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Pastoral Council Meeting

November 6, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Council Room

Nancy Holt, Jim Purtell, Eric Keller, Deacon Crooker, Tim Meyer, Joan Schulte, Nancy Thomas, Tom Schornak, Jen Roth, Evan Day, Ed Lanter

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| I. | Opening Prayer | All | 7:00 p.m. |
| II. | Christ at the Center: Faith Formation | All | 7:05 – 7:20 p.m. |

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
(Second reading for November 10)

Reflection: How do you stay focused on Christ each day to find strength and hope?

As a widow, moving from my house into a condo...packing by myself, I talk to Jesus: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, every day, to get me through. When you have nobody, God is your everything. Its hard to explain, but it is true to me.

I always have my rosary in my pocket, not in a case, so I can feel it and touch it. If I don't go to mass every day, I just feel blah. All my statues in my house, especially my angels, give me comfort. My daughter is moving, so as we are packing, and I lose patience with my daughter/son -in-law, I find myself asking, Lord, give me patience.

Those of us who have crazy schedules, it's hard. At 5:30 am, while driving into work, I listen to the rosary. Going to daily mass. I started this during Lent, and it has carried over. That's what I do.

As I'm getting older, peers are passing away; a good friend recently. It makes you realize you are blessed.

- III. **Ministry to Our Seniors** Fr. Nolker (ill, presented by Deacon Tim Crooker) 7:20-7:45 p.m.
Considering the number of older people in the parish, we have an opportunity to discuss what ministerial opportunities we can/should offer to them. It has been a long time since we

- 1. To communicate and “tell our story” to the members of parish and the wider community. This includes the collective parish story as well as individual parishioner’s stories. This is a vehicle to share good news and information on both what has happened and what will happen in the near future.*
- 2. To offer another avenue to educate our parishioners on religious teachings in a way that invites fuller participation in the life of the Church.*
- 3. To serve as an evangelization effort to encourage people to become and stay involved in the life of our parish and the Catholic faith.*

Audience: Primary: Parishioners of St. James. Secondary: Non-Parish school families; Online visitors; White Oak neighborhood

How this is different from the Parish Bulletin: 1. The bulletin contains time-sensitive information and timely submissions. 2. The bulletin contains brief notices, not feature articles. 3. The bulletin is focused on upcoming events. 4. The bulletin includes information from other Catholic and community organizations.

Input about this idea. Suggestions for what could be in this magazine. We also want someone to own this. Could be a part time position on the staff, or contract someone to do this. Leadership team does not want to own this. We don’t have any idea about what the cost for this would be. Deacon Tim will be investigating that area.

Will there be a Parish Facebook page? In discussion.

Does PC want to direct finance to make this publication a line item?

First: Does PC agree with the idea to move away from parish life and to St. James Magazine? Yes

Second: Can we direct Finance to making this a line item? Yes

As we focus on what are next steps. There is so many good things happening in our parish, but no one knows about these things. We hope to move away from the “stale” articles we want to have a more personal feel, photos. Any ideas for the magazine, or any comments for the Seniors activities, let Nancy Holt know.

Ornaments: I have been working on the parish ornaments for the cathedral . I have two more people to call. Could we do an article, possibly around Advent, to get people thinking about design of the ornament. Is needed by December of 2021.

V. Night Prayer.

Next meeting February 5, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Gandenberger