

**St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**  
**Rosemount, Minnesota**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 7th, 2022**  
**6:30 pm**

**Attending: Jon Guden-Chair, Ron Sailer, Pat Croke, Randy Haney-Administrator, Mike Vanderheyden, Paul Germann, John Murphy**  
**Excused:, Patricia Cina, Fr Paul Kammen-Pastor, John Wollersheim-Trustee, Brian Hoyland**

**1. Opening Prayer**

**Jon Guden**

**Administrative Business**

The current parish website displays the photos and names of the Parish Council. It is being asked that photos and names for the parish trustees and Finance Council also be added.

**Old Business**

The Strategic Plan efforts continue with the next meeting being April 12<sup>th</sup>. The goal of the committee is to have a draft to the Parish Council by the May meeting. It is hoped that a final version will be in place by June when new Council members are brought on to the Council and the end of the church fiscal year happens.

An overwhelming amount of information has been obtained from the recent Leadership Summit, Parish pew surveys, Synodal small group feedback and Synodal leadership feedback. All of this information must be discerned and prioritized by the committee.

The plan will most likely take on a format similar to the format the school currently uses.

Ron Sailer made some personal comments related to some of the feedback he read from the Leadership Summit. He expressed concerns regarding feedback not fully appreciating that last two years everyone has experienced with regard to the pandemic, and how it has impacted everything and everyone, including our church operations and how Father Paul and others have had to address and work through these times.

**Parish and Financial**

**Worship**

Ron reported that Bill Bradley indicated mass attendance numbers continue to improve. They are planning for overflow seating for Easter services.

The renovation of the technology infrastructure of the campus continues toward completion which is scheduled to be done by Easter. May will see a first communion class of about 120.

Mike reported that Kayla provided information that a Family Formation Focus Group took place with about 40 parents in attendance. [Kayla conducted extensive research and identified parishes](#)

~~in the Archdiocese who have used this model. The Focus Group had a mostly positive response, and the concerns related at the meeting will be addressed as the program is developed and executed. Overall positive response to the change to a family formation model next year; however, some families are voicing some concern (primarily families who has split religion homes and/or single/divorced parents—often these families have struggled no matter what the format is—so hoping to work with them as they desire to find something that will work best for their particular situation~~

There are only 3 classes remain this year.

Confirmation is May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral with about 70 teens scheduled to receive the Sacrament

Deacon Gordon provided his ongoing communication regarding Pastoral Care.

Randy mentioned that the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute has designated Saint Joseph's as a "remote" site (one of only 6-7) for the ongoing educational program offered.

The mission of the Catechetical Institute is to further students' spiritual formation and deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. The heart of the curriculum is based on the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and provides a systematic presentation of the Catholic faith.

The CI: Pillars Program is a two-year course. Students participate in four modules which focus on the Creed, sacraments, moral life and prayer. Each module includes two formative sessions. After completing all four modules, students receive a certificate of completion.

For Engagement and Communication Jon mentioned a number of items that were highlighted from this past weekend's bulletin.

Randy provided the latest financial summary of church operations. The church is holding its own considering the receipt of some unplanned gifts from parishioners.

## **New Business**

### **Parish Council Membership**

Terms for Paul Germann and John Murphy conclude at the end of June this year. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin again for people to consider becoming a member of the council. Randy emphasized the need for us to be talking to people as the bulletin is only marginally effective at generating interest. It is hoped that younger people and more women will consider serving.

Paul reported that the school Gala is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents Day will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team won their division. Enrollment for next year has 2 Kindergarten classes; 2 First grade classes; and 2 preschool classes. However, to accommodate all of this growth some remodeling will need to be done. Randy is working through that process now.

A question about faculty needs was raised and Randy indicated that historically the school has not had a problem finding well qualified teachers for open positions.

Closing Prayer  
Respectfully submitted,

Jon Guden

Mike Vanderheyden