

Present: Fr. Walter, Fr. Paul, Janet Moroney, Jan Ketonen, Dan Armstrong, Diahne Goodwin, JoAnn Witek

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome (Janet provided the prayer on behalf of Joan)
2. Minutes of Last meeting; scribe for this meeting; prayer leader for next one. JoAnn Witek will do prayer next meeting.
3. Reflection & comments on the *Joy of the Gospel*, sections 50-55. Fr. Walter asked the council to think about how we should move forward with reflecting on the *Joy of the Gospel* and share our thoughts with him at the next meeting. Should we continue in the in depth look or move more quickly with general overview of sections?
4. Pastor's comments: Update on the Parish Status Reports. Still in the works. Need some updated financial reports. Not sure when this can be completed, but it is important to do.
5. Discussion about how things are going year to date: "Year of Mercy" initiatives, Joy of the Gospel, GIFT, Reception of "Rediscover Jesus"
 - Positive feedback on Christmas bulletin format and style. Would like to see more of this in the future. The letter that was with the book also was very inviting and welcoming.
 - Suggestion – take advantage of all opportunities to communicate and share the word about the good things happening in our parishes - put notice in papers, etc. prior to Lent about various activities, etc. to encourage participation.
 - The beginning discussions of Rediscover Jesus are underway and positive so far. Too early to tell how many participants, but there are many already involved who have not participated in things in the past. There are a group of teens who have decided to read the book together over Lent.
 - Generally good participation in all the events. There are a lot of things in the air, and it is hard to see the big picture in the midst of it. It's a work in progress. It would be good to take stock again in a few months and see how things are going. Council is encouraged to actively take notice on how things are going.
6. Feedback on participation in additional Sunday evening Mass (at SIP) and Mass times in general
 - Sunday 5PM Mass:
It was hoped that there would be more participation in the additional Sunday 5 PM Mass in Stow, especially by St. Isidore people. It is important to see it through the year as it takes time to build the momentum. Right now, the ones who attend seem to love it. However, it is a lot of work and the numbers are low.

There are many people in the SEOH 5 PM that we do not see at other times - about 100 more. The Mass is reaching people who otherwise may not attend. At SIP, there are not many new people. The challenge is spreading the word, especially to encourage those attending the first Sunday to come to the third Sunday. At the end of the year we may have a better idea. All agree

that parishioners who want this Mass have to help sustain it with their participation by attending, encouraging others to attend and helping with the ministries involved. Fr. Walter will say a few words about this mass and encourage people to step up to support the mass.

– Mass Schedule in general.

If in fact we routinely add a 5 PM Mass on Sunday, there is no need for four masses at either parish on the weekend. If the number of Masses offered over the weekend were reduced, how might that impact the Mass? It's all connected and we will need to address this at the end of the year and make some decisions about Mass times.

7. Next meet at St. Isidore on February 25th.
Council members should be thinking about the above issues and pay attention to what people are saying.