

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 7:00pm
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Present: Fr. Darrell, Deacon Kolarik, Deacon Jim, Deacon Dominic, L. Judd, G. Krause, J. Beckman,
R. DeKeyzer, S. Brune

Absent: L. Berlin, J. Hogan, D Mahalak

There were no June minutes to approve since the June meeting was used as the informational meeting and signup night for parish commissions.

Banking: There was discussion about the fact that our bank would not accept checks made out to "St. Angela Parish" once the merger was complete and the parish name was changed. Technically this is probably correct, but other parishes in the archdiocese have not run into this problem with their banks. Deacon Kolarik has not heard of this being an issue in other parishes. He will contact the AOD offices and if our situation was not unique will look at including this in the merger section of the parish's handbook.

St. Angela phone number: When the parish office moved to the St. Angela location, the old St. Angela phone number no longer worked. We were informed by WOW that we couldn't leave the old number intact with a forwarding message on it. An earlier communication would have gone out to inform the parish about this had we been aware sooner.

Collections: One budget and weekly collection amount will be published in the bulletin going forward since the parish has one combined budget now. Because envelopes and monies are counted and recorded separately, records will be kept of the details collected by church to use as a tool for evaluating revenue and expenses per building.

Effective July 1, the CSA obligations from SAM and SIJ parishes are now combined into one for the parish. We will begin to report one combined total in the bulletin since any shortfall will be the responsibility of the parish regardless of which target it originated from.

St. Angela Church: There was discussion about the plan for keeping St. Angela Church open. Financial support is only one of the factors to use in forming the plan. Having the support and availability of Father Denny and other priests who can fill in as needed at St. Isaac church is also a big factor. The council recommended that we look at possible reductions in the mass schedules for the parish. Father Darrell has the authority to adjust the schedule as he sees fit for the parish. The attendee count at all Masses at both churches will be conducted 2 weekends in October. At this time Masses and funerals and other sacramental gatherings will continue to be held at the church. Discussion at the council level will begin in October to develop a timeline related to the future status of St. Angela's worship site.

Finance: The finance committees from both parishes have been combined into one committee with the merger. Father Darrell can adjust the size of the committee as he sees fit. A committee meeting is planned for the week of September 22.

Christian Service: Lou Anne gave all of the names of parishioners who signed up at the June meeting to Joan Richards, who leads the Christian Service Commission. It was mentioned that she had contacted all of the new volunteers already.

Worship: Deacon Jim has the names and contact information for all of the new Worship commission volunteers who signed up at the June meeting. He will contact each of them and ask how each would like to be involved. It was mentioned that it would be helpful to have one of them be named a sacristan. This would be a big help.

Education: Father will talk to Sister Catherine Marie about organizing a meeting to coordinate all of the volunteers for this commission to get it started. Since a staff person should not lead a commission, perhaps a leader would emerge from the group at the meeting.

Stewardship: Steve will contact a parishioner who was suggested might be a good leader for this commission. If that person is not available, Father will ask Sister Nancy for ideas and to hold a meeting to coordinate the volunteers and select a leader.

Evangelization: Father will talk to Sister Nancy about ideas for this commission.

Vicariate: No report.

Parish Pastoral Council: The structure for the council should consist of the head of each parish commission and a few at-large members who all rotate on a staggered basis so that there are only a few members whose terms expire each year. One of the members of the council has recently resigned, but we will wait until heads of each commission are identified and begin attending pastoral council meetings to decide if a replacement for the vacant position be named.

Convent: The renovation of the convent is complete and the Sisters have moved in. The funding for the renovation came from a gift received from Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, which recently closed. The SIJ parishioners were very generous in purchasing many of the items needed for the convent from the Bed, Bath and Beyond gift registry. Father Darrell sent a letter to Father Bill Hermann, the pastor at Our Lady Queen of Peace expressing our thanks for their generous gift which allowed us to renovate the convent. An open house is scheduled for November 16 after the 11:30 Mass for parishioners who would like to see it. The archbishop will be there to hold vespers in the chapel and to bless the convent that day. After that it will function as a cloistered house. The pastor and parish pastoral council members from Our Lady Queen of Peace will be invited to attend the Open House. The council suggested that a plaque be hung in it as a thank you and reminder that the convent

was made possible through the generous gift of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish.

New Business: A new mission statement and bulletin graphic need to be created for St. Isaac Jogues parish. Each parish council member was asked to draft a mission statement or at least some phrases which could be incorporated into one and bring it to the next meeting. Lou Anne will find the old ones from each parish also, which we may be able to work into a combined statement. Each council member is also asked to bring a hard copy of a picture or graphic or forward an electronic copy to Lou Anne before our next meeting. The mission statement and graphic for the bulletin will be finalized at the October council meeting

Discussion was held about the parish festival. There were negative issues with the carnival workers that were brought to Father's attention. Even though the festival seemed to be well attended Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, it is still a massive job to solicit volunteer help and sponsorship support and donations each year. Other options for a family centered one-day gathering were discussed. Continuing the festival will also be discussed by the finance council once all of the revenue and expense numbers are available.

Father mentioned how disappointed he was in the attendance at our parish Unity Mass on July 13. The church was far from being full and there was little representation from former St. Angela parish members. Father asked that the council bring some ideas to the next meeting for what we can do to further the unity and community focus of our newly merged parish. Holding a parish Mission during Lent was discussed and Father will begin plans for one. It could be a 4-5 day event with meetings held at both church buildings. Holding other events like a large dinner, soup suppers, or an Alpha-type gathering were discussed. Council members will bring ideas to the next meeting.

School enrollment is currently 276 students. Enrollment is up in pre-K and Kindergarten. Sister Catherine Marie is the principal and Sister Gianna Marie is teaching 1st grade. Father will invite Sister Catherine Marie to the next PPC meeting to introduce her to the group.

With the closing of the parish that he was at, Deacon Lee Smith has requested to return to SIJ parish. Since he has achieved senior status, he is able to choose where he'd like to serve, as long as the pastor agrees. Father Darrell has welcomed him back to SIJ.

The meeting schedule for this year's pastoral council meetings will remain the same, with meetings scheduled to be held on the first Thursday of each month, unless a change is necessary. The council agreed that it is very beneficial to have Deacon Kolarik in attendance at these meetings. Lou Anne will send the schedule to Deacon Kolarik so that as his schedule allows he can attend. Meetings will now be held at the SIJ parish office in the basement meeting room.

Closing prayer offered by Father Darrell at 9:00pm

Next meeting will be October 2 at 7:00 pm in the SIJ parish office basement meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerri Krause