

**Saint John Gualbert Cathedral  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Thursday, February 1, 2018**

**I. Opening Prayer** – Pat Laughlin proclaimed the Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 (Cure of Simon's Mother-in-Law)  
Council members participated in a *Group Faith Sharing Reflection on the Gospel*.

**II. Roll Call** – *In attendance*: Heather Jezeskie, Dixie Lochrie, Mary Jane Verbiar, Pat Cuthbert,  
Pat Loughlin, Beth Stem, Fred Oliveros, Kevin Slonka, Rachel Hall and Russ Smith.  
*Ex Officio in attendance*: Fr. Crookston and Senior Deacon John Concannon.  
*Guest in attendance*: Lonnie Rietscha

**III. Vision and Mission Statement** – recited by Council Members.

**IV. Review of the Minutes** – The minutes of December 7, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

**V. Committee Reports**

- ❖ **Liturgy** – Senior Deacon John Concannon reported on upcoming Masses, Rites, Confirmations and Holy Days of obligation through mid-May of this year. Throats will be blessed after all Masses on the weekend of February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Mark will be the principal celebrant at our annual Mass for Consecrated Life that will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Mark will preside at The Rite of Election at 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Our annual Saint Joseph Triduum will be held on March 17, 18 and 19. The traditional Saint Joseph Table will be shared with all following the closing Mass of the Triduum on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Activity Center. Bishop Mark will be the Principal Celebrant at our Palm (Passion) Sunday Liturgy on Sunday, March 25 at 11:00 AM. The Diocesan Chrism Mass will be held on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with Bishop Mark as the Principle Celebrant. Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at noon and 6:00 PM. Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows will be held following the evening Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 PM on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 PM on the front porch of the Cathedral. Bishop Mark will be the Principle Celebrant on Easter Sunday at our 11:00 AM Mass celebrating The Resurrection of the Lord. Bishop Mark will preside at three Confirmation masses that will be held at our Cathedral this year. The dates of the Confirmation Masses are April 5<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> all beginning at 7:00 PM. Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is The Ascension of The Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The next Liturgy Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Education** – Heather Jezeskie reported that there is only three months remaining in this years CCD classes. The last day for CCD is Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a First Communion Parent Meeting on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and a Spring Session Retreat for all Confirmation candidate. Fr. Crookston reported that ARISE meetings have already taken place and our parish's ARISE Team will share what ARISE is with parishioners this fall and the program will be rolled out in the parish in the Spring of 2019. The next Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

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- ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Dixie Lochrie reported that the Yellow Ribbon Campaign that benefits those traveling to the March for Life in Washington, DC was very successful this year. Rice Bowls will be handed out to parishioners the weekend of February 17/18. Our annual Wine Tasting Event will be held on Saturday, April 21 and a High Tea will be held on Sunday, May 20. Both events will be held in the Activity Center and support our Mission Travelers to our sister parish. Fr. Crookston reported that this year there will be four Mission Travelers visiting our sister parish from April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>. The next Christian Life and Service Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Maintenance** – Fred Oliveros reported that an alternative material is under consideration for the repair of the front porch of the Cathedral. The next Maintenance Committee Meeting date and time will be announced in the near future.
- ❖ **Cemetery** - Russ Smith reported that a perpetual care plan is a work in progress for both the Saint Joseph and Saint John Gualbert Cemeteries. Saint Joseph Cemetery and Mausoleum graves/burials and owners as well as marker photos have all been entered on CIMS Cloud. The current contact information is needed from those whose loved ones are interred in either Saint Joseph Cemetery or the Mausoleum. A Lawn Care and Maintenance Contract is currently being devised for the 2018/2019 year for both Cemeteries and the Mausoleum. The next Cemetery Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Finance** – No report
- ❖ **Youth** – Rachel Hall reported that Catholic School Junior High Youth Day will be held at Bishop Carroll High School on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Proclaim! TV** – No Report

**VI. Old Business** – Past involvement in community events consisted of the Central Park Prayer Rally and the Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance. A Future event to consider is United by Love, A Celebration of Black History Month that consists of numerous events to be held between February 9<sup>th</sup> through February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bottle Works in Cambria City.

**VII. New Business** – The decision was made to relocate our annual Parish Picnic from Windber Recreation Park to the Parish Activity Center.

**VIII. Next Meetings** – \*Mar. 8, Apr. 2, May 3 and Jun. 7

\*Fred Oliveros is scheduled to be the Opening Prayer / Gospel leader.

**IX. Closing Prayer** – A Group Prayer was said by Council Members.

**X. Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Russ Smith*

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary