

**St. John's Pastoral Council Meeting
February 10, 2009**

Members Present: Bob Austria, Linda Hayek, Sean Joyce Whipp, Ben Lowndes,
Connie Shonka, Jerry Stender, Lillian Rossiter

Pastor: Rev. Bert Thelen

Parish Staff: Rita Sherman

Guests: Fr. Roc O'Connor, Sr. Donna Marie McGargill, Tony Ward

- I. Opening Prayer** Fr. Bert opened the meeting with a prayer.
- II. Approval Of Minutes** The minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting were approved.
- III. Pastor's Report**

The Ambry has been installed in the sanctuary.
The east and west handicapped doors are scheduled to be installed in the near future.
Shortening of pews to facilitate handicapped seating is still in the plan.
We are waiting on bids for repair/replacement of the steps on the west side of the church.
The new gift table, made of iron to coordinate with the ambry and other sanctuary motif, is to be ready soon.
For questions relating to the renovation, council members may refer to the brochure "Willing To Lead" published at the time of the renovation. A copy is available in the sacristy.
A library is planned on the west side of the church in what was formerly the Martyr's Chapel. Shelving will be put in by Jerry Stender and Al Howick.
Black trim is to be placed around the side altars to heighten awareness of the of platform in front of each of these altars and prevent persons from tripping when walking in front of either of them.
Similar marking around the wheelchair ramp to the front altar will be evaluated.
The port hole windows are in the process of being reviewed. Tony Ward reported that artists are planning colors and designs to coordinate with the existing windows in the nave.
- IV. Liturgy Team Report, Fr. Roc O'Connor**

Fr. Roc reported that members of the St. John's liturgy team have met with representatives from parishes served by Jesuit priests and in some cases archdiocesan priests to review the masses offered and the number of priests available for presiding at these parishes of Holy Family, St. Benedict and St. John's.

Fr. Roc presented a printed summary of the discussion at the three parish meeting.
The Council asked a number of questions and agreed to engage in reflection

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and prayer about the concerns for adequate numbers of priests to preside at all of the currently scheduled masses at St. John's as well as St. Benedict and Holy Family.

Communication among the three parishes about this concern will continue and the Liturgy Team will bring a proposal for addressing this concern to the St. John's Pastoral Council.

V. Pastoral Council Retreat

Linda Hayak, announced that the retreat schedule will be changed and will be 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. on Saturday, February 28th. Linda asked council members to review the printed Summary Of The Hospitality Meetings prior to the retreat.

VI. Faith Formation Series

Rita Sherman reminded the council of a new Faith Formation series beginning March 1st. This is the Lenten series and focuses on "Centering Prayer". The series will once again be held on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:15 am.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned.
The next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Remaining Meetings in 2008- 2009 Council Year:

March 10, 2009

April 14, 2009

May 12, 2009

June 9, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Lil Rossiter

