

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Call to Order:** 7:03 by Chriss Lawrence

**Opening Prayer:** Greg Vuyovich

**Attendance:** Fr. Gregory, Wayne Savage, Chriss Lawrence, Tim Brown, Greg Vuyovich, Diane Coppola, Jim Trist and Julie Trist and Charles Patullo.

Greg read an opening prayer.

**Vision Statement:** The Council read the Parish Vision Statement in unison.

Pastors Comments: Father told of us plans for new signage at the parish. Nadine put up a sign for family fun night, and families who are not congregants saw it and attended. Gary is currently looking into an electronic sign, where we would be able to announce parish happenings. We will have a Giving Tuesday, for the signs. Our new Youth Minister Wendie Mewzsel officially started on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Our baptismal font is leaking. It has been regouted before and still leaks, so it must be replaced. Lawrence Mayer, an engineer is looking into it. The new one may be large enough for an adult. A group has formed (Gary and Eric Scott). The Knights will fund it! [REDACTED] We had 71% of the amount of people attending Mass as the same weekend in 2019. Something father read suggests that the numbers are plateauing. Wayne's son was baptized. Father is to be 1 of 2 speakers at the deanery addressing adult formation. Our Wine & Cheese will be Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, Advent reconciliation Service will be Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Formation:** The Council read and discussed paragraphs 133-134, then jumped to 152-153 and jumped to 160 of Pope Francis' Encyclical "The Joy of the Gospel"

**Old Business: Twinning-**Father Morris/Theresa Carpenter are overwhelmed. They cannot afford to support the two schools they currently twin. It is 18K annually. They cover teacher's salaries, supplies etc. If we take on one school, it would be somewhere around 9K per year. The next step is to set up a committee and announce it at church. It has to be run through the parish Finance Council to get it in next years' budget. We would have to fund it next fiscal year, as it is not in the current budget.

**New Directory:** Wayne will make a spreadsheet from information supplied from parishioners for inclusion in the directory, and send it to Eric to get it on the parish website. We need to set dates, get forms signed, put it in the bulletin and announce it at masses.

**Eucharistic Bread:** This is tabled for now.

**Approval of Minutes:** The October 2022 minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

**New Business:** Pastoral Council Retreat is Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 3 with Melanie Coddington . The topic will be our vision statement. There will be refreshments, and lunch.

We will try to have our meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 in December to see if that is more convenient.

**Announcements:** Thanks to Greg Vuyovich for opening and concluding prayers, and Jim & Julie Trist for the refreshments.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center. Tim will say the opening and closing prayer, and Diane will bring the refreshments.

**Closing Prayers:** Greg Vuyovich led the Council in closing prayer.

**Adjournment:** Chriss Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.