members discussed different areas of the document. Further discussion is needed as to our approach as a parish. Fr. anticipates that St. Joseph strategic plan for UTG could be in November.
7. Bill and Dianne working with Fr. on the painting of the church.
8. Fr. said the closing prayer and asks that for future meetings we have a reading of Scripture and discussion to follow. Pauline volunteered to do the opening prayer for next meeting.
 - Members to continue to review and read UTG document, up to page 57.

Next Meeting: March 31st.

6:30pm

St. Francis Room, Parish Center

Mary Jane Magalotti