

Christ the King Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2014

Present: Fr. Ray, Mike Bobrowski, Pete Vanberlo, Vince Balog, Jerry Evans, Jen Gorman, John Ehardt, Annette Andres

Absent: Jim Keedy, Jill LaCrosse

November minutes and December agenda were approved.

Opening Prayer: Mike

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Fr. Ray discussed importance for smooth transition to new 10 am Mass starting Jan 4; Parish needs to be confident in change and most importantly the "Mass Mob" must serve the Parish well. Reviewed logistics for new time that must be taken care of ahead of time; Betz will update phone message, website, newspaper and smart phone apps. Fr. Ray will inform pastors of the other parishes in town of change and ask them to highlight it in their bulletins. Mike already had Signplicity make new "10 am" slide for new sign on 31 to replace "9 and 11 am" slide immediately following 11 am Mass on 12/28.

Will definitely need to increase number of Eucharistic Ministers during change to one Sunday Mass. Fr. will talk to Mark about this.

There will certainly be parishioners, guests who arrive for 9:00 am Mass especially during the first month of transition. It was suggested to have coffee available for them and /or to invite them to participate in the rosary prior to Mass. Jen suggested that Fr. hold confession prior to the 10:00 Mass; while he thinks this is a good option he is holding off on this for now.

Fr. Ray introduced new idea for "evangelization cards" (similar to business cards) to be printed and given to current parishioners to hand out to potential new parishioners. One side quoting Pope Francis "If your first name is Christian, your second name is the name of your parish- We are Christ the King and You are Invited" the other side with the new Mass schedule listed. This was delayed for now due to many pending items needed to be completed prior to institution of the new Mass time.

It was brought up that local hotels list Mass times for guests; Fr. Ray and Betz will type of a letter with the change of schedule and hand out to all hotels east of 3 Mile Rd.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Committees & Subcommittees: Mike started talking with parishioners re: building/ grounds committee; no one has committed yet but he will continue to discuss duties of this committee with CTK members who have talent in this area. May need to generate description of committees to relay duties that fall under both building/grounds and liturgical committees. Fr. Ray or Mark would need to be key person on liturgical committee as all ideas should funnel through them before being brought to fruition.

Church signs: Fr. Ray would like to draw attention to new time on sign on 31; John has an orange tractor triangle that would highlight 10 am time. John and Mike will figure out best way to handle other two signs closer to church; either cover signs after 12/28 Mass, ask Signplicity to make new signs or talk with Britten Banner to create durable, appropriate cover.

Parish education events for Advent/winter: RCIA topics have been selected for entire duration of program. Kevin will give these to Betz to be listed in the weekly bulletins. Jen ordered DVD series Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained. She will review and recommend if appropriate for faith education event.

Feedback on Feast of Christ the King celebration: Great turnout, positive feedback. Approximately half new parishioners attended and appreciated special invitation. Highly recommend continuing this tradition in the future.

Education classes/teachers: Fr. Ray feels there is marked room for improvement in this area. Discussed potential for combining efforts with other parishes or asking Cammie Richardson to create protocol to follow as IC feedback for Faith Formation is positive. They use Matthew Kelly program, Decision Point, which Jen passed on to Pete to review.

Vocations section of the website: Pete emailed Fr. Don and is waiting to hear back. For now website has links to Diocesan website which provides necessary information.

K of C/Student Breakfast: Mike will talk with Jim to pick weekend and notify kids to help.

Stewardship committee: Pete reviewed stewardship information from Gaylord St. Mary's which encourages parishioners to use their time, talents and values for greater good of the church. Agreed this looks like a valuable program. Mike will talk with Kevin Endres who had previous interest in initiating this group. Jen suggested revisiting list of parishioners nominated for Pastoral Council to become part of this committee.

Nursery: Jen will obtain notes from the anonymous donor who attempted to hire child care providers to staff the nursery in 2011. Using these notes Jen will advertise for 4-6 adults to fill position. Fr. Ray will also mention need for child care providers at 5:00 pm Mass this weekend. Jen will also recruit middle school and/or high school volunteers to assist adults in nursery. Jen will keep council up to date on progress.

Youth Mass: The next one is scheduled for January. It will be promoted partially through the religious education program by handing the kids flyers to give to their parents. Middle school might also get involved at some point. At this point nothing needed from Pastoral Council. It was brought up that a youth mass could occur at a Sun 10 am Mass as well.

Enclosed Meeting Room: Fr. Ray has not had communication back from Mark Anderson. Mike works with Mark occasionally and will let him know everything is ready from CTK perspective.

Ushers Meeting/Protocol: This still needs to be scheduled. **Fr. Ray will talk with Mark about setting up a meeting.** Betz will create half page flyers with map to Immaculate Conception for their noon Mass for ushers to hand out to anyone who arrives for 11 am Mass after Jan 4.

K of C Breakfast 12/21: Pete collected donations from Pastoral Council to fund purchased items for breakfast. Jill created flyer to go in Sunday's bulletin. Pete will promote breakfast before all 3 Masses this Sunday. Pastoral Council members asked to assist with cleanup after breakfasts. Annette suggested also providing Missals to the homebound with which group agreed.

New Mass time January 4: Fr. Ray recommended group communicate via email re: logistical issues and title all emails "January 4th Blitz." If necessary another PC meeting will be scheduled prior to Jan 4th Mass.

Roof: Project is completed! One problem area is being addressed for leak. Just the gutters need to be finished before winter really sets in.

Vegetable Garden: Annette is gathering info. More to come.

Diocesan programs/events online: No new info at this time. Pete volunteered to look into this.

New facilitator for Pastoral Council: Members encouraged to discern idea; Mike happy to remain facilitator until his commitment is up.

NEW BUSINESS

Jan 4th Mass Mob/ Feast of Epiphany: Fr. Ray would like to invite all groups comprised of members from all 5 parishes in TC to attend our new 10 am Mass; these could include but not limited to: CRHP (men and women), Martinus, Saint Vincent de Paul, Mothers in Christ, Cursillo, Health Promotion Ministry. Fr. to type up invitation and/or personally invite groups to join us for Mass where they would be recognized (either by standing, possibly giving brief overview of their group) and then stay for coffee and donuts after Mass. This draws attention to these groups who are successful across multiple parishes and promotes a transmission of knowledge.

Stewardship Prayer: John proposed congregation say the "Stewardship Prayer" prior to start of Mass on occasion. Jen will check copyright and either email or give Betz a paper copy of prayer to make print and have available in pews.

Children's offering: Annette recommended that Fr. Ray invite children up to give their offering prior to music starting. Council also discussed potential impact/ increase of donations if Fr. informs congregation ahead of time what non-profit organization children's collection is supporting. Suggested that the children's collection be given to same charity for 3 month period. St. Vincent de Paul was recommended as first charity.

Positive attitudes: Fr. Ray reminded group to remain upbeat because we are achieving many great goals. There will always be more to do so focus on the good we've accomplished.

Honey-Do List: There are projects on list, now we just need to make people aware of it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm following the closing prayer.