St Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022

Call to Order 5:30 pm – Dick Weller

Opening Prayer – Kathy George

Members in Attendance – Fr Mike, Dick Weller, Bob Puralewski, Tom Wenzlick, Dave Collins, Chelsea

Thelen, Kathy George

Minutes of Prior meeting – Approved with no changes

Introduction of new staff –

Chris Groves, new youth ministry leader will be working with both St Joe’s and MHT youth. Same

program will be presented Mondays in Fowler, Wednesdays in St Johns.

Amanda Grigar, new RCIA Coordinator will begin with “pre-evangelization” program on Mondays in

October. See “The Search” flyer in bulletin for more details.

Education Trust Fund – Nothing to report

Youth Program – Nothing to report, no youth representative at this meeting. Chris Groves will try to

find someone interested in attending our meetings.

Evangelization /Welcoming – Tom Wenzlick and Dave Collins did research and presented idea for

Welcome Bag for new parishioners. Discussion over what materials could be included followed.

Finance Committee – Dick Weller The parish Budget for 2022-23 is $35,000 in the red due to salary increases for teachers and staff. This shortfall will be covered by other funds. Tithing was down for the summer, but not out of the ordinary. Expenses were as expected.

Pastor’s Report – Fr Mike \*Discussion of “God-Families” to help keep families of newly baptized

babies involved in the parish. This doesn’t replace God Parents, but provides a “liaison family” for the

new parents to connect with.

\*Father provided a Summary of Sacramental Preparation to be reviewed by members, explaining the

steps and timelines for each sacrament.

\*At the direction of the bishop, the realignment process is on hold.

\*Deacon Jerry and Alice are working on a new Marriage Ministry

\*Discussion of a possible new website specifically for parish ministries. Promotion and maintenance of

the website will be just as important as getting it set up. We will need a designated person to be able to

go in and make changes as needed. Will check with our tech. support on this.

Comments and Thoughts – Father Mike brought up the idea that we may want to keep the current Day

Chapel as a sacred space, even after the remodel is finished. Discussion followed regarding the

displaced youth group room. The old principal’s office was suggested as a possible alternative.

Prayer for Vocations

Next meeting – November 16 th, 2022 at 5:30 pm