

## St Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021

### Opening Prayer

### Call to Order

**Members in Attendance:** Fr Mike Williams, Dick Weller, Mary Jane Boak, Sarah Falor, Scott Schmitt, Kathy George

### Minutes of the prior meeting

**Education Trust Fund:** Fr Mike - Still working on the next new fund raiser, nothing to report at this time.

**Youth Group:** Sarah Falor -Kickoff was held in September with a large number of underclassmen in attendance. Pop can drive was held with enough cans collected to reach the ceiling in the youth room. Members will continue to return cans weekly until they are gone. Tie blankets were completed to donate to charity. Praise band is rehearsing for the Christmas Eve Mass. There are approximately 8-10 members of the praise band.

**Evangelization:** Dave Collins not present for report. Fr Mike stated the most immediate need is to address Family Evangelization in the parish.

**Finance Committee:** Dick Weller –Parish is doing well with offertory, increased savings, Witness to Hope increased over last year's total. Liability is decreased due to PPP money that wasn't needed being sent back. There was a \$20,000 write-off for unpaid St Joe tuition. Expenses appear to be up from last year's total, but it's just due to the timing of payroll when report was printed.

**Ministries/Comments:** Implementation of a family adoration program is being discussed by a committee. Kathy George is spearheading it for the council.

**Pastor's Report:** Only about ¼ of the parish's children are being brought to Sunday Mass. This needs to be addressed with families who aren't attending. Of the 501 total children in the parish, only 228 are active in Religious Ed, Confirmation or St Joe School. Information and survey will be distributed to families. Discussion was held regarding how to address this problem.

Fr Mike reminded the parish council that the traveling chalice is available for families to take home and pray for vocations.

**Prayer leader for next meeting:** Kathy George

### Prayer for Vocations

**Next meeting:** Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:30 pm

