

Pastoral Council Minutes  
Thursday, December 3, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom

## Opening Prayer

## Evangelization

November Newsletter, last of the Vision Statement

## Approval of Agenda

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## Commission Reports

- Pastoral Care
  - 80-90 home/long-term care parishioners and their families receive consistent phone calls and postal greetings.
  - Parishioners newly isolated during the pandemic have begun to come forward needing connection, thus expanding our volunteer outreach as well.
  - Seasons of Hope grief group and prayer chain ministries also continue going strong.
  - COVID outbreaks are occurring in almost every care facility. Beloit Hospital is again closed to visitors. Only end-of-life visits are allowed at this time.
  
- Liturgy Commission
  - Giving Tree changes seem to be going well.
  - Bishop Hying will be recording the cluster Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, in Spanish, at OLA
  - Continuing to plan for Christmas Liturgies. Concern about having enough hospitality ministers to seat people safely.
  - Christmas decorating Sunday, Dec. 20 following the 10:30 Mass. Hope to have couples and families working on tree lights to keep everyone socially distanced.
  
- Education Commission
  - Child Care:
    - New team member on board
      - **Gabriela Zepeda**, soon to be graduate of BTC, with Early Childhood Education Degree in December (couple weeks away)
      - started 11.30.20
    - Grant awarded to childcare 11.16.20
      - 50 Million dollars awarded to 2,700 daycares; our award total was \$26,590
        - \$14,200: funding staff recruitment & retention efforts
        - \$12,390: providing safe, healthy, and high quality childcare opportunities
      - some PPE also given to us free

- In the process of working on a Community Innovation Grant
      - Deadline 12.11.20
      - Roughly only 7 Grants will be awarded, and awarded \$50,000~\$100,000~\$150,000
  - Confirmation/Youth Ministry
    - LBH will still be held for 2021 - either in person or at individual parishes with virtual component.
      - I will be submitting dates before Dec 11.
      - I have a meeting with Megan and Lindsay on the 8th to talk about more details.
      - Questions people are wanting answers to?
    - Only 3 more classes left of Faith Formation semester 1. All will still be held online
    - Frassati fest will be held at individual parishes in Feb. More communication will be sent out about that soon.
  - Faith Formation:
    - **Adventure Sunday** pick-up is the weekend of December 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
      - Had 28 children pre-register
      - Can still pick up even if not pre-registered as supplies last
    - Adult Faith Formation
      - Praying Evening Prayer **Tuesdays in Advent**
      - Material suggestions being offered in FlockNote as space allows
    - Religious Education
      - Virtual until Christmas, then will re-evaluate
      - Families have been so good about being flexible; catechists are having fun with it
    - RCIA
      - Our times together have been so fruitful!
      - There are 7 (maybe 8) that the team is walking with
      - Will be scheduling some important 'steps' to come
    - **Dates for the future**
      - January 23<sup>rd</sup>—rescheduled First Reconciliation
      - February 14<sup>th</sup>—rescheduled First Communion Parent 'retreat'
  - School
    - E-Learning week after returning from Christmas Break?
      - Discussion at Edu. Comm.
    - Christmas Performance Cancelled due to COVID
      - Mrs. Doyle to send out digital performance
    - Dec. 8---Holy Day of Obligation, two masses for students
    - Dec. 18-Jan. 3--Christmas Break
- Parish Life/Stewardship Commission
  - Dec. newsletter mailed Nov. 20

- No December or January fish fry. (We normally do not have one in Jan.) Will evaluate February when we get closer.
- Social Justice Commission
  - Dismas: 100 copies of the Sunday gospel reading and homily is sent to the jail each week. We are sending stamped Christmas cards for inmates to send also.
  - GODS Fund: Although we continue to distribute more funds than we take in and our balance continues to be at an all-time low, **we have not had to turn down any valid requests for assistance.**
  - Homeless Awareness Month of November: A success. Signs near OLA & electric sign look great! 16:49 ran out of masks for sale.
  - Giving Tree: gift card donations are coming in. Keep up the good work!
  - Respect Life:
    - 1) Baby Bottle/Flier Campaign raised \$2143.89 for Willow Womens Center.
    - 2) Spiritual Adoption will take place in January.
    - 3) Considering putting the Spiritual Communion daily prayer in the bulletin, on parish website and/or Flocknotes for those unable to go out or who have loved ones who are dying alone, especially as COVID deaths increase
  - Caritas:
    - Thank you's
      - Barrel of Hair Care Products was full
      - Several new volunteers from OLA
    - Christmas Ham Dinner distribution-December 16/17
    - Drive-thru Christmas celebration, gifts for children and Santa-probably Dec. 19
- Finance Council
  - School Update:
    - Trevor update on Social Media Marketing position-narrowed the field to 5; Zoom interviews first round.
    - Letter sent to Father Doyle and Superintendent of Rockford Diocese to continue to keep the lines of communication open regarding a subsidy from St. Peter's.
  - Follow up- Pledge letter to be sent to parishioners who had not returned pledge card sent in November.
  - EDJ Investment Bryan Theis provided an overview of our investment portfolio:
  - Annual Fund:
    - Aron reported that we are behind from previous years. Thank you to contributors in bulletin and Vox. Considering putting a Flocknote blurb prior to Annual Catholic Appeal.

- Maintenance Update:
  - Jerry stated the gym roof is completed and we should hold 5% from invoice until inspection completed. New ductwork for Assumption Hall to be shipped by end of week.
- OLA School-Strategic planning Tuition Assistance
  - discussion on how to retain St Peter students and receive tuition.

### **New Business**

- Reminder: Super Thursday being moved to 2nd Thurs of the month

### **On-Going Business**

### **Good of the Parish**

Next Meeting: January 14th at 7:30 PM

### **Closing Prayer**