

Pastoral Council Report

The 1st Year of our 3 Year term 2014-2015

This past year, the Pastoral Council implemented a new structure. This structure gives the Council a larger role in the function and management of our parish. Father is a co-leader in this system. As the Archdiocese begins enacting the changes necessary, due to the priest shortage, the new structure will enable us to make transitions with greater ease. Members of the Council and Commissions are committed to the strong leadership of our parish.

COMMISSIONS

We have assessed the structure of the Commissions that were set up last year by the previous Council, and we are working to determine the most efficient and effective method of operation that will lead to the strength and growth of our parish. The commissions are always ready for you to share your gifts of time and talent, please contact any of these chairs where you see yourself as a good fit.

Current Commissions:

Finance Commission (The Money) chair Tom Hannan

Liturgy Commission (The Mass) chair Maureen Daniels

Christian Formation (Educational) chair Alice Fenwick

Christian Service (Social Justice Concerns) chair Cori Nations

Stewardship & Development (Giving) chair Carol Waters

LIFE FAITH GROUPS

This year we witnessed the end of the Parish Club which has been a part of the IC community for many years. However, the spirit of reaching out to parishioners and experiencing life through prayer and community lives on. We initiated our Life Faith Groups with many of the same goals in our hearts. We are reaching out to people we didn't know, renewing old friendships, as we work together, play together, and pray together.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Many of you may have noticed renovations occurring in our Gymnasium. The painting is complete, and the old floor has been removed. We have approval from the Archdiocese to move forward with a new rubberized floor. The monies from gymnasium rental have become a large part of our parish income. We expect this income to grow, as we complete the renovation.

RENTALS

We approved rental of Annex Space to The L'Arche Community. Fr. Jim will no longer occupy our residence, freeing up that space for many of our groups currently using the Annex. L'Arche owns the old Convent building on our campus, but they are outgrowing their space. We are pleased and privileged to help our good neighbors.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

We have made a strong showing at meetings and workshops sponsored by the Archdiocese. We are learning and growing month by month.

SURVEYS

Our attention has shifted recently to focus on the Surveys required by the Archdiocese. We will use this information to help guide our future. The information you share will be compiled into a report we share with the Archdiocese. The Council will also use this information to address our weaknesses and build on our strengths. This you can see becomes especially useful as we adjust to our new Priest as an administrator. Please be sure your family has completed this survey, copies are available at church.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

We would like to remind everyone that the Council is here to represent you in the Parish Community. We are working to become more visible by wearing a small red pin at Mass and Parish Events. Please give us your feedback, ask questions, and offer to share your talents. Our contact information is in the Parish Directory.

It is with great pleasure we work on your behalf,

*Teresa Lunte- Chair
Ellen Simmons-Co-Chair
Marie Mudd- Secretary*

*Robert Bott
Tom Hannan
Arlene Cleary*

*Deborah Lee
Joe Parker
Pat Richardson*

RENTERS WE CURRENTLY ACCOMMODATE....

Basement of School: (year-round)

California Martial Arts - Monday/Wednesday evenings
Heartland Ninjutsu: - Tuesday/Thursday evenings, Saturday mornings

School: (year-round)

St. Louis Irish Arts

Gym: (seasonal)

Little Flower basketball
Sigma Pi Alumni basketball
St. Louis Futsal

St. Louis Pick-up Soccer

MRH Soccer/Basketball

Hillside Sports

Trivia Nights

Wedding Receptions and Parties

Community Use:

Anonymous groups (Annex - weekly)

Ladies Auxiliary (Dining Room - monthly)

Quilters (Rectory Basement - twice a week)

Room at the Inn (La Salette Room - monthly)

Yahweh Yoga (La Salette Room - weekly)

St. Vincent de Paul Young Friends (Dining Room - monthly)