

The meeting of the Pastoral Council was called to order by Chair Steve Horan at 7pm. In attendance were Father Atwood, Steve Horan, Maureen Nolan, Jami Tafolla, Sharon Rettinger, Cheryl Sill, Barb Winter, Barb Geilenfeld, Eileen Koob, Carol Paul; Barb Voshell (Faith Formation Rep)

1. Everyone recited the Opening Prayer - Benedictus
2. Agenda was approved with addition of the Parish Directory review and discussion.
3. Minutes from the last meeting, 9/20/18, were approved via email.
4. Ask Father Review, the Q&A is printed in the bulletin each week, posted at the church entrances and posted on Facebook. Questions continue to be submitted and the Facebook post receives 10-15 likes each week. About 210 people follow the page. We will continue this program at this time.
5. Wine & Dine Gale update - have about 100 tickets sold, tickets will be available at the door of the event. Have had great response with donations, so there are several items for the Live and the silent auction. There will be fun games and chances to win BIG. As of right now all expenses are covered.
6. Rebuilt book - review and discussion
7. Goals - Obstacles; we continued our discussion to improve Sacred Heart Parish, council members shared goals and obstacles. We reviewed the Vision/Mission/Core Values/Key Asset sheet and agreed this is what we want our parish to look like.
8. Committee Reports: **Finance** - no report **Liturgy** - no report **Social Justice** - no report **Faith Formation** - Printed report from Nancy regarding the Youth mass, attendance is low; additional report from Barb Voshell, there are 65 RE students; Mardi Gras will be March 3, 2019; NCYC 2019 preparations have begun; Marriage on Fire was Nov 8th; The next Brews & Beliefs is Dec 2nd, 5:30pm at Oelwein Columbus Club. **School Board** - 64 students register for this year, Class Size and Reading abilities are concerns that are being addressed; Recruitment and retention committee is being formed. **Pastor's Report** - Father meet with IC regarding Latin Mass, not enough interest at this time. **Church Pictorial Directory** - the publishing company is waiting for a decision on the publishing of Names, address and phone numbers. When parishioners came to have pictures taken they were asked to fill out the form, and given the opportunity to "check the box" asking that the phone number NOT be published in the directory. The Parish has a list of parishioners with Name, address and phone number. The past directory(2011), was published with the entire parish list, which included Name, address and phone number. The motion was made by Carol, seconded by Cheryl to have the directory published with the information stated on the form, honoring the request to "not publish" by those that choose to "check the box" and not have that information included in the directory. Vote -9 yes, 1 no - motion passed. The motion was made by Steve, seconded by Cheryl to have the master parish list published in the directory, which includes those that did not have photo taken recently. Vote - 5 yes, 3 no, 1 abstained - motion passed.

Closing prayer was recited by all - Canticle of Mary

Meeting Adjourned Next meeting Dec 20, 2018

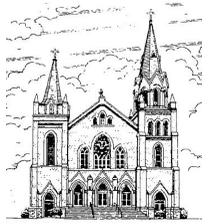
Respectfully submitted; Carol Paul, Pastoral Council Secretary

Advent is the Promise of Holiness:

Kids know that parents and teachers have their uses. Aren't we glad there is a God? Someone to rely on besides ourselves. We know from experience that God has never let anything happen to us that harmed us if we accepted it with faith in his words, hope in his promises, and trusting love. Even suffering can be turned into good. When God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven, our life will be heaven on earth. Jesus was born in Bethlehem to bring that about. Christmas is a call to be Christian. To be Christian is to want Jesus around all the time. To accept that is holiness. *Lord God in this second week of Advent we ask for strong faith. Help us to put you first every day. Help us bring the light of faith to the world. Amen.*



Sacred Heart Parish
"A Eucharistic Evangelizing Community"
December 9, 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent



Leap for Joy in the Lord

John the Baptist was probably thought of as being a strange man because of how he lived and yet people were intrigued by him and knew he was a prophet of God. His message was: "Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight His paths, repent and be forgiven, and all shall see the salvation of God." If we live as people whose cup of joy overflows, who love beyond what may seem reasonable or possible, then we shall leap for joy in the Lord who is our Lord, our Savior, and the one through whom salvation comes.



SACRED HEART ROSARY SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS
COOKIE WALK



SATURDAY DEC. 8th 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
SUNDAY DEC. 9th 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

ASSORTED HOLIDAY COOKIES

LARGE BOX: \$10 EACH

SMALL BOX: \$5 EACH



HOMEMADE CANDY

BOX: \$7



Quilt Raffle



Tickets \$1 each

Oelwein Sacred Heart Church Social Hall
Elevator Handicap Accessible

Christmas Flowers - If you would like to make donations in remembrance of someone living or deceased to help pay for Christmas Flowers and Decorations, put your monetary donation, along with the names of those to be remembered in an envelope. Mark the envelope Christmas Flowers. Place it in the collection basket, put it in the mail, or bring it to the Parish Center no later than Wed., December 19th. Names will be in the bulletin the weekend of Dec. 22 & 23.



Christmas Mass Schedule -
Monday, Dec. 24: 4:00pm at SH
6:30pm at IC
Tuesday, Dec. 25: 8:30am at IC
10:30am at SH

Donations to the Parish - The 2018 calendar year is ending soon. All donations to the parish must be postmarked or delivered to the office no later than Dec. 31st in order to be included in your 2018 financial statement. Thank You!



