

**ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2017-APPROVED AS AMENDED (SEE RED CHANGES)**

ATTENDANCE

NAME	TITLE	TERM	Attendance
Fr. Larry Zurawski	Pastor		Present
Dick Hull	Chair, Parish Council	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Jeff Vitale	Vice Chair, Parish Council	Term ends - June, 2020	Present
Matt Ostrowski	Parish Council Representative	Term ends – June, 2019	Present
Ed Pavlicka	Parish Council Representative	Term ends – June, 2018	Absent
Anthony Saurine	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2019	Present
Ericka Fix	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Garry Fix	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2018	Present
Neil Fraylick	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2020	Present
Paul Hill	Parish Council Representative	Term ends - June, 2020	Present
Randy Berd	Chair, Stewardship Commission		Present
Diane Bosen	Chair, Christian Service Commission		Present
Ted Lang	Chair, Evangelization Commission		Present
Dawn Pulcer	Vicariate Representative		Present
Vacant	Chair, Worship Commission		Absent

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Dick Hull called the meeting to order at 7:01pm as he had volunteered to chair the Parish Pastoral Council after speaking to Fr. Larry subsequent to the last meeting (9/18/17). Fr. Larry designated Jeff Vitale as Vice Chair, he agreed to Chair the Pastoral Council when Dick’s term expires in June, 2018.

OPENING PRAYER – Dick Hull

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Liz Osinski (Evangelization Commission) requested to be added to agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Meeting: September 18, 2017) – APPROVED

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL PURPOSE

The Pastoral Council is the primary visioning body of the parish, assisting the pastor in determining the overall mission of the parish. As the primary visioning body of the parish, the Parish Pastoral Council assists the pastor in:

- Soliciting the wisdom of the parish community on pastoral matters
- Forming a consensus about pastoral planning which addresses the needs of the parish
- Communicating the pastoral vision to the parish as a whole
- Involving the parish commissions in implementing the vision

GUEST – Liz Osinski (Evangelization Commission) requested to be added to the PC agenda. She introduced and spoke about the concept of a new “Intercessory Prayer Group for St Therese” as recommended on page 30 55 of *Unleash The Gospel*. See Evangelization Commission and Worship Commission Minutes for Additional Details.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL PROJECTS/APPROVALS

The PC unanimously approved the new group requested by guest speaker above and noted that there isn't anyone here that would be opposed to additional prayers.

Suggestion Program – New program suggestions requested by parishioners/staff will be considered for approval at Parish Council – Paul Hill to take over for Terry Zalewski and he will come up with new protocol including a potential form letter thanking/describing implementation and/or polite rejection of “suggested program”.

New Parishioner Orientation will be headed up by the Evangelization Commission – Dawn Pulcer volunteered to assist new parishioners starting in January, 2018.

COMMISSION UPDATES:

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION – Diane Bosen reviewed the Christian Service Commission minutes (Meeting held October 9, 2017). Highlights included were: 1. Two new bakers have joined the Bountiful Bakers, 2. Circle of Friends preparing for upcoming ‘Market Days’, 3. Sr. Mary Andrew is working on Eucharist to the Homebound, 4. Parish Nurse position remains vacant, 5. Rosary Ministry has begun working on rosaries for 2018 May Crowning., 6. Request to purchase Right to Life banner to be displayed on parish lawn during Right to Life Month – Status unknown at this time, 6. Letters sent out and contact has been made with individuals/groups interested in Giving Tree Program. NEXT MEETING 11/13/17-See Christian Service Commission Minutes for additional details.

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION – Ted Lang reviewed the Evangelization Commission minutes (Meeting held October 9, 2017). Highlights included were: 1. Liz Osinski presented new Intercessory Prayer Group (see Guest Speaker above), 2. Looking for speakers on evangelization in 2018, Fr Ben Luedtke was one recommendation, 3. The new rewritten evangelization welcoming packet should be included in new member welcome packet, 4. More articles on Evangelization for parish bulletin should be coming out shortly, 5. Ted Lang is continuing to coordinate video project. NEXT MEETING 11/13/17-See Evangelization Commission minutes for additional details.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION – Randy Berd reviewed the Stewardship Commission minutes (Meeting held October 9, 2017). Highlights included were: 1. Financial Reports: Weekly Collections/Contributions Comparison total down \$6,900 compared to 2016. 2. CSA Update: We met the 2017 goal. Extra monies being returned to parish and consideration should be given to a project that parishioners will witness (i.e. new carpeting, padding of some pews, etc.) 3. Social Media: Constant Contact “Open Rates” higher when email blasts sent 2am/3am time frame. Email blasts for past few months include Family Fun Fest, CSA reminders, and ministry events. Future blasts include the youth Halloween party, All Saints Day, All Souls Day, and the purchase of a special Advent series. 4. Parish Directory updating is not needed (see Pastor Council Projects – Paul Hill). NEXT MEETING 11/13/17-See Stewardship Commission minutes for additional details.

NORTHERN MACOMB VICARIATE UPDATE – Dawn Pulcer reviewed the North Macomb Vicariate Pastoral Council minutes (Meeting held October 3, 2017). Highlights included were: 1. Single Parent Retreat at Fr Solanus Casey Center 10-14-17, 2. Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir at St John Vianney

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11-5-17, 3. Prayer for Immigrants at Gesu Church 10-27-17, 4. Meeting to be added for the purpose of reflecting on Pastoral Letter-Unleash the Gospel, 5. Remaining NMV schedule – November 28, 2017-St Lawrence (Dedicated to discussion of Unleash the Gospel, February 6, 2018-St John Vianney, April 24, 2018-SS John and Paul, June 12, 2018-St Isidore, 6. Lay Formation committee approved for funds to move ahead with the program, 7. Parishes who are NOT canceling Saturday Vigil Masses November 18 for Beatification of Fr Solanus Casey – St. Therese of Lisieux, St Kieran, St Isidore, SS John and Paul. NEXT MEETING 11/28/17-See Northern Macomb Vicariate minutes for additional details.

WORSHIP COMMISSION – In the absence of a representative, Fr Larry reviewed the Worship Commission minutes (Meeting held October 9, 2017). Highlights included were: 1. Confirmation mass (Bishop Fisher) October 29th at 3pm, 2. Macomb Community College “Comparative Religion” class attending 11:45am Mass on November 5th, 3. Bus to Ford Field available for The Beatification of Fr Solanus Casey on November 18th, bus will leave at approximately 2pm, 4. The Social Hall will only be used for the 9:45am Mass on Christmas Eve so that the Church can be decorated, 5. There will be no 11:45am Mass on Christmas Eve, 6. Thanksgiving Day Mass changed and will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm, 7. Annual Polish Mass scheduled for Sunday November 19th at 3pm, 8. Liz Osinski presented new Intercessory Prayer Group (see Guest Speaker above), Fr Larry suggested that Ted Lang present the request to the Parish Council. NEXT MEETING 11/13/17-See Worship Commission minutes for additional details.

THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

Discussed Chapter 1: Incredible Possibilities

MEMBER/GUEST TOPICS

Reminder of Guest Speaker, Fr Brian Meldrum - Unleashing the Gospel Through Ministry, October 21, 2017, 9AM - Noon

NEXT MEETING – November 20, 2017, 7pm, Ted Lang to lead opening prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Larry

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Vitale