

September 2, 2015
Pastoral Council Meeting

7:05 PM meeting opened with a prayer.

Christ at the Center: Faith Formation

Reflection: How can we help the deaf hear and make the mute speak?

- Parish Mission – all the acts
- How do we know who hears and who is mute? Recognize when you see the Word of the Lord in action.
- Everything Jesus does is good and is open to all people. Maybe we need to be more open to other people to share the Word.
- Right to Life – unborn and aged – Spirituality, the right thing to do – give them a voice, be the voice for people who do not have one
- Children – the only place they “get religion” is school – homework drives it home
- Encourage people to get involved; go to Mass, Father’s Group, etc.
- Keep talking....have courage

Topics for Council 2015-2016

October	Invite Circle of Care Begin to look at the Parish Vision to amend if necessary and still determine if we are in line with the topics and maybe even less specific
November	Invite Youth Ministry and American Heritage Girls
December	No Meeting
January	Athletic Club Charter – Update
February	Is the five year plan in line with the Vision after discussions in October
March	Emergency Action Plan for Mass (Tim Meyer) Already started review Weather, Fire, Medical Emergency, Rowdiness
April	Budget Review
May	Principals Report Discernment for New Members
June	Open for meeting if necessary

For a full review of the Parish Vision it was determined a sub-committee should be formed with the following representatives:

- 1 or 2 from Council (Joe will be on committee)
- 1 from Finance
- 1 from Youth
- 1 from Christian Service
- Tim Crooker will participate as the grass roots representative of the Parish

Items for consideration:

1. Visit and review the Parish Vision to create a working documents for the Parish
2. Make the Parish Vision more of an overview vs. very specific
3. Focus on some of the activities
 - a. Evangelization (Neighborhood Outreach)
 - b. New member outreach – are we touching everyone?
4. Cultural of Catholicism – Priests only hear from people when they are getting Married, Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation
5. Vision is not an Action Plan – the Sub-Committee should come up with the action plan and present their recommendations to Council
6. Newly remodeled church was not part of the Vision but is intertwined with a lot of it and brought the parish together. This is why the Vision should remain very generic.
7. What are Parish strengths and how are we promoting them? What can we improve upon?

Pastor's Comments

Program to Defeat Hunger – “Fill the Bus” – November 7 & 8

American Heritage Girls are our ‘Scout Leader’. The word is already out in some segments of the Parish. Our Parish goal is 5,000 pieces. Corpus Christi will get the food for organizing

School – We think we have 543 students. Some still signing up and some still leaving. Almost 80 more than long term plan had projected.

Clarification – Year of Mercy – Pope delegated to all Priests the right to absolve the sin of abortion. For at least 50 years the Bishops in the US and Canada had already given this to the Priests. In many other countries the Bishops did not give Priests the right to absolve abortions. “Project Rachael” – a media release is going out.

8:15 PM Closing Prayer