

St. Joachim's Church Pastoral Council
Minutes for December 5th, 2017

Members present: Father William Becker, Dennis Kunkel, Russ Meyer, Karen Scanlon, Cathy Reiter, and Pete Schouweiler, Carla Tentis, Tom Leisen, Sarah Ring. Members absent: Deacon John DeStazio. Visitors: None.

Russ called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Gospel of Mark 1:1-8 was read and reflected upon.

The November minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: Pastoral Council members reviewed the October St. Joachim financial statement.

Faith Formation Report: Children's Liturgy of the Word has only had one set of volunteers. We did have someone volunteer since Father mentioned it. We will try and start back up on January 7th. We are having the First Reconciliation here on Sunday with 5 priests (2 retired) for a class of 28. The youth recently had a holy hour and 25 young people attended!

Facility Planning - Father said a fund drive will likely be needed in the next year to address the rectory. Council discussed options informally

Parish Directory – discussed possibly doing a new Parish directory in the Summer. Looking for a couple volunteers to assist with this.

Parish Mission – The mission appears to have been well received with good attendance.

Parish Engagement: We are reading the book called "Great Catholic Parishes" by William E. Simon Jr. and discussed Part 1, Chapter 2. We will discuss Part 1, Chapter 3 in February.

The next meeting will be Saturday, January 6th and is a social gathering of Father Becker and the councils.

The next regular meeting of the Pastoral Council will be Tuesday, February 6th at 7 p.m. in the St. Joachim Parish Center. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. and closed with prayer.

~ Respectfully submitted by Karen Scanlon