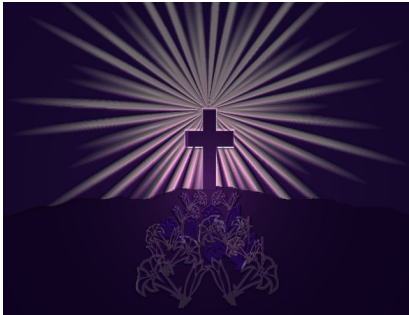


*ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH*

*PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING NOTES 11/19/2008*



*MISSION STATEMENT*

*St. Matthew Apostle Parish is a Catholic community committed to Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, blessed by Life, and guided by the Gospel.*

*Answering the call to follow Christ as disciples challenges us to support one another on our journey of faith and to witness that faith to others.*

*Dedicated to the mission of Christ, we strive to be a worshiping community reaching out, welcoming, and embracing all people.*

*PRESENT: Bob Bowen, Gina Buice, Tim Burdick, Dwayne Katzer, Karen Lozano, Janet Mossie, Bill Phillips, Bev Putthoff, Kathy Schadle, Ruth Schmidt, Thelma Smith,*

Father Lloyd,

**EXCUSED:** Jim Gately

**VISITORS:** Ann Garth

**PRAYER:** Kathy Schadle

**REFRESHMENTS:** Ruth Schmidt

Meeting began with reading of the Mission Statement followed by opening prayer.

**REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes accepted as written.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT:**

- Met last week. Went over financials for September & October. July thru Oct. resulted in a profit of \$9, 487.57.
- \$70,000 has been moved back into our savings with the diocese.
- Weekly contributions up by an average of \$400.00 per week.
- Electrical consumption by church being evaluated.
- Father Lloyd and Bev Putthoff attended the program “7 Steps to Financial Freedom”. Bev will be the first facilitator for our church program.

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT:**

- Halloween party was a “spooky” success.
- Advent decoration for the church will be done on the 29<sup>th</sup>. by the Art & Environment Committee.

**HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION:**

- Longview road cleanup was a success.
- No new info on help with foreclosures.
- Pastry weekend established; to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. weekend of each month. The first one was a treat for everyone.
- Right to Life is checking into possible projects, more into to come later. They are also trying to get funding for an ultrasound for the pregnancy crises center.
- Silver Threads going strong as always.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION:**

- Will not meet until January.

**TEMPERATURE OF THE PARISH:**

- *There was a discussion held regarding alternating the Parish Mission between Lent & Advent, allowing approximately an 18 month interval between missions. Father will take PPC suggestion to Christian Formation.*
- *Review of parish family activities. Dwayne provided us a list of the activities held in 2007. Discussion was held as to participation numbers.*
- *100 Days of Prayer – January 18, 2009 set for the Town Hall meeting. There will be 4 weeks of bulletin inserts before the meeting.*
- *Christmas giving – issue was closed, no changes.*
- *Items in the suggestion box included:*
  - ✓ *Bike racks.*
  - ✓ *Adult serves to wear albs. Father Lloyd said this is not necessary for adult servers.*
  - ✓ *Mass offerings – wanting the name of the sponsors to be listed along with the name for the Mass.*
  - ✓ *Bells during Mass.*
- *In response to the request for renovation accounting, Dwayne handed out a report. There was a discussion and Dwayne will re-do it in an easier to understand format to be provided to the parish family.*

**REVIEW OF PPC CONSTITUTION:** *This is due in February 2009. Copies will be sent to members along with the meeting notes.*

**PPC NOMINATIONS:** *Discussion was held regarding a possible timetable. The availability of Jeanne Marie Hiesberger will be a consideration.*

**Due to time, our book discussion listed below will be postponed until the January meeting.**

**READING MATERIAL :** *If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat by John Ortberg.*  
*Discussion of Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup>. Chapter to be facilitated by Ruth Schmidt.*

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 21, 2009**

**PRAYER:** *Ruth Schmidt*

**REFRESHMENTS:** *Thelma Smith*

**MASS VOLUNTEERS**

*3p.m. Karen*

*8:30am Bill*

*11am Bob*

**CLOSING PRAYER**