

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2010, 2010 St. Therese Catholic Church

I. Discussion on Repairs

Donald Antila, Construction Manager from the Facilities and Construction Department of the Archdiocese of Chicago, was here to thoroughly explain the site inspection he did on our church and rectory on January 25, 2010. He showed us many pictures and explained the numerous problems with our church building and rectory. Based on his suggestions, the Facility Committee will come up with a concrete plan and we will start repairs in spring 2011.

II. Thanksgiving Finalization Report

The Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 10 A.M., followed by the annual luncheon in the Community Room. We need all turkey donations by this Sunday, November 21st. For those interested in helping to decorate the church from Ordinary Time to Advent (purple), please see Jade or Fr. Francis. Advent begins next Sunday.

III. Advent Book Club Discussion Report

We anticipate the arrival of the books by this Sunday. We decided that we will be ordering carry-out for the book club dinner instead of asking volunteers to come in and cook.

IV. Liturgy Committee Report

The School Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 20th at 6 P.M. at the church. Decorations for Christmas will be prepared on Sunday, December 19th after the 9:30 A.M. Mass and on Tuesday, December 21st. Decorations are located in the bell tower. **On Christmas Eve, Mass will be held at 4 P.M., which is when the Christmas Pageant will be, and at midnight. On Christmas Day, Mass will only be held at 10 A.M.** We are still waiting on the parent's permission to let their children participate in the Christmas pageant.

V. Advent Charity Event

This year, we will not have an Advent charity event, since there are too many things going on. The School is having a toy (new), clothing, and food drive (food will go to St. James pantry) for adults and children. If people donate these items to the church, the schoolchildren can pick it up and bring it back to the school.

VI. Next Year's Parish Assembly

Fr. Francis suggested separating the business aspect and the spiritual aspect of the parish assembly. It was decided that there will be a parish retreat to only focus on spiritual topics and growth, no business or parish event planning would be discussed, and would be better if it took place off-site. We are aiming to have this retreat during Lent 2011. If we really saw the need to dedicate an entire day to discuss business and planning, we would be meeting at church from maybe around 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and the food would be catered. Thus, there will no longer be a parish assembly. Everybody would be invited to both the retreat day and the parish planning day.

VII. Appreciation Luncheon/Christmas/October Count

Because this parish relies heavily on volunteers in order to operate, we should find a way to say thanks to all of our volunteers. We will be having a parish-wide appreciation lunch. The archdiocese requires every parish to have an October Mass attendance count to help them plan, and so that was discussed.

VIII. Our Next Meeting: January 10, 2011 at 7 P.M.