

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Father Adam Laski.
- II. Members present: Sue Dietz, Caroline Morgan, Rick Vesper, Fr. Adam Laski, Carye Marach, Francis Audette, and Mary Hagen. Absent: Sue Haughian, Dale O'Dell, Liz Johnson, and Romaine Quinn.
- III. Father Adam Laski led the group in the opening prayer.  
"Hail Joseph, Son of David, most pure spouse of the Immaculate Mother of God and faithful guardian of our Lord Jesus Christ pray for us your children pray for our loved ones whom you have graciously accepted into your protection and your mighty patronage. Amen."
- IV. **Reflection on Bishop Powers Pastoral Letter, "As the Father has sent me"**  
Chapter 7: 'Two Tendencies to be Avoided' and 'The Temptation of Isolationism' were read and discussed. In summary, the world needs charity, joyful people and people with peace in their souls.
- V. **Follow-Up:**
  - a. **New Hires/Needs:**
    1. Still looking for a director of worship who would coordinate the music for St. Joseph's masses and life events (funerals and weddings), and help with Liturgy Planning. This position would start with St. Joseph's parish and eventually expand to the other parishes.
    2. A music teacher for St. Joseph's School is also being sought.
    3. Emily Hagen has requested to drop to a part-time position continuing to support the school as Dir. of Marketing/Advancement. Therefore, a Communications Coordinator will be needed for the Four Parish work.
  - b. **Rectory situation at St. Joseph's:** Letter to the Parish Family was published in the April 28<sup>th</sup> bulletin regarding an update of the priests' rectory move to their new home on Augusta Street. Paperwork has been signed. Additional renovations will be needed.
  - c. **Building and Grounds Committee:**  
The Building and Grounds Committee, which includes upkeep of the cemetery, meets the first Tuesday of each month. Members include Troy Birkenmeier, Gene Katterhagen, Jeff Pierce, Keven Rothstein, Liz Johnson, Tony Brunette, and Noah Marach. Areas that need addressed are the sidewalks, blacktop, broilers, and air conditioning.
  - d. **St. Joseph Eucharistic Revival:**  
Father Adam felt the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at St Joseph's went well. He stated that the Medford Knights of Columbus is interested in purchasing a set of the exhibit.
- VI. **Looking Ahead:**
  - a. **Holy Family Home Bound Communion:** This idea came from Christine Knight who suggested the we follow the practice of the St Vincent de Paul Society where home visits are done in a team of two. This practice could include bringing the eucharist to homes,

nursing home visits, and other home bound visits. A training session would be scheduled in the future. Child care as part of the confirmation students' hours was also discussed.

- b. **St. Andrew Dinner:** The St. Andrew Dinner will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Joseph's. This Diocesan event is being held to build up the culture of vocations and inspire that a vocation to the priesthood is a gift. Parents of newly ordained priests and young men interested in the priesthood are invited. The Vocation Director of the Diocese of Superior is Father David Newschwander.

VII. **Planning:**

- a. New Council Members/ Election: Caroline Morgan and Rick Vesper are due to retire from the council in June. Father is open for suggestions as to who to invite as a council member.

VIII. **Other comments:**

- a. Father Joseph's sermon notes are in the back of the church for each of his masses.
- b. A class for annulments is being considered.
- c. A request to hold another Eternal Rest class was made.

- IX. The meeting concluded at 8:12 pm with a closing prayer. Next meeting will be May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Hagen