

Sacred Heart Parish Council

Minutes of September 18, 2018 Meeting

In attendance: Fr. Kevin, Carlos Hernandez, Johann Gray, Judy Reed, Mike Trumbull, Kathy Granucci, Robert Ferreira, Kathy Mitcheson

Agenda and notes

- **Prayer**
- **Praise stories:** What good things have / are happening?
 - o A good start to our Faith Formation program
 - o The Knights collected over 600 pounds of food at last weekend's food drive for His Heart
 - o Oldies dinner sales going well
 - o We've managed to rework our cell phone contract and will save close to \$200 / month. Also, in the area of parish stewardship we saw a significant reduction in our power bill by using only the chapel for First Friday's and having the choirs practice in the Marian room rather than the main church.
- **Ongoing formation:** The council began a discussion of the USCCB document on Stewardship, "Stewardship – A Disciple's Response." We will continue through the document in the next few meetings, taking up chapter 1 next.
- Fr. Kevin announced that the diocese had removed the faculties of Fr. Bonadies to serve in the diocese. The parish will, beginning the first week in October, combine the Wednesday 8am daily Mass with the 9am school Mass. The new time will be 8:15am.
- **Upcoming events**
 - o **Pulpit swap** with our Twin parish St. Mary of the Angels in New Orleans: Fr. Hund, the pastor of St. Mary, will preach at all our masses the weekend of Oct. 6th & 7th and assist with the Blessing of the Pets on that Saturday. His hospitality will be handled by Lisa Gunnin and the staff. Fr. Daniel will assist Fr. Hund at the Mass. Fr. Kevin will be in New Orleans that weekend meeting the parishioners of St. Mary.
 - o **Thanksgiving dinner:** Kathy Mitcheson will coordinate with Fr. Kevin about the dinner and when to announce it in the bulletin.
 - o **Advent Mission:** Discussed possible topics and speakers. A teaching focus, perhaps on the backstory of Christmas as found in the Bible and instruction in personal Bible study is a possibility.
 - o **Prayer and Reparation Holy Hours:** Responding to the request by the diocese for some event of formal prayer and repentance for the sexual abuse scandal, the parish will offer a holy hour from noon to 1pm on Oct. 11 (Thurs, the memorial of John XXIII) and Oct. 22 (Mon, memorial of JP II). Fasting will be encouraged as we pray to two great leaders of the modern church for the leadership of our church.
- **Courageously Living the Gospel**

- **Diocesan Training** 9/22- Kathy Granucci, Carlos Hernandez, and Heather Pourchot will attend with Fr. Kevin
- **Reframed goals:** Fr. Kevin explained the work that has been done so far to apply the goals to Sacred Heart. The council then engaged in a lengthy discussion centered primarily on the **evangelization goal**. Ideas included:
 - “Adopt a block” program whereby parishioners would attempt to evangelize that block through communication and service
 - Add and evangelization component to Christmas toy drive – times of Christmas eve Mass; or blessing of kids or the toys, or similar
 - Of note: This idea of ensuring a bridge between service activities and events with a proclamation of the gospel surfaced repeatedly in the discussion
 - Yard signs in parishioner’s yards inviting them to Mass
 - “Help us clean up...” help them see us put faith in action
 - If using door hangers, include offer of service hours for the youth
 - Possible use of social media to evangelize since we have that presence via the festival
 - Could we advertise “come learn to pray”; “learn about the Bible”
 - Ex: Prayer: 2 nights on kinds of prayer; 1 night on “does God answer prayer?”
 - Door hangers
 - Clarification of language; don’t assume they know what you mean
 - Need to identify needs in Pinellas Park
- **Other business**
 - **Into to Spanish Seminars:** Anabel Feliu, a parishioner, offered to conduct this. Evidently, this was tried in the past without success.
 - The members emails agreed to allow their **email addresses** to be published in the bulletin allowing parishioners to submit feedback through them to the council
- **Next meeting** is scheduled for Oct. 9, 2018, 7pm.
- Meeting **adjourned** after the closing prayer.