

## 12-3-15 St. Helen Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

1. Presentation from Mrs. Johnson about school activities.

The Christmas Fair on 12/5 10-2; school mass will be at 9am, the raffle will be at 1:30pm. Thanksgiving potluck went well. There were about 150-160 people who attended.

2. New Business:

- a. Reformation of the Parish Council

Reviewed the Book 1 General Norms, Accountability and Ecclesiastical Processes.

2016 7pm Parish Council Meetings Set for: 2/4, 4/7, 6/2, 8/4, 10/6, 12/1

Father Frank will invite more members to represent the Polish & young-adult parishioners.

Revised the Mission Statement by extracting parts of the Mission Narrative, which was developed during the Parish Transformation meetings.

It reads as follows:

*We, the people of St. Helen Church, are called to embody our motto, "Proud of our Past, we move forward with Faith." We owe a debt of gratitude to the Catholics of Polish birth and descent who founded our parish more than a century ago and laid the foundation upon which we continue to build today.*

*Our patron, St. Helen, who found the True Cross, was a builder of churches and a provider for the poor and exiled. We strive to follow the example of her spiritual quest and to strengthen our parish by accepting our diversity, by welcoming those who have lost their way, and by serving those in our community.*

*We recognize the importance of a strong union between our diverse and growing school community and our church of mercy that will keep St. Helen's light burning bright for another 100 years. Participating in the Mission of Christ, the Church of St. Helen proclaims the Good News of salvation and celebrates Holy Sacraments by faith in Jesus, by guiding people to know Jesus and to unite their lives to Him.*

It will be posted on the website and in the bulletin.

If parishioners would like to suggest topics to be added the Parish Pastoral Council meeting agenda, please email either the Parish Pastoral Council at

[sthelenparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenparishcouncil@gmail.com) or our president, Harriet, at [hmsiller@gmail.com](mailto:hmsiller@gmail.com)

- b. Jubilee of Mercy

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will have an action item to develop the Church activities for the Jubilee of Mercy. The school will be developing a plan for the Jubilee of Mercy with the faculty.

- c. Parish Transformation

The meeting to review the Parish Transformation plan with Bishop Rojas will be on 2/12/16 at 5pm. That plan will be published for the entire parish to view in Q1 of 2016.

Please contact Harriet if you would like to see a draft.

Harriet will be contacting those who participated in the Parish Transformation meetings to set dates for follow-up meetings. Those will be targeted for January, March and May. It will be evaluated at a later date if the group needs to continue meeting.