

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes November 19 2020**

Present: Lisa DiCamillo, Janice Wurst, Pat Sampson, Mary Jane Voelker, John Connor, Fr. Rob Pare`

Excused: Anne Wrubel

Prayer: Hail Mary

Approval: Minutes for October 15, 2020

Information: Beth Connors and Mike Contway observing at Pastoral Council for 3 months.

Discussion:

1. Fr. Rob introduced the idea of Youth Mass to the Vicariate, to be established once a month. The question was do we have a priest who will celebrate a mass for our youth in the Vicariate once a month? The Vicariate will think about it. They will meet again in February. Meanwhile OLPH parish will try to make more concrete plans.

- Invite 3 people to become our Youth leaders and begin in our own parish.
- K of C to support the program.

Knights of Columbus are developing a plan "Building the Domestic Church" which encourages the family to be "Church". An old program "The Squires" is no longer active. So they are looking into how the Knights can help support the parish/priests/projects. They are moving to contribute more time to support programs within the parish. The Knights are moving in a new direction to involve younger people/families in supporting the notion of the Domestic Church.

We will create the first draft of a white paper to send to the Vicariate for review and also for the next Pastoral Council meeting for discussion.

2. Fr. Tom Kowalczyck is doing okay and he is now at home. Radiation treatment and Chemo therapy to come. Will send a "Get Well" card from the parish.
3. Pastoral Council also sent a thank you card to Fr. Pat from Cross Catholic Outreach after his visit.
4. The Christmas Liturgy Schedule was discussed.
 - Private Confessions will be heard every Saturday in December before Christmas 9:30 am – 10:30 am at St Roch Church in place of a Communal Penance Service.
 - Tuesday 8 Dec. – Immaculate Conception Mass at St Roch 6:00 pm
 - Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve Masses at St Roch 5:00 pm & 8:30 PM
 - Friday 25 December Christmas Day Mass at St Francis 10:00 am
 - Saturday December 26 No Mass in the Parish
 - Sunday December 27 Mass at St Roch 8:30 am and at St Francis 10:30 am
 - Friday January 1 Mary the Mother of God Mass at St Roch 9:00 am
 - By adding an extra Mass on Christmas Eve we hope to keep our numbers within the Diocesan guidelines.
5. Father Rob will send a Christmas Letter in December to all parishioners with information about the schedule and wishing them a Happy and Holy Christmas.
6. Pastoral Council and Finance Council will call parishioners again to wish them a merry Christmas and encourage them to use the website to keep abreast of information.
7. Lisa DiCamillo has volunteered to work on Social Justice within the Parish. Focus on the Churches preferential option for the poor. Educating the parish on the Church's teachings through articles in the bulletin and what actions we can take as a parish.

Pastoral Input:

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: January 21 2021, 4:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Rob