

**Christ the King Parish  
Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2017**

Pastoral Council Meeting was called to order in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, Fr. Healey presided.

Council members present were: Fr. Healey, Mark Agostinelli, Patti Bakaur, Mary Becker, Jack Donohue, Mike Kondracki, Kathleen Laird, Joan Levesque, Fran Parsons and David Reilly.

The opening prayer was led by Fr. Healey.

**Additional Parish Council Members**

The present board members suggested additional people to serve on the council. There are presently 15 members. Fr. Healey asked Mary to send a letter to those people suggested to serve on the board. Fr. Healey wants people to have time to reflect and pray before accepting or declining the invitation.

The letter sent will invite person to serve on the Parish Council; it will also give them an option of serving at another time. Ideally we will stagger the replacement of members, having some of our present members serve another year and others two more years.

**Review of Advent/Christmas Season**

The timing of our Christmas evening masses was discussed. The 4:00 and 4:05 masses ended around the same time; this created a challenge as people from the church and parish hall left for the parking lot. Council members suggested having our parish hall mass begin at 4:10/4:15 PM. It is an ongoing issue when the church is full to capacity and ushers need to direct people to the parish hall.

It was decided to have our future Christmas masses at 4:00 (church), 4:15 (hall) and 6:00 PM. There was a discussion to perhaps change our 10:00 PM to Midnight. The Vatican has their mass at 10:00 PM; it was decided to have our parish keep the 10:00 PM and not change to midnight. Fr. Healey mentioned having an early morning mass on Christmas. He suggested 8:30 AM. He mentioned there are some people who, due to personal circumstances, prefer a quieter mass. We would not have a 5:30 PM.

## **Upcoming Liturgies**

February 02 – Candlemas Day

We will have blessing of candles and a procession at our 8:30 mass.

February 03 – Feast of St. Blaise

We will have blessing of throats.

February 11 – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of the Sick

We will celebrate a special mass with a communal anointing service.

March 01 – Ash Wednesday

We will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday). In preparation to do penance for Lent, we ask to be absolved.

We want to make sure the extra times scheduled for Reconciliation are published on Social Media.

The flow of social media was discussed briefly. When we publish the information on our website, it then is forwarded to our Facebook page, Twitter and Blog accounts. We also can post notices on Flocknote. It was suggested we inform people the Reconciliation schedule of area parishes. This will give people a chance to have another confessor.

Our parish will celebrate the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. In the past we have celebrated stations at 4:00 PM on Friday. Fr. Healey prefers to have the stations in the church rather than the chapel. If stations are celebrated in the church, we have the ability to have those unable to attend participate through our live streaming.

Fr. Healey asked if our parish have a Poor Man's Supper during Holy Week. Mary mentioned this is something that we haven't done in many years.

## **Liturgy – A few changes**

Fr. Healey shared with council members that every part of our liturgy has its own special part. We do things well here at Christ the King; however, there are a few things that could be done better. Some of the changes discussed concerned the timing of our first collection. The collection will be done and completed before the bread and wine are brought up to the sanctuary. The altar needs to be set before gifts are brought forward. A simple thought to share is that we don't put food on our dinner tables before the table is set. It was discussed about having our collection money brought forward at the time of the Offertory. At the present time, this practice will not be done. However, Fr. Healey did share with us that money is life...it comes from our labor. Also, money is holy when given to God.

The dismissal for our Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick will be a bit different. Our EM's will be called up and sent out to the homebound after the Eucharist is returned to the tabernacle. The priest/deacon, and not the lector, will call up the EM's. They will not be led out by altar server; they will simply leave the church by exit convenient for them.

The sacristan for each mass will be responsible for obtaining people to bring up the gifts at the time of the Offertory.

These adjustments will begin the first weekend of Lent. Fr. Healey will be meeting with the ushers and sacristans to discuss the changes.

Fr. Healey also shared the church's concern about security. Churches are soft targets for terrorists. We were advised to keep our eyes open and be aware of anything that doesn't seem to look right. We do have a phone in the Usher's Room with a land line for emergency calls. Church and parish center are kept locked during Faith Formation classes.

### **Important projects for consideration**

We are in the process of obtaining estimates for resurfacing our parking lot and replacement of our roofs. We have someone looking into the possibility of solar panels being installed at the time the roof replacement is done.

St. Jude's Chapel is in need of some work. We are exploring options for our Thrift Shop and Food Pantry; both are in need of more space. These are all long term projects with options being explored.

### **Evangelization**

The diocese is having a Men's and Woman's conference at Stonehill College. The flyer hasn't been sent yet. Fr. Healey did report the parish would supply a bus for transportation if there was enough interest from parishioners.

Fr. Healey shared with council members that he will be attending a meeting, in February, with other priests from the diocese. It is at this meeting when results from the diocesan survey will be shared and discussed. Fr. Healey asked those present if anyone had read the book "Rebuilt." Several of the council members have read the book. Fr. Healey feels it will be very beneficial for all members to read the book. It will be ordered and given to council members to read.

### **New Business**

The Summer Speaker Series was discussed and possible speakers were suggested. At the present time there are no definite plans. Fr. Healey will speak with Msgr. Avila and Fr. Perry to explore our options for this coming series.

We are planning to have a Parish Mission this fall. Some members mentioned Fr. MacDonald who has been to our parish in the past. The general consensus was, although Fr. MacDonald's missions were successful, it might be best to look for someone different. Patti mentioned Deacon Greg Kandra from New York. She will forward information about Deacon Kandra to council members.

It was also mentioned the parish possibly having a Ministry Fair one weekend in the fall.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.