



SAINT GILBERT
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
September 10, 2019

- Opening Prayer
- Attendance
- Review of Previous Discussions
 - PPC
 - Recruitment
 - Succession Plans
 - By-laws
 - Bible Study Update
 - Discipleship
 - Alpha Program
 - Mid & post retreat rescheduled?
 - Lay Leadership Discussions
 - Developing a scholarship to support one person / year?
 - Parish Communications
 - Teaching Parish Committee / Seminarians
 - Introduction to the parish in the Fall so more parishioners can support them
 - Young Adult Ministry update
- Old Business
 - Retreat Summary
 - SWOT Analysis
 - Health Indicator Analysis
 - Strength Finders Assessment starting with PPC?
 - Update on Partnership with St. Paul the Apostle
 - Continued talk on the strategic path of SGC
- New Business
 - Parish Update – Fr. John
 - PPC Bulletin Announcement of the PPC
 - Letty's Radio Show
 - Car Raffle Update
 - Mass Projection
 - Upcoming events for the year – Spring
 - Word on Fire Programs
 - The Mass
 - New Evangelizations
 - Catholicism
- Closing Prayer and Adjournment



Parish Council Notes from September 10, 2019

Attendance:

Fr. John	Letty Medina	Dave Rennolds
Sr. Donna	Angie Fisher	Patti Wulf
Fr. Christian	Daphne Kinzig (scribe)	
Raul Venzon	Alix Eugene (absent)	

Call to Order:

7:05 PM. Opened with hymn *Canticle of the Sun, Fathering and Mothering God* prayer.

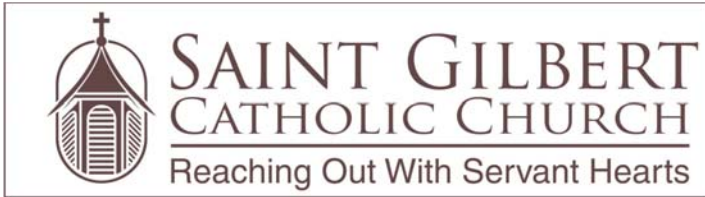
Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Letty's PowerPoint Presentation to the council
 - 73% ordained prayed the rosary regularly and 75% spent regular time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Decrease in priest vocation, 59K priest to 36.5K in the past 50 years. Hence, Renew My Parish push.
 - What can SGC do to mitigate these risks?
 - Need to emphasize need for prayer & offer more opportunities for prayer.
 - Daily rosary group prays every day after morning mass, 8:30-9am, but we need to highlight this on the website and bulletin.
 - Knights used to offer a rosary program monthly
 - **ACTION:** Dave to check with the Knights to find out if they have an apostolate to the rosary & will get back to us.
 - **ACTION:** Council to discuss whether we will add a prayer of vocation to the end of mass at the next PPC meeting on 10/22
 - **ACTION:**
 1. Determine whether SGC will promote Eucharistic Adoration, prayer for priests, & vocations with visiting PJP2 monstrance, 24 hours with confession. Have to call & schedule.
 2. Eucharistic Adoration Association will present as well.
 3. Display panels, free of charge
 4. Sign up as committed adorer in the narthex
 - Feast of the Rosary coming up on Oct 7.
 - **ACTION:** Fr. John approved the purchase of 200 rosaries with pamphlets on how to pray the rosary for October 7. DONE
 - **ACTION:** Letty to order the rosaries and pamphlets. DONE
 - In a 2019 PEW survey, 50% of Catholics stated they do not believe in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Letty believes this is true in our church.
 - Symbol vs. True presence, need to reeducate so the parish comes alive with believing in His presence.



