

# Catholic Church Communities - Pastoral Council 2.28.18 Minutes

The four parish councils met on Wednesday, February, 28, 2018 at 7:30pm at St. Francis in Burlington in the. Attendees included from

*St. Francis:* Geralyn Krause; from Stan Walmeier, Leslie Mahoney, Dave Freeman

*St. Joseph:* Terry Arb, Jackie Klenda, John Lichtenauer, Kevin Thimmesh; from

*St. Patrick:* Glen Gagnon, Joan Gagnon; from

*St. Teresa:* Margie Highberger, Cara Bowen, Frank Tastove, Terry Shillig and Fr. Quentin Schmitz.

Introductions

Opening Prayer

Thank you all the effort put forth for the Everyday in Love Marriage sessions. It was a good turnout.

Want to continue to do things like that, especially as recommended from the study done in 2011 and the priorities of Archbishop.

Father would like to move forward with and emphasis on 3 of the 5 Pastoral Priorities: Conversation, Evangelization, Catholic Education

Questions:

- In the Catholic church today, a lot of persons are only showing up for the sacraments.
- How would I tell someone why I am Catholic and why they should be too.
  - Conversion and ongoing conversion -
- Formed -- how well is this tool being used?
- How to strengthen parents as being the primary educators of the faith?
- What opportunity, What group?
- Seasonal thing; May is not a good time -

Shared Ideas:

- Bring in a mission speaker -
- Explanatory mass? Yes, it will be recorded in Burlington.
  - Alteration (video series) as a follow-up to the explanatory Mass
- 33 days, Divine Mercy (only the same 8-10 people attend)
- Cursillo or Christ Renews His Parish retreat - information is on the parishes website
- Dinner for 8, or another small group gathering in homes
- Apologetics (train ourselves how to approach others)
- Short course -- 4 parishes - present once at each of the four
- Evangelization -- include people outside parishioners -
  - parenting, stewardship, community service - what does our community need?
  - Take our own mission trip? Pilgrimage -
  - One day trip to Cathedral or pilgrimage site
- Theology on the tap --
- Lake Day (something fun) -- all the families
- Confirmation students -- come back together for something fun later
- Corpus Christi procession - June 3, 2018
- Participate in PSR Family Day

From the ideas shared, two stood out: TWO THINGS TO EMPHASIS

- **Service** - one day in each of the four communities (mini Prayer & Action)
  - Friday/Saturday? Or multiple evenings -
  - Jackie Klenda opted to head this one up; Dave Freeman; Glen Gagon, Terry Schillig & Frank Tastove
- **Family Lake Day**
  - Jeri will head up Lake Day, Margie Highberger, Terry Arb, Joan Gagnon

Other notes

- Legion of Mary is going to head up a Dynamic Bible 4- weeks summer, 5 weeks during fall
- Father invited us to share ideas with him prior to our next meeting in the fall
- Joan suggested we have our own 4 parish council members flocknote group

Father closed the meeting with a Glory Be and intercession of the four patrons of our parishes.

Father began by referencing Recommendation 1 from 2011 study: **Continue to improve communication and coordination between the parishes. The utilization of the four parish stewardship committee is a meaningful way to do this. This stewardship committee may develop into an area or cluster pastoral council made up of members from individual parish councils. The area or cluster council should be engaged in visioning, ministry planning and matters of strategic significance to make the best use of financial and human resources, coordinate ministry, eliminate duplication, and make parish programs and services available for all Catholics yet under the care of one priest.**