

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2015
SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH OFFICE

Present: Father Darrell, Deacon Bill Kolarik, Deacon Jim, L. Judd, G. Krause, L. Berlin, S. Brune, D. Mahalak, J. Beckman, R. DeKeyzer, J. Hogan, J. Richards

Absent: Deacon Dominic

Meeting was opened with a prayer from Father Darrell at 7:05

February meeting minutes were approved. One half of the minutes were published in the Sunday, March 1st bulletin and the remainder will be published in this Sunday (March 8th) bulletin.

There was one correction to the minutes that being the blood bank will be held May 17th not in March. The correction will be noted.

Changing Lives Together: No report this month

Pastoral Update: Father reported that the Fill The Church program our first with participation from the children was postponed due to the weather and the subsequent school closures. This did not provide ample preparation time so April 5 (Easter Sunday) will be our first date. Father also updated the council on the potential new members for the Education and Stewardship indicating that they are still waiting for firm commitments.

Finance: Gerri reported to the council that a slight raise in tuition will be put into place for the 2015/2016 school year in the amount of \$200. This will assist in covering salary increases for the teachers who have not had raises in a number of years. Sister Catherine Marie attended the meeting to speak to the Finance council regarding a new science lab that she would like to have put into the school. The total cost would be \$80,000 with a half down payment due at the time of commitment and the remainder due either at the completion of the installation or there is also a payment plan option that can be spread over the course of one year. Sister is also searching out grant options and fundraising ideas to assist in the cost. It was suggested that Sister address the parishioners the week after the auction which is March 14, she will also be speaking at the auction to appeal to those in attendance and give some information regarding the lab.

Group fundraising policies and guidelines were discussed and on May 5 groups will be invited to the

Finance Council meeting to discuss this issue.

It was also discussed that if a family or individual has not contributed monetarily in three years that envelopes would no longer be sent out. A letter will go out asking if they wish to remain active and if so envelopes would continue to be sent to them.

Vicariate: Jim brought information about the program Encounter Praise and Worship Hour and The Cross and the Light Concert Experience. Tim will publish information in the bulletin. Saturday, March 14 St. Clare Montefalco will have a St. Patrick's Day party. Jim

also reported that after the May 1 Cross of the Light concert at Our Lady Star of the Sea they are looking to organize an afterglow for the youth who attend. During this time Father reported that he had been approached by a gentleman of the parish asking if the church could be opened in the earlier hours of the morning for prayer time so every first Saturday between 7:00 and 8:00am there will be worship time open to the men of the parish. Approximately ten gentlemen attended the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Father and he made himself available for confession as well. Father believes this is an incredible opportunity for the men of our parish as husbands and fathers to strengthen their faith and take that home to their families. There will be none held on the first Saturday in April because of the holy week schedule but will take place on the second Saturday instead.

Christian Service: No report for this meeting. Joan did let the council know that on March 21 and 22 St. Vincent De Paul will be at both SIJ and SAM looking to see if there is interest in signing people up to join.

Worship: Julie reported to the council that Sister Nancy indicated that stations at both SIJ and SAM were going well. It was also reported that the January open house was a success with three families enrolling that day for next year. 61 people participated in Lenten Lamentations including people from other parishes. Mass of the Anointing of the Sick is scheduled for March 14, ladies from the Altar Society will provide refreshments after in the SAM hall. Children have been invited to participate in the 4:00 and 11:30 Masses on Palm Sunday. At the 4:00 Mass children will process up the center aisle holding palms as Father comes down the aisle and at the 11:30 mass children will join the procession and hold palms as Father comes down the aisle as well. On Holy Thursday 3rd grade girls will drop rose petals in the aisle during the procession to the Altar of Repose and boys will carry gladiolas. 8th graders will participate in the procession. There is a shortage of lectors at all Masses with the exception of 9:30 on Sunday. Scott Smith will make an appeal and Deacon Jim will consider holding another training session. RCIA attended the Rite of Election held at the Cathedral on February 22. Repairs are scheduled for the organ at SIJ. Also Father Darrell would like during Lent for the liturgy to be "silent" with just an opening and closing hymn and also during Lent Stations of the Cross will be followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then Benediction. Father also expressed a desire for more altar servers during holy week, specifying that they be experienced servers.

Old Business: The council revisited the proposed reduction of a mass for SAM and after further discussion the decision was made to not make any changes to the mass schedule at this time. Much discussion took place regarding a timeline. We as a council will take this next month until we meet again to pray over this and come to our April meeting with our opinions and ideas on what we feel is the appropriate closing date. Once this has been determined Father will make the arrangements to make the announcement at both sites. The issue of the handicap accessibility at SIJ is now forefront and our maintenance supervisor Ken Gumieny has devised a plan for opening the side of the building with the stained glass window across from the parking lot. This will be a far better plan fiscally as the cost of an elevator is not in the budget at this time. More discussion will take place

regarding this issue.

Next meeting will be April 16 at 7:00pm at St. Isaac Jogues Parish offices.

Meeting was closed with a prayer from Father Darrell

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Mahalak