

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019  
RECTORY MEETING ROOM, 7:00 – 8:10 PM**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of His mother Mary, we ask that through your powerful intercession with God, that you assist us with our decision-making process. Enlighten our minds as faithful disciples of Jesus, to be open to new ideas and to respectfully and patiently work with one another. Teach us to do what is right in the eyes of God, and give us clear vision and firmness of decision to represent all members of our parish community. Amen.

**ATTENDANCE**

		P	A			P	A
<b>Pastor</b>				<b><i>Ex Officio</i> Members</b>			
Fr. Gerry Reinersman		X		Deanery Pastoral Council:			
				Parish Finance Council:			
<b><u>Parish Administrators</u></b>				<b><u>Lay Council Members</u></b>			
Deacon:	Tim Schabell		X	Chair:	Steve Gooderson	X	
Deacon:	Steve Bennett		X	Vice Chair/Finance:	Ron Reckner		X
Business Manager:	Tim Dunn	X		Secretary/Liturgy:	Mike Enzweiler	X	
Principal:	Sue Greis	X		Youth & Family:	CJ Peters	X	
Religious Education:	Vicki Klocki/		X	Public Relations:	Amy Hill		X
	Steve Fischer		X	Planning & Development:	Brian Stegman	X	
Board of Education:	Chris VandeWater/		X		Mike Emerine	X	
	Linda Bricking	X					

**Guests:** Representative from the Holy Name Society

**Approval of June Pastor’s Report:**

Moved by: Brian Stegman      Seconded by: CJ Peters      Approved: All Present

**Old Business:** None.

**Correspondence:** See the attached letter from the Holy Name Society.

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**REPORTS OF PARISH ADMINISTRATORS**

**Pastor’s Report:**

- See the attached report of Fr. Reinersman

**Principal’s Report:**

- See the attached report of Sue Greis

**Religious Education Report:**

- Parish School of Religion begins on 9/8
  - 63 students enrolled
- RCIA faith formation sessions have begun; currently have 6 participants
  - Rite of Acceptance is on 9/15

**Business Manager’s Report:**

- Elevator project is official complete
- New kindergarten windows were installed right before school began
- New HD security cameras are being installed in the areas deemed to be “critical”
- Parish festival – receipts still outstanding, but receipts will likely be the same as last year
  - Expect to continue the Friday/Saturday schedule

**Board of Education Report:**

**REPORTS OF LAY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Finance Report** – *the Finance Committee assists the pastor and Parish Council in planning, providing, and supervising the parish financial resources for the current and future needs by utilizing solid and effective financial planning.*

- No report from Ron Reckner (absent)

**Planning, Development, & Maintenance Report** - *the Maintenance, Planning & Development Committee assists the pastor in developing, planning, and communicating the long term strategic plans of the parish to meet the present and future needs of its parishioners while effectively utilizing its resources to enhance and maintain the parish plant and facilities.*

- Committee is actively working on the pavilion project

**Public Relations & Communications Report** - *the Public Relations & Communications Committee promotes and develops the Parish Family Concept through the celebration of special events and activities that offer opportunities for spiritual growth, and keeps the parish informed utilizing available technology (website & emails)*

- No report

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**Social Action & Outreach Report:** *the Social Action and Outreach committee fosters a climate of openness and inclusion among the members of our parish (especially those that do not have children or extended families within the parish), reaches out to those in material and spiritual need, and increases awareness of the available support services.*

- Mike Emerine – two families were just hosted through the Family Promise program. Both were single parent families, and both secured employment.

**Stewardship Report** - *the Stewardship Committee organizes the Time, Talent, and Treasures of our parish and appropriates them accordingly.*

- No report

**Liturgy & Worship Report** - *the Liturgy & Worship Committee enhances and encourages full participation in a prayerful liturgical experience for the assembly while fostering the ongoing conversion and spirit of evangelization in the parish.*

- No report (Mike Enzweiler)

**Youth & Family Report** - *the Youth & Family Committee welcomes families (particularly those with young children) to participate in fellowship opportunities they provide.*

- CJ Peters – Parish picnic is 9/29 after 11:30 mass. He will be looking for volunteers