Our sympathy to the family of:

Regina Bergman

and to all who have lost loved ones

SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec. 8 4:30pm SH Peter Lodholz
 Sun. Dec. 9 8:30am IC For the People
 Sun. Dec. 9 10:30am SH Dr. Dawn Smith
 Mon. Dec. 10 8:00am SH Don & Artis Lamphier
 Wed. Dec. 12 8:00am IC Emmett & Gary Kane
 Thur. Dec. 13 8:00am SH For the sick
 Fri. Dec. 14 8:45am SH For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 Sat. Dec. 15 4:30pm SH David Lorsung
 Sun. Dec. 16 8:30am IC Marie Allen
 Sun. Dec. 16 10:30am SH For the People
 Mon. Dec. 17 8:00am SH Robert & Regina Bergman

Confessions on Saturday are from 3:30-4:15pm.
 Rosary is recited on Sat. at 4pm & Sun. at 10am.

December	Sat. Dec. 15 4:30pm	Sun. Dec. 16 10:30am
Mass Servers	Elzsie & Izsy Fauser	Elizabeth & Jason Recker
Music	VOLUNTEER	Youth Choir
Lectors	Alice Steinman	Olivia Yokas
Ministers of Hospitality	Joe Olson Barb Schoenjahn Brian Schoenjahn Ernie Steinman	Mike Hamilton Robert Hamilton Dawn Kendall Matt Vogel
Ministers of Hosts	Melisa Rau Jerry Marlow Christi Stecklein	Tammy Stasi Carol Paul Dan Sperfslage
Ministers of the Cup	Steve Rau TJ Stecklein Rita Thole	Teresa Loban Dennis Wolff Carol Wolff
Washers of Vessels	Melisa Rau Steve Rau	Tammy Stasi Teresa Loban
SCRIP Sellers	Leslie Yearous Jean Logan	Lynsey Steil Tammy Stasi
Rosary Leader	Novella Wilson	Marianne Reynolds
Video	Taper - Dennis & Lynne Koch	Player - Jake Blitsch

Father Atwood's Office Hours - Mondays 9-11am and 1-3pm; Wednesdays 1-2pm; and Thursdays 9-11am and 1-3pm. If you want to speak to Father Atwood call 283-9577.

Sunday Evening Mass Schedule

December 16 5pm Sacred Heart
 Everyone is Welcome to attend
 and stay for the meal afterwards

Communal Reconciliation Services this Christmas

Dec. 9 - 2pm - St. Athanasius, Jesup
 Dec. 16 - 3pm - St. John's,
 Independence
 Dec. 16 - 4pm - Blessed Sacrament,
 Waterloo

Confessions at Sacred Heart:

Thursday, December 20, 6-7pm
 Friday, December 21, 6-7pm
 Confessions at IC December 23, 6-7pm



ASK FATHER

No question and answer was
 submitted to the parish office
 this week.

Father Ray Atwood, Pastor

Deacon Jim Patera

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www.sacredheartoelwein.com

Parish Facebook:

"Sacred Heart Parish of Oelwein"

School Website:

<http://sh-oelwein.weebly.com/>



Giving Tree - This weekend you see our Giving Tree in the church. Each paper ornament gives a fictional name of a real person and their need. We invite your family to take one or more ornaments, get the gifts, and attach the ornament to the outside. Then, bring back the gift to place on the altar next weekend (Nov. 15 & 16). **Please have all gifts back by noon on Sunday, Dec. 16th** as the gifts will be sorted and distributed to families that afternoon. If you have questions about the ornament you picked, or wished to participate and did not get an ornament, call Mindy Steinlage at 283-0639. Make sharing and giving a part of your family's Christmas. Volunteers are needed and welcome to help sort the gifts beginning immediately after the 10:30 Mass on the 16th. No experience necessary...you just have to know your alphabet.

Youth Choir - Our next singing date is Sunday December 16th at 10:30 Mass. Please report at 9:45 for practice.

Adult Choir - No rehearsal this week. Rehearsal will be Dec. 19th at 6:30pm.

Wednesday Night Meals - December 12, 5pm, Columbus Club, Oelwein, **Beef Roast**, reservations would be appreciated by calling 283-1571 or 283-0562. Menu is subject to change.

Sunday Breakfast - December 9, 8am-12 noon, Aurora Legion & Auxiliary, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage, ham & scrambled eggs

"Rock This Christmas Spectacular" - December 16, 7pm, Williams Center, tickets can be purchased online, at the Chamber office, or at the Wellness Center.

Oelwein Kitchen Cupboard - We are collecting canned Tuna for the months of December and January. Monetary donations are also accepted, drop in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Kitchen Cupboard".

Our thanks to everyone for your donations to our "Month of Thanksgiving" collection. We collected a total of 217 food items plus another 136 items and a \$20 cash donation on Thanksgiving Eve for a total of 353 food items. Good Job, Sacred Heart!

Retirement Fund for Religious - Catholic Sisters ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous and use the envelope in your packet. You can also use a regular white envelope marked Retired Religious Collection.

Musicians Needed: for Saturday December 15 and Saturday December 22 at 4:30 Mass - Please call Carol Hamilton(283-2917) to volunteer.

Wine & Dine Update: Additional Donations after the Wine & Dine Gala brought our total raised to **\$15,160.24** which has been divided equally between the Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Parish. Next year's event had to be moved to Saturday November 2, rather than Nov. 9th due to a scheduling conflict at the Plaza. Mark your calendars now - we promise a night of great fun, good food and fellowship!



Our December RE 9th grade Service Project is "Cards for Christmas". On one of the tables in the east entrance you will find a basket of Christmas cards. We are asking our parish family to write a small holiday greeting (a signature is not required) on the cards. We will be sending the cards to the Veteran's home. Please feel free to take as many cards as you like. We are asking the cards be returned by Dec. 17th so they can be mailed. Thank You - 9th grade RE Class