

**Pastoral Council Retreat
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2016**

Members excused

Pat Schmitz

We assemble in God's name

Opening Prayer

Prayers of Intercession for the needs of the parish and individuals

Pastor's Report

The second session of ChristLife has ended and the third session will begin in Spring, 2017 upon the completion of children's Faith Formation to accommodate the logistics of space. Continuation of adult Faith Formation is important and these sessions proved to be successful. Father Bob's Advent retreat talks will be on December 13th and 14th. Father Bob may do mini-Advent talks on Wednesday evenings during Advent. The elevation of the cup of the Blood of Christ as well as other liturgical topics was discussed. It was recommended that Fr. Bob place bulletin bursts to share the correct liturgical rite of the reception of the Blood of Christ, holding hands during the Our Father, genuflecting and other topics of the rite during Mass.

Finance Council

The Bridge to the Future campaign is underway with 60 families responding with donations of \$28,522 of which \$25,767 is collected and the remaining \$2,755 pledged. Nineteen families increased their annual giving by \$18,000. We are a third of the way to goal in less than a month of this financial campaign. It was recommended that a thermometer be in the gathering space as well as on Facebook as a visual reminder to pledge.

Winter Social

This year's social will be held on Friday, February 3, 2017 at Parkside's Banquet Hall. The new venue was recommended to accommodate the growing attendance. Donations are coming in with great auction items and we will have some pre-affle items that will encourage non-attending Parishioner's participation. New members are stepping in to assist on the planning committee including newer Parish members. There will be a live band for the after auction party.

Commission Updates

The Knights of Columbus raised \$1500 in their lifesaver campaign which netted \$900 given to Care Net. Through their pasta dinner and breakfast children coat drive they raised \$1700. They donated \$1000 in coats, hats and gloves to the needy children at Frank School.

The Human Concerns chair has stepped down. This commission includes: St Vincent DePaul, La Sagrada Familia and the Christmas ministry. Pam Jacobsen and Tom Binder said they may co-chair this commission and have a commission meeting and invite Kyle Layton, Deacon Rich and Rich Sosa.

