

St Raymond's Parish
MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Held at St. Mary's on Tuesday, January 30, 2018

SEPARATE MEETING (JUST ST RAYMOND'S –6 PM)

1. Opening Prayer (Fr. Sakowski)
2. Attendance

Priests Present: Fr. Derek Sakowski (Pastor), Fr. Daniel Thelen (Parochial Vicar)

Members Present: Sam Kuehn, John Kuehn, Susan Fiser, Lisa Olson, Tom Falbo, Mike Quirk, Jake Geisert, Marjorie Messerschmidt

Excused: Bob Gruba

3. Approval of Minutes from Nov 27 Meeting

The minutes were approved

4. "Lightning Round"

Fr. Sakowski explained that he now has extra duties as Dean and as a representative on the Personnel Council. He is grateful to the way that staff and volunteers are stepping up to care for the parishes.

Sam Kuehn reported that he has enjoyed singing in the choir and helping with parish socials. John Kuehn expressed a desire to see more children singing in the choir. Susan Fiser reported that she has been more active in the Chippewa Valley Young Adult group. Several council members were unaware that this group exists. Fr. Thelen is working on completing the cemetery landscaping project, which will bring in a mix of deciduous and evergreens. Lisa Olson requested that the parish look into safety issues and the possibility of marriage retreats. Tom Falbo reported that the task force has met to plan Lent and the Paschal Triduum; he will now be working on training for the altar servers and scheduling for all ministries. He also reported positive feedback on the *Welcome to Our Church* booklets in the pews. Mike Quirk reported the need for better plowing at the bottom of the driveway. Marj Messerschmidt reported broken glass on the couples list for wedding anniversaries; if it happens again it would be helpful if someone would just say something.

5. Update on Capital Campaign / Roof

The funds are in hand for the roof. It should go up as soon as the weather permits.

SHARED MEAL (7:15 PM)

1. Group Discussion – Lent, Triduum, and Easter in 2018
--40 Hour Devotion (Feb 14-16) – The signup sheets are at both parishes for parishioners to attend adoration for one hour or more between 8 p.m. on Feb. 14 through 4 p.m. Feb. 16.

--Stations – Stations will be held at each parish, Friday's at 7 p.m. at SM and 5 p.m. at SR followed by soup and sandwiches. The Spanish community would like to be walking outside with someone carrying the cross.

--Retreat –Father Sakowski is proposing an evangelizing retreat for SM & SR ministers (ushers, lectors, EMHC, greeters. etc.) on Saturday, March 24, approximately noon to 3 p.m. The retreat would be focused on encouraging parish members to be missionary disciples and retraining those in ministry roles. Following the retreat, participants would be encouraged to continue to get together in small groups to deepen their connections with each other and God.

--Holy Week and Triduum (March 29, 30, 31; April 1) - Lent will begin in two weeks. Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day; Easter is on April 1. The triduum will be held at St. Raymond's this year. SR Knights of Columbus and PCCW will provide the food for the celebration after the Easter Vigil. Pray for those in RCIA becoming Catholic.

--Pentecost Vigil – Pentecost is seven weeks after April 1. SR will host the Pentecost bonfire after the Vigil Mass again this year on May 19. Encourage more participation from SM parish.

2. Set the Date / Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be a joint meeting of the Pastoral Councils, to be held at St Raymond's, on Tuesday April 3rd at 6 PM [**NOTE: This meeting was postponed due to inclement weather and rescheduled to Monday, April 23rd**].

[St Mary's met separately from approximately 8-9 PM]