

Pastoral Council Update January 2019

The most recent meeting of the parish Pastoral Council was held on Thursday, December 13, 2018. Council listened to and discussed a Committee Report from Joe Crimmins who spearheaded the Parish Ministry Fair/Expo. Some positive results of the Ministry Fair: Over 30 ministries were represented; ministry leaders had an opportunity to talk to other leaders and to dialogue with parishioners. Over 100 people attended and 54 people signed up for various ministries. A suggestion that came from Council is that, as a follow up, have periodic “pop-up” Ministry Fairs (one group at a time in the vestibule of church).

At each meeting the Pastor apprises the Council on relevant parish information. This month he reported some parish personnel updates: Sister Sue Lindinger is leaving our parish after many years of service. She will be living and working at Divine Providence Village. We have hired a new Music Director Joe Holden.

Council received a follow up report on the parish survey which took place last February.

Part of the job of the Pastoral Council is to participate in Pastoral Planning. Pastoral planning is about furthering the mission of the Church, specifically here at Saint Anastasia Parish. In the past few years, 2014-18, our pastoral planning has produced the Parish Mission Statement which has given us a direction for the parish. In addition, we have formed priorities and goals which have been implemented or are in process. From these goals other activities have commenced that were not a part of the original plan such as the *Anastasian*, the formation of a Hospitality Committee, Pastoral Council meetings with various parish groups, and the Parish Ministry Fair. Now it is time for the Pastoral Council to establish a new Pastoral Plan. To begin the process, the Council split into two groups and brainstormed these questions: “What do you think our parish needs at this time?” and “What will move us forward towards our vision of one parish community?” Over the next few meetings we will go through all of our suggestions and work on arriving at a consensus about moving forward.

The next meeting of Pastoral Council is February 7th



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