

**Thursday, January 19, 2012**  
**St Joseph Parish**  
**Baraboo, WI**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Fr. Jay Poster, Mary Friesen, Frank Friar, Mark Lesar, Bill Campbell, Kathy Siberz, Dennis Wolfe, Lisa Runnels, Mary Bebbler, Laura Garven, Tom Filipiak

**Excused:** Bob Covoloskie, Val Thomas, Craig Skrivseth, Sarah Connor, Rose Lee

**Opening Prayer** was led by Fr. Jay

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

The minutes to November meeting were approved.

**Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools**—those that attended the meeting gave a summary. Topics that were discussed included: How do we keep people happy with the Parish, Are we meeting the needs of Parishioners, How do we promote the Parish-church vs. school. It was brought up that some at the school feel a disconnect—Fr Jay will meet with school staff for specifics.

**Mass Schedule**—Fr. Jay discussed the fact that although the Sunday 6:00 pm Mass does take some of the pressure off of the 10 am Mass, only 100-130 are attending. In addition, it is increasingly difficult to find ministry people for the 6:00Mass. Fr. Jay proposed a change in the Mass schedule to be Sunday at 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 am Masses—there will be no 6:00pm Mass and the 4:00pm Saturday Mass will remain the same. All were in favor of the change. The new Mass times will begin on Easter Sunday (though instead of 10:30 it will be 10:45 to allow more time for the 9am people to leave Church—this will only be Easter Sunday).

**Reredos**—a family has stepped forward to donate money for the reredos renovation. Half of the money will be given now with the other half pledged for next year. Since it needs to be paid in full at time of completion, Dan said we could “swing” the other half knowing that this family will complete their donation next year. The reredos will be repainted, new gold leaf applied, etc. Fr will copy the proposals. Shooting for having this done in Feb. It will take approx 2 weeks with the scaffolding being up at one weekend of Masses.

**Holy Spirit sculpture**—another family has donated funds for a Holy Spirit sculpture to be hung from the ceiling above the altar. The sculpture has been ordered, but will be put up at the same time that the fans and lights will be worked on—scaffolding is needed for both.

**Grade School**—there are ongoing talks about whether St Joes will ever expand school with addition of Middle School.

**Projects**—priority list of projects was discussed. Wants vs needs. Everyone is to email Fr Jay with their top 4. Also, discussed what Fr. Jay's priorities for the Parish are since he is the new Pastor—some of the items on the list were from when Fr. Bakke was here.

### **Commission Reports**

**Liturgy**—meets next Tues to prepare for Lent

**Parish Life**—men's retreat is coming

**Social Justice**—no chairman yet

**Faith Formation**—nothing to report

**Finance**—Offertory is ahead of budget, daycare income slightly down in Dec, food service income is down—may need to increase price of fish fry—there were 555 people at last fish fry. Also, discussed the need to be careful of fundraisers so that people don't get burned out from donating because when something big comes up, it is more difficult to get donations.

**Endowment dinner** coming up—lots of cash gifts were sent in via letters of people not coming to the dinner.

### **Upcoming Events**

Endowment Dinner-January 27<sup>th</sup>

Men's Retreat- January 28<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Schools Week- January 29<sup>th</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jump Rope for Heart-February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Grandparents Day-February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Heart Fair-February 4<sup>th</sup>

Fish Fry-February 10<sup>th</sup>

First Communion/Confirmation-February 12<sup>th</sup>

Mardi Gras-February 15<sup>th</sup>

Couples Retreat-February 18<sup>th</sup>

**NEXT MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012**  
**FR. HENRY HALL**