

Pastoral Council Mtg
January 10, 2018

Present: Marge Mey, Mila Maskell, Asha Petoskey, William Good, Marsha Weber, Christina Reilly, Bryan Mullen, Fr. Don

Opening Prayer: Fr. Don

Minutes of December meeting approved

Pastor's report:

“Formed,” the online resource, has been launched and several parishioners have signed up. Jerry Rousell will be organizing a grief support group at St. Clare. Mike Higgins will present a one evening session on prayer and scriptures.

Christmas Review.... Attendance down at some masses because of the snow. Suggestion made that children participate more at earlier Christmas Eve masses. (readings, gifts, ushering etc.)

Suggestion made to lower age to grade 4 for altar servers,
Parish finances --- are up and there were several generous donations before Christmas

Giving Tree highly successful – 97 families served

Progress being made on the improvement of the science room for the school

Education

Confirmation --- retreat for candidates will be Sunday February 11.

Sister Loretta will lead the parent and sponsor group.

February 25 --- children's classes for First Communicants will begin. First Communion will be the 1st Sunday in May

School open house will be January 28

Required radon testing at the school will be funded by the archdiocese.

Upgrades in gym: painting, new backboards and baskets

school elevator is working again as are the outside gates and the flag pole rope has been replaced.

Spring break begins March 23

Liturgy Joan is still ill and will be out for quite awhile. The search continues for a replacement for her.

Ash Wednesday is February 14

Lenten soup suppers will be Friday nights

Easter is April 1

Outreach

Refugee mtg ... was more a training session. If people want to help with the temporary housing of refugee families in the parish there are training and basic requirements to be considered. (background check, etc.

Andre Bessette --- Began their Friday evening meal on January 5.

Knights of Columbus will do Mother's Day flowers again.

Community Life

The chair of the Gumbo Dinner will be unable to do the job this year.

Suggestion made that more focus be placed on the Pentecost Fair to be held Sunday May 20th.

Asha is developing a job description for a volunteer coordinator. (this will be a volunteer position)

Meeting adjourned

Next Mtg.

Wednesday, February , 6:30 p.m.