

Christ Our Hope Pastoral Council Meeting – Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 – OLMC Church, Lawler

Mission Statement: *The Christ Our Hope Cluster offers meaningful, fulfilling and varied avenues of worship, Catholic education, social service and community life for all ages within our six parishes to support the active practice of Catholic faith in all that we do.*

Meeting called to order by Chairman Steve Busta (ABVM) at 7:00PM

Members Present: Steve Busta & Leon Wiemann – ABVM, Maxine Balk & Kathleen Chicken - (SM)
Barbara Shatek (SJ)

Members Absent: Roger Ott (SJ), Cheryl Mracek & Kyle Fencil - (HT), Gail Carolan & Julianne Kout - (OLMC)
Clair Blong & Melvin Bodensteiner - (SL)

COH Staff present: Grace Arens, Pastoral Associate

Opening Prayer: “Giver of All Good Gifts” - Father Aaron Junge, Pastor

Minutes from Dec. 12, 2019 reviewed and approved.

Financial Report reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Liturgy Directives Due to Potential Community Health Issues – will be in effect until further notice

EMHC: no distribution of the Precious Blood

Parishioners: No greeting following the introduction to the Mass, no holding hands at the Our Father,
Skipping the Sign of Peace (an option in the Liturgy)

Pastoral Planning & Parish Changes

++At the end of Year 2020, ABVM-Little Turkey will become an oratory. Announcement will be made at the March 1 10:30AM Mass, along with a letter to answer some of the questions that will come up.

Churches have rights. This is a death. God will bring new life out of this.

++As of July 2021 Holy Trinity, Protivin will be linked to Notre Dame parish in Cresco and under the care of Father Jacob Rouse

++Holy Trinity School will not be affected due to its corporate setup. Father Junge & Father Rouse will both get the opportunity to serve this Catholic school. The school is financially secure.

Cresco Catholic school and Holy Trinity school will remain separate.

++As a result, the four remaining parishes will have Mass every weekend & have a daily Mass as well.

People will have to step up and volunteer to serve in the various ministries.

Joining a New Parish - parishioners from Little Turkey will need to make a decision as to which parish they will become affiliated with and actively participate in. The Cluster Office will be of assistance.

++Cluster Office will eventually be moved to Ft. Atkinson

++As a Cluster Pastoral Council, it is vital that you act as a “sounding board” for Fr. Aaron and field questions, ideas, and any comments on the planning and changes. Transparency is #1 priority. Encourage people to talk to Fr. Aaron. Pray for Father Aaron and pray for wisdom as we move forward.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL – outreach to the elderly in nursing homes & shut-ins

Loneliness is becoming a bigger issue. Will be working on ways to alleviate this situation for more outreach.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment: 8:00PM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 28, 2020 – OLMC

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Balk - Recording Secretary

