

**SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2015**  
**SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH OFFICES**

Present: L. Berlin, L. Judd, G. Krause, D. Mahalak, S. Brune, J. Beckman, R. DeKeyzer, Deacon Jim Berch, Deacon Dominic Pastore, V. Bullaro, Fr. Darrell

Absent: J. Hogan

Meeting began with prayer offered by Deacon Jim at 7:00 PM

**Old Business:** The welcome mass and installation of articles on November 22 went well. A call was to be placed to the SAM ushers to inquire whether their intention is to continue in their positions at SIJ. Lou Anne will follow up with Lenny regarding the ushers specifically.

Lou Anne talked with Father regarding two additional articles to be placed at SIJ. They are the gold wall plaques that were on each side of the altar at SAM. Fr. has already thought about placing these at SIJ. The cornerstone was removed from St. Angela as well as the copper box that was encased inside it. The contents of the box and the cornerstone will be framed appropriately and displayed in St. Angela Hall. We will also be taking the photos of past pastors and having them resized to match those at SIJ and will be hung in the hall as well.

The garage sale made \$1500.00. A representative from Gianna House came to take items as well. Sr. Catherine Marie will be taking the nativity scene for the school in addition to some miscellaneous kitchen items. Julie Hogan was going to contact the Santa Shop committee at SIJ to look through items that could possibly be used for that event. Lou Anne and Gerri indicated that they have been approached regarding the possibility of installation of a center rail and treads on the stairs going into church. Treads may not be an item that is done as the paint that Ken has used on the stairs is textured and designed to work like treads and during winter months he salts quite generously but the center rail is an item that will definitely be looked into. Father reported to council that going forward we will follow Archdiocese rules of the three bid system from outside. Work on the curb is slated for spring and the parking situation is being addressed.

We have many people that at times park in random or self-made parking spots and this will be addressed for the next several weeks in the bulletin reminding people of the proper parking options. If further attention needs to be given we will address that at the time. Steve suggested a brochure type option, it will be explored.

At this time Lou Anne let the council know that she has been asked if the lists that are within the bulletin (pray for the sick, military, etc.) can be alphabetized but the consensus was that it may not be possible although Vince will look into it as they are working toward a new format and look for the bulletin and the first issue will be the Christmas bulletin. It was also noted that beginning in January committee heads will be attending PPC meetings.

**Finance:** Discussion was put to the table about how to determine how many SAM parishioners have transitioned to SIJ. Tracking envelopes is the only way which could prove to be a difficult task. With regards to the budget, the budgeted costs/revenue and numbers will be looked over although absolute numbers cannot be determined at this point. It will be looked at upon the conclusion of the fiscal year when costs can be more accurately analyzed.

Vince reported that the Parish Soft system is currently shut down to correct problems that were created with the files at the point of the merger between SAM and SIJ. The hope is that while this is being done it will allow him to look at a correct data base that will show original SIJ and SAM parishioners. In January Vince and Cindy will be re-trained on the new system. It was also brought up at this time either the buzzer at the parish offices will be fixed or replaced so that the front door can remain locked and visitors will be able to be buzzed in.

Steve asked if there is or will be a way to track other than the offertory how giving is broken down. Vince will be meeting with committees (Summerfest, Auction and Fish Fry) We are double dipping (or sometimes triple dipping) area businesses and risk being turned down altogether.

The plan for repayment to the Archdiocese was discussed at length and we are looking into different options in which to do so. In June we will be looking to have a new note written to complete this debt perhaps making a large payment at the end of the fiscal year and then having a new payment plan created. Nothing concrete has been decided these are simply ideas that are being looked into. Downtown offered scenarios and finance did the same hoping to find an agreeable middle ground.

**Vicariate:** The year of Divine Mercy was discussed, SIJ will be receiving a banner that will be displayed on the altar. There was also discussion about St. Germaine and an alternate tuition policy that they are looking into. Families with children enrolled in the religious education program (7<sup>th</sup> grade or lower) will be offered the option to enroll their child/children in the school for half tuition for a period of two years. If they opt to stay beyond that then the tuition would go to full. The classrooms are currently more than half empty, teachers are being paid as well as utilities and other expenses being covered so this is potential to bring in revenue and possibly increase enrollment.

**Miscellaneous:** There have been a few SAM parishioners have come to the offices to return their envelopes and indicate they are leaving the parish. We need to follow up with a letter to these individuals thanking them and letting them know that we will always be here for them should they ever consider returning. It is also imperative that at the point that this occurs that we make an effort to not simply let them go without making some effort to perhaps ask a few questions or engage them in conversation about what led to their decision. Our hope is that as many parishioners as possible will make the choice to remain a St. Isaac Jogues member. When the stewardship/evangelization committee members begin coming to meetings we can perhaps suggest a sub-committee be created or

a ministry formed whose focus will be to mentor families and taking care of the needs of our parishioners.

Our next meeting will be on January 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM. The decision was made to move our meetings to the second Thursday of each month due to conflicts with other meetings. Our remaining meetings will be as follows:

**January 14, 2016 (cancelled)**

**February 11, 2016**

**March 10, 2016**

**April 14, 2016**

**May 12, 2016**

**June 16, 2016**

Meeting adjourned with a prayer offered from Father Darrell at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Mahalak