

## Pastoral Council Minutes

October 21, 2014

In attendance: Fr. Joe Fogal, Mark Oldenburg, Carol Stortz, Barb Schuh, Matt Klebe, Sally Burns, Zeljko Bajzer, Teresa Silker, and Peter Streit

Guest: Joyce Lehman, Director of Adult Spiritual Development

The meeting was opened with reading/reflection of the Gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday.

**Adult Spiritual Development:** Joyce Lehman provided an update on adult programs in the parish, including book studies, Symbolon (an online video series and group sessions), book give-away at Christmas, lent reflection/study, resources for ministries (e.g. Women's Group), Ministry Booklet, DOW Institute of Lay Formation, Prepare Ye (young family Advent event), first Thursday fellowship after Mass, and Summer Church Camp.

**Communications Manager:** Joyce also serves the parish as Communications Manager. She reported on current activities, including producing the weekly bulletin, posting Sunday homilies on the web, assisted with the Planning Giving brochure sent to all parishioners, developing New Member packet and events, drafting recommendations on improvements to the physical environment, looking to leverage Facebook and Twitter, and working on updating the parish database.

**Review of parish initiatives:** There was discussion on the existing strategic initiatives and proposed considering adding another one focused on outreach (acts of charity and promotion of justice). Decided to think about the subject further and put on the agenda for the November meeting.

**DOW history books sale:** There will be an announcement in this week's bulletin on the sale of the DOW history books after Masses during the first three weekends in November. Council members are asked to help with the selling.

Next Meeting: November 18

Thank you notes (Matt): to Joyce Lehman

Closing prayer was led by Zeljko.