



Saint Louis Catholic Church

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Vision Statement: Spreading Christ's Love and compassion through our words and actions
(LEO) Liturgy-Prayer, Catholic Education, Evangelization, and Community Outreach.

Parish Council Minutes

Date: March 17, 2015

Attendance: Fr. Stan, Amy Tonges, Leron Giesting, Andy Eckstein, Mark Masavage, John Strange, John Kellerman, Mayra Adams.

Meeting called to Order by: President Mark Masavage

Opening Prayer: Father Stan Pondo

Divine Mercy Sunday: Mayra Adams

Father is willing to do a Divine Mercy devotion here, but not this year. He would want to meet with Fr. Whittington and discuss a joint effort.

Pastors Report:

Things are going well. Father has heard many confessions over the past few weeks. He has also heard most of the school kids' confessions.

Father would like to do four parish building activities each year. The first will be a parish picnic this summer. The purpose of these events is not to make money, but to have the parish gather as a parish

family. The parish would provide the meat and the rest would be a pitch-in. Father asked parish council to help think of other activities for the other 3 events. One idea is a family friendly New Year's Eve party or a feast day party.

Father met with Archbishop Tobin and expressed his desire to stay here as our pastor. He felt like the Archbishop was pleased. The personnel board will be meeting during April and Father will write a letter expressing his interest in staying. Father should know something by late April.

Minutes: John Strange made the motion, 2nd by Andy Eckstein.

Faith Formation Report – Leron Giesting – report is attached.

Election Committee Report

Need bios by April 24. These should be one paragraph and include a picture. They will be put in the bulletin two weeks prior to the election. The election will be held May 17.

New Business:

Do we have enough room for the handicapped in church? We discussed the possibility of removing a pew in the transept. Father will discuss with maintenance.

John Strange reported that he and Rheadawn Young are trying to have a monthly coffee and donuts event after church. Their research is revealing that some folks view St. Louis as an unfriendly parish.

We are in need of doing an inventory of all the ministries in the parish to see which ones are still active. We need an updated chart. We will develop a plan once we know if Father will be here.

Mayra suggested doing the devotion to “33 Days to Morning Glory” - Father suggested waiting until he knows if he will be here. We can identify a pilot group to begin after July.

Finance Report: February/June

School Report: January/August

Faith Report: March/September

Parish Life: April/October

President: Mark Masavage, memasavage@gmail.com 2016

Vice President: Andy Eckstein, axtine1@gmail.com 2016

Secretary: Nelson French, pruitt1943@gmail.com 2017

Finance Committee: Erik Tuveson

Faith Formation: Leron Giesting

Parish Life: Rheadawn Young

School Commission: Currently seeking new members.

Members:

Thomas Gies 2016, John Kellerman 2015, Sebastian Moster 2016, Jade Ritter 2016, John Strange 2016, Nathan Wanstrath 2015

Next Meeting: March 17, 2015- 7pm following the 6pm Mass.

The Parish Council can be contacted by e-mail through the St. Louis web site, click Parish Council, there you will find an e-mail form, we will respond.

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Faith Formation Report March 2015

The Faith Formation Committee has just completed a successful Lenten mission with speaker and Author, Matthew Arnold. Mr. Arnold gave a presentation on Monday and Tuesday evening the 9th and 10th of March. On the first day Mr. Arnold presented a detailed timeline of the story of Our Lady of Good Success and the events that unfolded in the 1600's in Quito, Ecuador. On the second day, Mr. Arnold shared his story of conversion into the Catholic Faith. There were approximately 200 people in attendance each evening. A reception was also held each evening in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation is going to attempt to get a couple of groups started to make a Consecration to Jesus through Mary utilizing the book "33 Days to Morning Glory". There are several times throughout the year to start such that the conclusion of the 33 days would fall on a Marian feast day. We are looking for volunteers to lead these groups.

We have been discussing retreat options open to parish members. The goal of Faith Formation is to get one member of the parish of each demographic to represent the parish on the FF Committee. With that in mind, we wanted to get each FF member to go on a retreat that would be geared towards their individual demographic.

We are still working to partner with, or at the very least, get better at inviting our 3 parish cohorts to join in our events/happenings.

We have a robust group of young people who regularly attend Youth Group events. The 6-8 grades, led by Carrie Wessler, meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday after school in the cafeteria and the public school students are invited and a few do attend. The high school group, led by Angie Moster, has 30 to 50 young people regularly attending events. This group has a Teen Leadership committee and does morning bible study before school and theology of the body education.

There is a bible study open to the parish concerning The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts that meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th, Mondays at 6:45pm at the Prickel Building. The group utilizes the bible study from http://pastoralplanning.com/TBS/TBS_SAMPLER.pdf

We are looking for new membership and would be interested in using the parish council election to see if those not elected would be interested in joining FF.