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- What about the teens? Kathleen Faurbo
- **ACTION:** Requires more discussion with the council such as:
 - Can we remind our parish in our teachings, true presence, Eucharistic adoration at masses?
 - Also speak to the ministries to talk about the true presence.
 - Council to discuss with Fr. John & Fr. Christian if they can emphasize in their homilies to deliver a reminder lesson
- o Other opportunities this year in the Spring
 - Walk through mass through Formed.org.
 - **ACTION:** Daphne to reach out to Deacon Mark and Fr. Christian to see if they might be willing to lead a session for parishioners
 - Word on Fire also has one
 - **ACTION:** Council needs to discuss other programs to offer so more people are praying, in need of support
 - Susan Tassone – Purgatory Lady
 - Tim Francis – Science Tests Faith Event -this is an opportunity that might be coordinated by St. Joes in Libertyville but could present at several parishes in the are on successive nights
- PPC recruitment – Patti Wulf & Dave Rennolds attended from Women’s Club & Knights of Columbus; they will begin participating in the 2019 school year.
 - o **ACTION:** Letty & Daphne will review the draft bylaws from the Chicago Archdiocese APC and provide feedback to the council on creating our own.
- Bible Study Group – slated to start 9/22,23,24
 - o 3 Sessions offered
 1. Sun – 9:00am, MPR
 2. Mon – 9am Chapel Hall,
 3. Tue – 7:00pm Chapel Hal
 - o Cathy Green, Tom Parkinson, Michele Ecklund will facilitate
 - o 45 confirmed participants
 - o **ACTION:** Daphne will speak to Michele about making sure they get into the weekly announcements.
- Discipleship
 - o ALPHA – positive feedback from week 1
 - Huge time commitment & money investment initially, spent several thousands in preparations for the event. Can we get monetary support from Women’s Club or KofC?
 - Mid-program retreat scheduled for Oct 19, 9-4 pm
 - **ACTION:** Dave Rennolds will ask Jim O’Brien & provide feedback to the group.
 - **ACTION:** Patti will check with the Women’s Club if they can help as well.
 - Free will offering basket going forward
 - **ACTION:** Fr. John will make sure the bathrooms get cleaned.



- Other Open Items
 - SWOT Analysis – Now what?
 - SGC Health Indicators – Now what?

NOTE – *Since we had a short meeting, leaving the pre-retreat notes & retreat summary below.*

- Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 10/22/19, 7-9pm

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Key Notes from last PPC on the Direction of SGC – Pre Retreat

What do we do as a parish? Structure

- Do we do something that resembles the commissions, organizing the different ministries
 - Then, roll out the mission of the parish?
1. Liturgy & Prayer – Sunday, Adoration. Invite to learn about the faith, religious ed, Spred, Alpha
 2. Faith Formation – Bible Study
 3. Community Building & Outreach
 - a. Want to be part of something bigger. Getting people together around a purpose. Outside of the community.
 - b. Partner with the community. Building relationship. Who – willing the public face to the church?
 - c. Need a person in charge of faith formation.
 - d. What's available to me? Think creatively.
 - e. STRATEGIC direction –
 - f. Evangelization – Outreach –
 - g. Retreat in future planning. Stake out, chart the course to do.
- Look into the future, fixture in the community. Follows the Popes vision, place to draw people. Not an isolated, Catholic club.
 - Envision - someone who represents each structure



- Educate the people in becoming more involved as an action leadership in the church. Summer activity as a personal touch to reach out. 10 people open to the possibility. Nourish themselves. Leaders of bible study, Alpha, receive additional training. LM Lay Leader. (did not happen)

SUMMARY FROM PPC RETREAT EXERCISES ON 8/10/2019

SWOT Analysis Results

<p>STRENGTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long standing parish & school history • Gifts & talents • Faithful priests & deacons • Alpha & Discipleship Group 	<p>WEAKNESSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on evangelization & mission • Lack of engaged young / young adult • Adult formation availability • Lack of communication
<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better music at all masses • Improved Communication • Leverage the talent of the Church • Evangelization & Outreach 	<p>THREATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less engagement across the board • Decrease in Sunday collections • Society Influence, encourage brokenness • Competition from neighboring churches

SGC Health Indicators - Method adapted from the Divine Renovation Book

Ranked 1-10, prioritized lowest to highest, top four highlighted in yellow below:

1. Giving Priority to the Weekend – 6.5
2. Hospitality – 5.83
3. Uplifting Music – 5.9
4. Meaningful Homilies – 7
5. Clear Expectations – 4.16 **1**
6. Strength Based Ministries – 5.4 **4**
7. Formation of Small Communities – 3.41 **2**
8. Experience of the Holy Spirit – 5.25 **3**
9. Becoming an inviting church – 5.83

Discussion Questions



- Should we target the four lowest indicators for Year 1?
- What about the five year long-term plan?
- Now What?