

**ST GALL PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 28, 2019 – 7 PM**

- Opening Prayer
- Welcome new members & Introductions
- Review and approved previous minutes
- Update on current programs
  - Youth Ministry
    - Camp Wow 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June – middle school
    - Franciscan University – Steubenville – High School – reserved 10 spots
    - Project 541 – Faith Group for young high school women
    - Large group for high school students (currently a small group)
    - Making calls to parents to promote youth ministry – create a discipleship culture for Youth
  - Ladies R&R Events
    - Over 60 attended last event
    - Talk and prayer, food and adoration
    - Next one scheduled for May 17th
- New initiatives
  - Reconstitution/revamp of Altar and Rosary Society
  - Attempts to foster community:
    - Exodus 90
    - Currently about a dozen with Father
    - Family Ministry – still rolling out
      - Gather at the rectory, parents and children
      - Done a few times, probably do another in March
      - Trying to get it rolling and self-sustaining
  - Time/Talent/Treasure sheet
    - Encourage greater parish participation in various ministries
- Lent:
  - give up/take up/offer up bulletin insert;
  - stations of the cross;
  - Formed Bible Study launch
  - St. Gall Community Service Days and Lenten alms/service project
    - Northern Illinois Food Bank
      - Tina Murdock is organizing a volunteer day on March 23<sup>rd</sup>
    - In church alms giving
      - Perhaps have people collect at home and bring in at the end of Lent
    - Hope for Haitians next year
    - FORMED Bible study
  - No Lenten mission scheduled this year
- Continued old business:
  - Parish Needs survey
  - Where do we want to be in 5 years?
    - Building
    - Parish Goals
    - What is a parish supposed to be in today's society
    - Indicators of Parish Vitality – review of document

- How do we gauge where we are at?
    - What is our goal
      - Are we meeting our goals as a parish
    - Survey parishioners
      - Ian Esling provided a draft of a new survey
    - Council members should review With a Heart Renewed survey and Indicators of Parish Vitality and formulate questions for current survey.
    - Suggestions was made that the questions be personable
    - Questions should get down to purpose
      - Does the parish help with my spiritual growth
      - Ask for a ranking of top 5 things personally important
  - Vanessa Quail will take over secretarial duties starting with March Meeting
  - Turkey Dinner is March 10<sup>th</sup>
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- NEXT MEETING MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>
  
  - ATTENDEES:
    - Dale Esling
    - Mike Sims
    - Kathy Bartel
    - Greg Farrell
    - Father DiTomo
    - Donna Pelletier
    - Jack Murdock
    - Jane Smith
    - Trudy Bednarek
    - Rick Adams
    - Vanessa Quail