

**SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Joint Parish Advisory Council**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023**

**6:00 to 7:30 pm**

**Church of Saint Joseph – Heritage Hall**

**Meeting called by:** Lance Nydeen      **Type of meeting:** Joint ACC Meeting

**Note taker:** Amber Walling

**Agenda Items**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>	<b>Time (on clock)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1. Welcome		Lance Nydeen	6:00	Meeting began after dinner at 6:10 pm
2. Prayer		Lance Nydeen	6:03	Prayer led by Lance.
3. Introduction of Members *Guest: Dianne Towalski		Lance Nydeen	6:10	All present introduced themselves.
4. Agenda & Prior Minutes Review		Lance Nydeen	6:15	Agenda reviewed. No additions.
5. Discussion Items:				
a. Future ACC Meeting Dates	Information	Lance Nydeen	6:20	Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm – Leadership Christmas Social in Saint Joseph (Heritage Hall) Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> —Joint Parish Advisory Council (Brenda Kresky will be attending) at Saint John the Baptist April 18 <sup>th</sup> —Joint Parish Advisory Council at Saint Joseph Group confirmed that December 12 <sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm will work to host the Christmas Leadership Social. Kristen O’Donnell, Julie Ortloff, Heidi Peternell and Dede Budde will serve as planners for the Leadership Social. Reminder that Finance Councils and Parish Staff as well as important volunteer leaders can be included. All above meeting dates and locations were confirmed.

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b. Joint Eucharistic Revival Committee Updates	Informational	Joyce Abeln	6:25	<p>ACC joint effort with unique committee. The first event was on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The event began in the church with Joyce Abeln, Steve Meyer and Fr. Brad speaking. Time for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction occurred. The evening ended with social time in Heritage Hall.</p> <p>The next event is planned November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Saint John the Baptist Parish Center. All items are planned. The event will be approximately one hour in length with additional time for hospitality. This is the second of four events for the fall and winter.</p> <p>The Eucharistic Revival Committee will be meeting again soon to plan additional activities. They will look at a Video Presentations from Augustine Institute or a book group. There will be a Pilgrimage/procession that will go through our diocese—on its way to Indianapolis. Information for this pilgrimage is found on: <a href="https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharistic-revival-pilgrimage/">https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharistic-revival-pilgrimage/</a></p> <p>The diocesan event with Timothy O'Malley will be rescheduled from prior dates that needed to be cancelled. Need to continue to promote the National Congress. Two tickets for this event will be provided to each parish for use.</p> <p>Additional information can be found at the following websites:  <a href="https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/">https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/</a>   <a href="https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/?utm_term=eucharistic%20revival&amp;utm_campaign=Brand&amp;utm_source=adwords&amp;utm_medium=ppc&amp;hsa_acc=7848429354&amp;hsa_cam=20151220952&amp;hsa_grp=155061135995&amp;hsa_ad=676236322037&amp;hsa_src=g&amp;hsa_tgt=kwd-1657908039743&amp;hsa_kw=eucharistic%20revival&amp;hsa_mt=b&amp;hsa_net=adwords&amp;hsa_ver=3&amp;gclid=EAlaIQobChMIhpuqzaODggMVekRBAh3vbQUaEAAYASAAEgLhOPD_BwE">https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/?utm_term=eucharistic%20revival&amp;utm_campaign=Brand&amp;utm_source=adwords&amp;utm_medium=ppc&amp;hsa_acc=7848429354&amp;hsa_cam=20151220952&amp;hsa_grp=155061135995&amp;hsa_ad=676236322037&amp;hsa_src=g&amp;hsa_tgt=kwd-1657908039743&amp;hsa_kw=eucharistic%20revival&amp;hsa_mt=b&amp;hsa_net=adwords&amp;hsa_ver=3&amp;gclid=EAlaIQobChMIhpuqzaODggMVekRBAh3vbQUaEAAYASAAEgLhOPD_BwE</a></p>

