

The Board of Catholic Education of St Joseph Parish Minutes

Wednesday November 8, 2017 @7:00 Lower Level Meeting Room

Meeting

Opening Prayer

Member present: Father Gerald Reinersman, Sue Greis, Jill Stratman, Rick Wolf, Hannah Peters, Dustin Parks, Hollie Lusby, Kristine Willike, Linda Bricking, Father Trinity Knight

Members Excused: Vicki Klocke, Derrick Reeder, Steven Fischer, Brian Callahan, Chris VandeWater

Approval of Minutes: Dustin and Rick

Pastor's Report:

United Catholic Movement

- Several parishioners gave wonderful presentations of their personal story of returning to the Sacraments and active practice of the faith at Mass on October 22. These were received very well by parishioners. Their stories are posted on our parish web site.
- The Leadership Team is meeting tomorrow evening to chart next steps for U.C.M. Its success should be measured in the willingness of Catholics to invite those away from the Church to return.

School activities on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation and Holy Week

- It is a violation of Diocesan guidelines in the Handbook for Athletics In the Catholic Elementary Schools (cf. page 14) for school activities to take place on Sunday before 1:00pm, regardless of where the activity takes place.

“On Sundays and Holy Days no school team or school-sponsored extracurricular activity i.e. practices, performances or games should take place until 1:00p.m. Any exception must be obtained from the pastor or, in the case of non-parish institutions, the pastoral administrator and school administrator, who must be assured specifically how provision is made for attendance at Mass.

If Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1), Assumption (Aug. 15) and All Saints (Nov. 1) are on a Saturday or Monday, activities may start before 1:00pm. [The obligation to attend Mass is lifted when these feasts are on a Saturday or Monday.]

For Holy Week, school teams or school-sponsored extracurricular activities must conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday and not resume until Easter Monday.”

- The Boosters Club and school faculty will be informed of the need for a strict observance of this policy, especially in regard to Sunday mornings.

Adult Faith Formation – Lectio Divina, Praying the Scriptures

- Fr. Trinity and Fr. Gerry are leading adult faith formation sessions using the Lectio Divina series on FORMED.org. Sessions are on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings. These are very rewarding and enjoyable sessions. It illustrates the value of our FORMED.org parish subscription. About 30 people are attending.

Parish Eucharistic Devotions: Friday – Sunday, November 10 – 11

- Our annual Eucharistic Devotions will begin this Friday after 9 am Mass and continue until the Solemn Closing and Benediction at 4pm on Sunday. Parish boards and committees are urged to participate. Last year’s First Communion group, this year’s Confirmation candidates and other students are encouraged to participate and join in the procession.
- We follow the traditional Eucharistic prayers, procession and benediction. Fr. Eric Boelscher, here as a seminarian and in residence during his first year after ordination, will give the homily.

Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: November 26, 2017 – November 25, 2018

- Bishop Roger Foys has designated the coming liturgical year as a Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. The year will open with a Vespers Service at 3pm on Sunday, November 26th at the Cathedral in Covington.
- We will observe this with prayer at every Sunday Mass, banners (as with Year of Mercy) and activities in the school and Parish School of Religion.

Upcoming Events

Annual Parish Eucharistic Devotions	Friday – Sunday, November 10 – 12 Solemn Closing 4:00pm Sunday
Annual Parish Financial Report distributed at Masses	Sunday, November 12
Meeting of parents for First Reconciliation preparation	Tuesday, November 15
Begin Year of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood	Sunday, November 26 3pm Cathedral
St. Joseph host Family Promise	Sunday – Saturday, December 3 – 9
St. Luke Lutheran host Family Promise	Sunday – Saturday, December 10 – 16
Feast Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation)	Friday, December 8
Christmas Collage Concert / reception after	Friday, December 15 7:30pm
Last day of school before Christmas	Thursday, December 21

Administrator Report:

Blue Ribbon next steps are taking place. Committees have been formed and December 16th is the deadline.

Met with Cold Spring Police for Lockdown procedures.

MAP testing Complete, will be meeting with teachers to go over data.

Teacher observations are close to being finished.

Not printing Report Cards, they will be available November 17.

Parent Teacher Conferences on November 20th and 21st.

Faculty Report:

6rd Grade is writing essay on personal heroes and learning about the Holocaust and the decimal system

7th Grade is reading Tangerine and how to solve equations

8th Grade is writing their Pro-Life Essays and linear equations and how to slope and graphing

Religious Education:

RCIA Nothing new to report All is going well.

Committee Reports:

Adult Faith

Lectio: Prayer is underway (in week 4 of 6). All is going well. We are averaging about 20-25 people each week – larger group on Monday evenings, smaller group on Thursday mornings. Thanks to Fr. Gerry and Fr. Trinity for leading these sessions. Beginning to look for a speaker for a Lenten Evening of Reflection on Prayer. Will call a meeting of the committee for planning once we know more on this.

Special Events

Next event is teacher dinners during conferences on November 20 at 5:30. If you can help set up show up at 5:00

Finance

Nothing to Report

Marketing

Started brain storming on how to get St Joseph School more out in the public. Many exciting ways that we can get out in the community

Technology

Looking into getting into more of the Social Media such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram and other media outlets.

Parish Council

No Report

Old Business

Google Drive is Up
Mission Statement is going to be brought up informally to teachers.

New Business

Christmas Party possibilities.

Communication:

No Report

Motion to Adjourn: Kristen and Hanna made motions to adjourn.

Closing Prayer

The next meeting is January 10th at 7:00PM back in the Lower Meeting room.