

Pastoral Council Meeting, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, November 7, 2024, 6:30 PM

Vision: To be a growing community that inspires all to follow Jesus with a spirit of inclusion, compassion and service.

Mission: We encourage all to deepen their relationship with Jesus through scripture, prayer, stewardship, and ministry to others.

Tag Line: Follow Jesus Serve Others

Meeting Notes

Attending: Father Joy Thachil (Pastor), Michael Flaherty (Trustee), Dan Ryan (Trustee), John Plant (Chair), Sue Switalski (Pastoral Minister), Jason Metz, Sharon Wrotecki, Dennis Sobush, Anne Dettlaff, Mickey Holtz, Jerry Huber, Jim Schutte, Paula Lucey, Rachel Henderson, Ann Ryan (Guest)

Excused: Rita McGann

John opened the meeting, followed by Gospel readings and discussion by Council members.

The Vision and Mission statements were read.

John had emailed copies of the Pastoral Council's minutes, from May to October 2024, for Council members to read and propose changes. Dennis noted errors he found. All corrections will be made and the minutes are to be presented for approval at the next meeting in December.

Reports

Father Joy:

- The Vatican has announced the appointment of Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob, a Wisconsin native and current Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, to be the twelfth Archbishop of the Diocese of Milwaukee. He will be installed on January 14, 2025.
- Thanks to all participants, especially the Seton Seniors and Disciple Formation Leaders for the Candy Crawl event on October 27.
- Thank you to the choir and Bereavement Ministry for organizing the Mass of all Souls on November 2.
- The open administrative assistant and custodial positions have not yet been filled but interviews are ongoing.

Sue Switalski:

- A parishioner wants to organize a non-denominational men's group. This would entail approximately 20 men meeting monthly on Sunday mornings at 7 am, for an hour, in Sippel Hall. It was noted that it cannot be scheduled on Donut Sundays.

Old Business

Sound System:

- The company will return to check out the system speakers. It was noted that the sound improves when those using the microphone, pull it closer to their mouths.

Eucharistic Mission for the Parish:

- There are currently no updates on encouraging parishioners to attend Mass in person. There needs to be additional discussions on how to accomplish this.

New Business

Ann Ryan: Informational presentation of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

- Ann and Father Joy feel it could be beneficial to Seton Parish. It encourages children's relationship with God using the Montessori-based method of hands-on training. Ann is a trained catechist in this program. Although there are three age-level groupings (atriums), the program would be initiated using atrium one, ages three to six. It would not take the place of any existing programs. The costs would include training and materials. Further discussion is needed; perhaps a study group should be formed, although introducing this program does not require Pastoral Council approval.

Mission Appeal Weekend:

- Father Leon Martin will be speaking at all Masses on November 9 and 10, introducing the Zambian Mission Appeal, supporting efforts made through the Pallottine Order of priests.

Ministry to the Seton Seniors/Elderly:

- Dan distributed Intercessory Prayer Cards from the meeting of the Congress of Councils.

Advent:

- All services and times can be found in the bulletin.
- December 9 is a Holy Day of Obligation: Masses will be at 8 am and 6:30 pm.
- The Giving Trees will be placed in the Gathering Area the week before Thanksgiving.

Fall Deanery Meeting:

- John attended the meeting which is a council for local parishes. Discussions included challenges to get volunteers, how to get people incorporated into our churches and sharing of activities of the attending parishes.

Stewardship:

- What is your understanding of stewardship? Council members are to bring a brief response to that question to the next meeting

Dennis led members in a closing prayer.

Council members joined in Prayers for Others.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm; the next meeting is on Thursday, December 5, 2024.