

Pastoral Council Minutes

November 18, 2014

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

The meeting was opened with reading of and reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday.

Sales after Mass: What criteria should be used determined what can be sold? How many are appropriate? Where sales should be allowed? The discussion focused on the quantity of sales on the same Sunday. Agreed upon the following guidelines: i) no more than 3 different sales at one time and ii) no sales in the Gathering Space.

Adult Spiritual Development:

1. Symbolon is a twenty-session program. Ten of the sessions will be offered this winter/spring at four different times each week starting in mid-January. The other ten sessions will be offered in the fall.
2. At Christmas time, the parish will be offering as a gift to all adults a book on St. Francis and Pope Francis. There will an opportunity to participate in a one session follow-up discussion on the book.

Social Justice Committee: Sally provided an update on a number of upcoming events and activities sponsored by the Social Justice Committee. Each of them will be announced in the bulletin.

Parish Strategic Initiatives: There was broad discussion on the strategic plan and initiatives. There was a proposal to arrange a retreat to examine the status of the existing initiatives and consider changes more comprehensively. Perhaps invite Todd Graff to come in and facilitate a Pastoral Council retreat. Objective of the retreat is to assess our Vision and to discern how we move our parish forward in a way that aligns to Pope Francis' direction on new evangelization.

Fr. Joe shared his vision for the parish: to have everyone focus on the personal reflection on the following questions. Who is Christ to me? How am I Christ to another? The approach must ensure that everyone has a voice and a role: all parishioners and ministries - Prayer Shawl ministry, Pastoral Council members, parish staff, etc.

Next Meeting: December 16 at Mike and Sally's home. Time 7:00 pm. 3021 15th Ave NW.

Thank you notes (Carol): to Joyce, Sr. Jan and Joe K for their successful work on the Advent Event for Young Families held Nov 15

Closing prayer was led by Carol.