

Pastoral Council Meeting

St. Mary's Galesville

Thursday, January 24th, 2019 6:00 pm

Members Attending

(X)= In Attendance

	X Kent Jacobson
X Dave Mueller	Max Nagel
X Cindy Baer	X Olivia Chasten

1. Prayer

The council met in the church where members spent 10 minutes praying for our parish family.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The November meeting minutes were approved.

3. Reports

Sacred Worship

Server education/training sessions will be held on three Sunday's in March.

There will be Saint Blaze blessing at Masses on February 2nd and 3rd.

On March 25th there will be a retreat for extra-ordinary ministers for both parishes from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Evangelization & Catholic Education

Kent updated us on the contributions that the Prayer Group has made to parish life in the last four years – (3) Life in the Spirit Seminars, (4) evangelization programs, (2) discipleship series, (6) Bible studies, and (2) healing seminars.

Father again suggested that there be Pastor/Deacon visits to homes of parishioners.

Social Justice

No Report

Family Life

No Report

4. Agenda Topics: Our mission- to love God, love others and make disciples.

1. Loving God and Others

A. Possible Lenten Activities

- Soup suppers will be held after the Monday night Mass.
- Kent is planning to hold mini missions after each supper.

- Father will hold a healing service during lent.
- Kent will say the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 followed by a half hour of adoration on Fridays during lent.

2. Making Disciples:

A. What prevents our parish from growing?

What keeps our church from growing?

Possible research sites to answer this question:

- CARA Institute
- Pew Research Center

There was a discussion about how the role of the church in our current society has changed.

- Culture is built through the family.
- Today many people do not want to be a part of a community.
- Face Book is not community.
- Many people are lonely.
- There needs to be a set of common core beliefs held by all people.
- Today many people select a set of beliefs which allow them to justify the way they live.
- Slowly everything is being taken away from the Catholic Church. Other secular organizations are taking over the role that the church has played in the past.

3. Observations, Directions, Initiatives Comments: N/A

4. Other

- The idea was presented to post the parish council notes on the parish web site.
- The altar decoration discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- Next meeting February 28th, at 6:00.

7. Concluding Prayer

Father Anthony closed the meeting with the Hail Mary at 7:07.