



# PARISH OF SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE

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## Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** Father Erik Lundgren, Father Peter Hughes, Julie Bennett, Anna Brekke, Mark Bury, Tom Courchene, Molly Dose, Tom Dyrhaug, Brian Kane, Brian Luce, Roxanne Pieper, Patty Schmaltz, Carter Sharp, John Weckman

**Trustees:** Dick Stoks

**Absent:** Marco Soto, Fred Jurewicz

**Guest:** John Hogan, Jose Dominquez

**Opening Prayer:** Father Erik Lundgren

**Opening Comments:** Father Erik Lundgren

March 9, 2016 we will have John Crudele give his presentation at the CEC. This is a re-scheduled date due to snow storm in February. Wednesday, March 23, 2016 will be a CONFESStival day at St. Mark's Church. Confessions will be heard all day to 8pm. SACS school students will be bussed to St. Mark's Church for reconciliation. Faith Formation students will have reconciliation at St. Mark's during their normal times as well. A Divine Mercy retreat is planned for April 9, 2016 and will be open to both men and women.

St. Mark's School building status: The due diligence end date is March 31, 2016. The prospective buyer has commented that it is very costly to do what he would like to do. An amended offer has been presented. There is no interest at this time to accept the amended offer. Julie Welch has spoken to Father Erik regarding some possibilities on usage of the St. Mark's school building.

St. Mark's Parish Center offices status: The Laboure Society has declined the offer of the Parish Center offices due to location.

A St. Joseph Statue has been put up at St. Mary's Church. This was possible through a donation from a parishioner. A special celebration will take place on the feast day.

The Holy Week Masses have been set. Holy Thursday Mass will be at St. Mark's. Good Friday is Stations of the Cross at 1pm and a bilingual Mass at 3pm at St. Mark's and Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's of the Purification Marystown at 7pm. Mass on Holy Saturday will be at St. Mark's at 8pm. All Mass times will be listed in the bulletin.

The council had a short discussion on bilingual Masses and concluded that there are plenty of English spoken masses offered each week as well as Holy Days of obligation.

There is a change in the Communion flow for masses at St. Mark's. It seems to be working well.

There is a person who has been sleeping in the Adoration Chapel. Father Erik has spoken to this person to offer assistance through other programs.

**Approval of Minutes:** Molly Dose made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2016 parish council meeting. Motion was seconded by Tom Courchene. Motion carried. The minutes were approved. The February Parish Council meeting was cancelled. No February meeting minutes.

**Parish Communications:** St. Mark's church pews need some repairs. Pictures were sent to Julie Bennett at the Parish Office. John Hogan will look into it.

**Parish Communication Log:** There were no communications from SJA parishioners to discuss.

**Parish Administration Updates:** Julie Bennett

- **Financial Report** – Year to date collection is \$903,000.00 compared to \$872,000 in 2015. EFT users have increased by 26 in the first month after promoting EFT. Children's envelopes for contributions will be available in baskets in the back of all churches. The children will be able to write a good deed on the envelope. Some of the good deeds may be listed in the bulletin.
- **Buildings and Grounds** – The Columbariums are scheduled to be installed mid to end of April mainly due to road restrictions. We are seeking lawn bids for the summer of 2016. The St. Mary's Church bathrooms will be closed for 4-5 consecutive days for repair. This will be Monday through Friday. Parishioners attending the adoration chapel have been notified and this should not be an issue for them.

**Ministry Updates:** Molly Dose

- **Welcome Ministry** – We would like to have a team of people of various ages and diversity to intersect through Cathy Wideman with the RCIA program & Baptisms as well as our Catholic School. The strengths would be leadership, be strong in the parish community, need to be warm and welcoming. We would like to have a website to serve our new parishioners – explain how to register with the parish, have a connection with a Priest. Post their name in the bulletin. Our next meeting will be after Easter.
- **Women's Ministry** – There were 60+ women attending the February 6<sup>th</sup> retreat that was held in Burnsville, MN. The Parish of St. Joachim and Anne had the most women attend this retreat and was awarded the free WINE speaker. We would like to promote the Women's Ministry which would include 10-12 women as a core ministry team to expand our women's ministry with Bible study, hobbies, book clubs, etc.
- **Hands of Christ** – The Loaves and Fishes has had a change in their system. They do not have a coordinator at this time for the Loaves and Fishes program. Amy Tasto and Keith Chellsen have been stepping in to help but cannot continue on a regular basis. There has been communication with the corporate office and a temporary coordinator has been assigned to our site.

## **New Business:**

- **Signs for 3 church locations** – Brian Luce presented 2 designs from Sign Source approximate size of the sign would be 6' x 7'. Brian will have the cost estimates at the April Meeting. John Weckman said the signs he showed the council last year signs made from stone were 3 ½' x 4' and would be estimated at \$2,250.00 each.
- **St. Joachim and Anne Website** – Julie Bennett stated that the current website has been a work in progress. It is not user friendly and we are currently looking for a user-friendly site. The 2 sites we are looking into are LPI and E-Catholic. For communication we are temporarily reaching out through Facebook.
- **That Man is You** – Carter Sharp and 30 men from the parish went to the men's conference on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>. The conference promoted getting back to the basics of their faith by doing something on a daily, weekly, monthly basis. Carter would like to get a men's group organized to promote what they have learned and plan a kick-off in the fall.
- Brian Kane would like to see more advertising in the bulletin regarding the Chesterton Academy High School in Jordan, MN. The first year that it is open it will support 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The school will eventually support grades 9-12.
- **Julifest** - Carter said the first meeting for this year will be in March
- We are still in need of a new snow blower for St. Mary's church campus. The snow blower at this location will stop working after a length of time. We have had people work on it and it is time for a new one.

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Courchene: Prayer for the Feast of David of Wales

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Council members welcome any interested parishioners to attend parish council meetings held at St. Mark's parish center starting at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

April 5, 2016

May 3, 2016

June 7, 2016

July 5, 2016 (date subject to change)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roxanne Pieper