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c. ACC Meeting w/Bishop Neary	Discussion	Fr. Brad Jenniges	6:35	<p>Bishop Neary, along with Brenda Kresky, will be meeting with representatives of our ACC as well as a few other ACC's at St. Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. More details to come. Fr. Brad will be determining representatives from our ACC to attend.</p> <p>Fr. Brad provided a sample schedule with the day starting at 9:30 am and ending at 4:00 pm for the event on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be joined by the One in Christ ACC and the Christ Our Hope ACC during this time.</p> <p>Fr. Brad has begun the process of reaching out to potential participants. Feel free to reach out to Fr. Brad if you are interested. If you express interest, you must be available on December 20<sup>th</sup> to participate, and you must be willing to help prepare, through feedback and work, for the ACC presentation.</p> <p>Preparatory questions given:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who are you as an ACC?</li> <li>2. What is one thing that you are proud of as you build bridges with one another?</li> <li>3. What is our biggest struggle in the ACC?</li> <li>4. How are you "listening" to the people in your ACC?</li> <li>5. In what ways is your ACC nurturing a Eucharistic spirituality?</li> <li>6. How are you investing in the call and formation of leaders now and for the future?</li> <li>7. What are the 3-4 priorities of your ACC to build a cohesive and unified mission?</li> </ol> <p>All members of the Joint Parish Advisory Committee are asked to reflect on these questions individually and submit their answers via online form.</p> <p>The online form can be found at <a href="https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/a256de95-c501-4bd0-8964-7a07d273878f">https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/a256de95-c501-4bd0-8964-7a07d273878f</a></p> <p>All responses need to be included prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>. A smaller group will be gathering on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.</p>

<p>d. Role as Joint Committee</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Lance Nydeen</p>	<p>7:00</p>	<p><b>Conversation starters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting dates</li> <li>2. Facilities and Spaces Use</li> <li>3. Joint community invitations             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Men's/Women's Bible groups</li> <li>b. Multi-Generational Programming</li> <li>c. Inter-Faith Information Sessions</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Challenges/successes and how we can work together</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does a good integrated ACC look like?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One staff?</li> <li>○ An article in the Central Minnesota Catholic Magazine reflects upon this idea. <a href="https://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/special-report-accs-are-focused-on-the-mission/">https://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/special-report-accs-are-focused-on-the-mission/</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• How can we better communicate to parishioners of both parishes that events can be attended by anyone from either parish—regardless of who is planning it?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ACC email update monthly?</li> <li>○ Joint website?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Is there a common stressor or challenge where we could combine efforts in resolving?</li> <li>• Could there be a combined parish directory?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Saint Joseph will be scheduling dates for photos to be taken in July of 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Are we an ACC with two communities?</li> <li>• Some items have been successful:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bulletin Combined</li> <li>○ Christmas Leadership Social</li> <li>○ Joint Eucharistic Revival Committee</li> <li>○ Common Pastor</li> <li>○ Joint Mass Schedule</li> <li>○ Joint Reconciliation Schedules</li> <li>○ Joint Staff Meetings</li> <li>○ Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated together.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Compare the connection to communities coming together to form a larger school district.</li> <li>• Thinking about Easter Vigil Mass</li> </ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Primary Easter Mass for Saint John the Baptist</li> <li>○ Saint Joseph has Candidates to be Initiated into the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass.</li> </ul>
e. Open Discussion	Discussion	Lance Nydeen	7:20	<b>Agenda for next meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share feedback from the December 20<sup>th</sup> ACC meeting with Bishop Neary.</li> <li>• Brenda Kresky will be attending/participating.</li> </ul>
6. Adjournment				<p>Fr. Brad shared his appreciation for all members of the Joint Council.</p> <p>Next meeting for Saint Joseph Parish Advisory Council is November 16<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Next meeting for Saint John the Baptist Parish Advisory Council is November 2<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>ACC Leadership Christmas Social is Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. More information and formal invitation to come.</p> <p>Next Joint Meeting is January 18<sup>th</sup> at Saint John the Baptist at 6:00 pm.</p>
7. Prayer			7:30	Lance Nydeen led the group in a closing prayer.
8. Adjournment				Meeting adjourned at 7:35

**Other Information:**

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**Future Topics:**

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**Attendance:**

A/P/V	Name	A/P/V	Name
	<b>Saint Joseph</b>		<b>Saint John the Baptist</b>
P	Budde, Dede (SJ Trustee)	P	Dan Backes (Trustee)
P	Bechtold, Bruce (SJ Trustee)	P	Peternell, Heidi (Trustee)
P	Meyer, Steve	P	Abeln, Joyce
P	Walling, Amber (SJ Business Administrator)	P	Wallner, Scott
P	Nydeen, Lance—Chair	P	Koltes, Tess
P	Fink, Jacob—Vice Chair	P	Posch, Brian

A/P/V	Name	A/P/V	Name
P	Zsupan-Jerome, Daniella	P	Ortloff, Julie (Business Administrator)
P	Imholte, Bernie	P	Jenniges, Fr. Brad (Pastor)
	O'Donnell, Kristen		

