

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Viroqua

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2022, 5:00 PM

Present: Phyllis Krause, Joyce Humfeld (PCCW), Pat Peterson, Parker Moore, Kris Brueggen, Cathy Poshepny, Julie Steiner, Deacon Tony Shay, Fr. Joe Richards

- 1) Opening Prayer led by Fr. Joe
- 2) Old Business
 - a. Parish Directory: Julie Steiner reported on the proceedings of directory work. Photographing will be complete December 9. During the contacting-process, five volunteers also gathered information on registered parishioners' active/inactive status, with information to be shared with Fran and parish registers to be cleaned up. Special thanks to these volunteers for wading through that work!
 - b. Minutes from October 26 were reviewed & approved.
 - a. Religious Education – We are three sessions into our *Family of Faith* Core Curriculum, focusing on the Our Father. Confirmation begins this weekend (December 11), following a similar Mass/class format. The emerging theme from parental feedback is that it demands a different level of investment from parents, with making-the-time remaining a common issue, but parents appreciate getting involved in the work.
 - c. Upcoming “Big Days”
 - i. Immaculate Conception
 1. December 7 (Vigil) at 6:30 PM
 2. December 8 (Day of) at 12:10 PM
 - a. 6:30 PM Mass at Coon Valley
 - ii. Christmas
 1. We will follow the standard weekend schedule between Viroqua and Coon Valley.
 2. We will add in a midnight Mass in Viroqua. Choir will sing at 6:30 and 10:30; Beth will coordinate music for the midnight Mass.
- 3) New Business
 - a. Capital Campaign: Fr. Joe shared that we are in the very beginning of a five-year capital campaign, titled *Inspired by the Spirit*. ABVM is responsible for raising \$220,000, pledged over five years, from which we will see a \$143,000 return for our own capital improvements. Beyond this goal, the

return shifts from 65%/35% to 80%/20%. Fr. Joe requests the parish council consider projects we need to work on around the parish.

i. Timeline

1. December→January: Preliminary work – case statement and material preparation, teambuilding
2. February: Project Planning: Major Gift invitations, committee preparation, material review
3. March→April: Major Gift visits and Parish receptions
4. May: Parish Information
5. June: Commitment Weekends and Follow-up

ii. Projects (Brainstormed)

1. Church lighting
2. An elevator to replace our existing screw-lift elevator
3. Work on sound system, particular to route it to the gathering space
4. Paving the upper and/or lower parking lots
5. Accessibility to sanctuary
6. Baptismal font visibility
7. Confessional useability
8. Tables in parish hall
9. Kitchen & Downstairs exterior door replacement
10. Sidewalk and Paving repair

iii. Staffing: Fr. Joe will gather and contact committee and campaign chairs directly, TBD

4) Next Meeting Date: January 11 at 5:00 PM

5) Closing Prayer led by Fr. Joe