**New Business:** Discuss the proposal from the Holy Name Society.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, we, as council members, pray for the grace and strength from your Holy Spirit to help us complete the work needed for our parish. Help us to be patient and helpful to each other as we work together with our parish organizations and school to meet the challenges that face us. Never let us forget that what we have in common far outweighs any differences we might have. Guide our efforts so that we might accomplish much in your name for the good of all. Help us to place love and service to God before all else and to show true Christian love to one another. Amen.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by: Brian Stegman

Seconded by: CJ Peters

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 7:00pm

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**PASTOR’S REPORT**

**August 27, 2019**

**150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee**

The Jubilee Committee has met twice. Roger Keller is chairman. Twelve parishioners are serving on the committee. They have just started discussing in very general ways how we might observe the jubilee. The one project that seems to have the most energy is building Jubilee Park. The central objective should be to strengthen our sense of the parish as being a faith community. The year will extend from the feast of St. Joseph in March of 2020 to March of 2021. I have invited bishop Foys to inaugurate the year but do not have confirmation from his office.

Our Jubilee Edition of our Parish Directory is coming together well under the direction of Theresa Snodgrass. A history of the parish and historical photos will give the directory a historical perspective.

Get photo of PPC tonight.

**Diocese Parish Annual Appeal**

In the July 28 bulletin it was announced that pledges and contributions to the 2019 DPAA had reached \$149,860. \$3,363 was mistakenly credited to St. Joseph from another parish.

Actually, as of August 21, pledges and contributions from 496 St. Joseph Parish households are \$148,652 of our \$107,500 parish goal. When all pledges are met, we will receive a rebate of \$41,152 to be used for repairs to our church pipe organ. It is in serious need of new canvas pouches, which hold air and press it into the pipes, and new electrical wiring. Both the pouches and wiring are original equipment and drying out. It is prudent to begin planning for their replacement. Just like the belts and hoses in your car they can last only so long. The cost is estimated to be \$150,000.

Raising the \$150,000 estimated cost will take a number of years, but the DPAA rebate program is the most feasible and painless ways for us to meet this responsibility.

**2018**

August 21	529	28.12%	\$176,112.47	\$112,200.00	\$63,912.47	157%
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**2019**

August 13	488	25.94%	\$146,497.61	\$107,500.00	\$38,997.61	136%	8/14	\$7,409.78
August 21	496	26.37%	\$148,652.61	\$107,500.00	\$41,152.61	132%		

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**DISCUSSION:**

**Are you hearing any reaction to the latest round of abuse allegations in Cincinnati? I am very concerned about the impact the issue of abuse in the Church is having on the general membership. Have people told you they've stopped attending Mass because of it? Are people discussing the situation? How can it be approached in the parish?**

We will be distributing Bishop Robert Barron's book, "Letter to a Suffering Church". When we do we will publish videos.sufferingchurchbook.com as a supplemental resource on our parish website.

**Upcoming events**

September 2 – 13      Vacation

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**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Parish Council

- The school year is off to a great start
- Theme- United in Christ
- New this year
  - New faculty/staff members
  - Exact Path
  - Jr. High math books
  - STREAM
  - After Care
  - #HW in Gr. 4 & 5
- Professional Learning Communities will continue this year to allow teachers time to collaborate in planning student learning. Math essential skills are almost complete and then we will move on to language arts. Mrs. Huser, Mrs. Randle, and Mrs. Schoulties will attend PLC classes this year at Xavier University.
- Safety
  - Two presenters this year- Steve Smith- Cyber safety- September
  - Jim Besinius- expert on bullying- November
  - Continue practicing and improving our safety plan/drills
- Coming up
  - Vision Night Aug. 28
  - Spirit Day- Aug. 30
  - MAP testing begins Sept. 4
  - Camp Joy- 8th grade Sept. 10-11

August 24,2019

To Saint Joseph Parish Council:

Since memorial hall was built Holy Name Society has assumed the responsibility of the maintence and replacement of three systems in memorial hall bar areal. The ice machine,beer chiller.and the beer cooler. We have had all three replaced over the years.with the number of receptions declining over the last few years,due to this sitation Holy Name Society requests that the Parish assume the responsibility for the maintence and repair of these systems.

With regards

James R. Siskmeier

Treasurer Holy Name Society  
Hall Manager