**Goals:**

Pastoral Council		
Tentative Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	(Owner) Goal
		POSSIBLE GOAL: Evangelization Planning/Plans  PRIMARY TOPICS/CONCERNS FOR PARISH: Communication, Bringing Parishioners Back 'after' COVID, Encouraging Participation for Financial Stability,

### Items Brought Forward at April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Joint Council Meeting:

- i. Connecting with Saint Joseph Catholic School Regularly/Youth Involvement in Liturgy
  - 1. Opportunity for youth sign-up for ministers
    - a. Ushers, Greeters, Gift Bearers
  - 2. Musical Involvement
  - 3. School Kids Participate in Friday Social
  - 4. Have a Mass one Sunday a month with Youth Participation
    - a. Readers, Procession, Servers, Hymns, Kid Friendly Homily
    - b. Switch off between Saint Joseph and Saint John the Baptist
- ii. Providing opportunities for community use of parish spaces at our invitation.
  - 1. Presentations from Various Organizations via Invite
  - 2. Allowing Use of Space for Other Organizations
    - a. Girl Scouts
    - b. Boy Scouts
  - 3. All are invited to share in all ACC events
  - 4. Community Meal
  - 5. Craft Shows
  - 6. Winter Play
- iii. Plan and Host ACC/Parish Mission
  - 1. National-Level Speaker – Multi-Night Series
  - 2. Possibly Week-Long Event
  - 3. Eucharistic Revival
  - 4. Work to set Date ASAP
- iv. Feature Already-Occurring activities in bulletin or prepare an ACC Mission Annual Report
  - 1. Write-ups in bulletin for programs that already exist to inform those who may not have participated in past
  - 2. Powerpoint feed prior to the livestream
  - 3. Compiling Mailing for all ACC members
    - a. Include attendance at programs
    - b. Number of Quilts Sewn
    - c. Number of Meals Served
    - d. Number of Pounds of Food Donated, etc.
  - 4. SMS Text Messaging to get the word out for reminders/invites
  - 5. QR Codes
  - 6. Have a Ministry Fair
- v. On-going Family Night w/Activities for Kids & Families
  - 1. Monthly Event for Socializing Only
    - a. Late-August After Mass
    - b. Game Night
    - c. Movie Night
    - d. Trivia Night
    - e. Zoo Trip
    - f. Farm Visit
    - g. Apple Orchard
    - h. Avon Hills Folk School
  - 2. Kids tour the church
    - a. Up-close look at areas of the church or holy objects (i.e. Chalice, tabernacle, etc.)
  - 3. Family Mass
    - a. Families come around altar at Eucharistic Prayer
  - 4. Kids Vote on Next Week's Event
- vi. Men's Group & Women's Bible/Book Study
  - 1. "That Man Is You"
  - 2. Most of these groups focus around retired community
    - a. Have more time to participate in
  - 3. Early Morning Bible Study Groups
- vii. Multi-generational Programming
  - 1. Senior Citizen Dinner
    - a. Held on day off school, so kids can serve
  - 2. Senior Care Packages
    - a. Deliver these items as families
  - 3. Kids write cards to seniors in parish
    - a. Valentines
    - b. Birthday Cards
  - 4. Board Games
  - 5. Grandparents' Mass
    - a. Invite grandkids to Mass with them.
- viii. What Does Family Friendly Look Like? Creating Family Friendly Environment
  - 1. See Family Night Ideas
  - 2. Kids Packets
    - a. Children's Bulletin
    - b. Kids Offering
      - i. "kind works you did this week"
    - c. Crayons

- d. Stickers
- 3. Stools in bathroom for washing hands
- 4. Diapers/Wipes in Bathrooms
- 5. Knights Stools
- 6. Quiet Space/Step Away Space
- 7. Scavenger Hunt Within Parish
  - a. Hide figurines in plants or around parish
- 8. Pew Cards of What Mass is About
- 9. Everything We Do Should be Family Friendly
- ix. Establishing Youth Ministry Program
  - 1. TEC Weekend
  - 2. Space for teens
  - 3. What does Youth Ministry look like in 2022?
  - 4. Immersing it into the community
    - a. Youth taking ownership of programming.
  - 5. Conversatio Program
    - a. Saint John's SOT
- x. Personal Invitation/Parish
  - 1. Send out letters to people we haven't seen in a while and include bulletin.
  - 2. Ticket to KC Breakfast
  - 3. Welcome Kit for New Parishioners
  - 4. Call for Personal Invitation