

St. Joseph the Worker  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2024

Council members in attendance: Fr. Joe Molloy, Ben Kwedar, Rachel Green, Rob Flesher, Gavin Davis, Liz Reef, Debbie Shawgo, Sr. Judith Pfile, Pat Kornfeld, Grace Ann Thomas,

Jennifer Trapani not attending

5:00-5:05      Opening prayer- Rob Flesher

5:05- 5:10      Welcome new youth council member Autumn Cattoor

5:10- 5:15      Review and approve February 2024 minutes. Rob Flesher made the motion to approve, Ben Kwedar seconds the motion. All board members in agreement

- Minutes are approved

5:15- 5:40      Fr. Joe Updates

- Father Jim Sichko might (Traveling Papal Missionary of Mercy) might be a potential name for a future mission.
- Campaign update
  - Every Tuesday, Fr. Joe and Bruce Thompson meet with John Dillon from Steier group.
  - Brian and Michelle Stenke will be the chair people for the campaign.
  - 20 people will be the core group to call families seeing if they have received, reviewed, and responded.
    - Training for the core group will be held on May 9.
  - Bruce is going to meet with Chatham Library in regards to the parking lot.
- The first month trial holding a daily mass at 6pm instead of 8:30am on the 2nd Monday of the month had 51 people in attendance.
  - May's 2nd Monday is Pre-school graduation.
  - Will resume holding mass the second Monday in June.
- Discussion about music after communion. Most thought it was better to waive the music after communion and keep the prelude. Comments were that without the prelude the vestibule seemed noisier which could also interfere with personal prayer prior to mass.
- No update on vocations committee. Fr. Joe will ask Grace to go to diocesan meeting on May 4 to learn more information about forming a vocations committee at the parish.

New Business – No new topics this month.

## Old Business

- 5:40-5:45 Follow-up to potential for forming Divorced & Re-Married support group Mentors for marriage prep couples
- Gracie Ortiz, Diocesan Director for Marriage and Family Life, was not able to attend the April meeting. May attend a meeting in May or June.
- 5:45-6:00 Continuing discussion on enticing parishioners to attend mass.
- Could do a parish wide mailer after the campaign.
  - Fr. Joe can ask some of the other priests in the diocese and Katie Price
  - Discussion on how to encourage Faith Formation parents to attend mass instead of dropping off child(ren) and leaving without attending mass.
- 6:00- 6:15 Year of Prayer- Diocesan Link- How to utilize for the parish.
- On diocesan website
  - Could put link in the bulletin or in News You Can Use
- 6:15- 6:25 Comments or suggestions from council members for future consideration
- Suggestion on having something in bulletin for mini vacuum cleaner available for families to clean up after mass.
  - Discussion on the correct form of the “Glory to the Father” prayer. The prayer was revised some years ago but we hear people reciting the prayer in both the old and new format. Fr. Joe advised both can be used.
- 6:25- 6:30 Closing prayer

Next Meeting: May 28, 2024

Next Meeting's prayer leader: Jennifer Trapani.