

**Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church
Parish Council – Minutes – Meeting #3
Thursday November 18, 2010
7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fr. Oldani Hall**

Agenda Item	Notes	Follow Up
Open Meeting	Meeting opened at 7:45 p.m.	
1. Opening Prayer	Mary Ann Kocsis offered the prayer. Elaine Latarski will prepare the prayer for January 2011. There is no December 2010 meeting.	Keep praying!
1. Roll Call	See list below.	
1. Approval of Minutes, Oct 2010	Approved first by Joann Vasley Seconded by Matt Hansen Minutes were approved with corrections.	
1. Approval of Meeting Agenda	Approved by Alice Namovich Seconded by Elaine Latarski	
1. New Business	Chris Frizzell reported on a project to welcome new parishioners' package. Gwen Brooks will follow up with Fr. Gerry on the welcome package we should have from Olan Mills. Kathy Hansen discussed the possibility of having Bingo at the parish. Reports were given that St. Richards and St. Mel's have large crowds for their parish bingos scheduled during the day and during the evening. Others noted the time commitment, including kitchen support, as well as the need to seek State of Michigan license. The inaugural Saturday night dinner raised \$145.75. Forty people were in attendance. In January 2011 soup and sandwich. Request was made to pick a regular date or week of the night. Request was made for the assistance of the Youth Group to make this possible.	
1. Old Business	Donut Sunday – Issues arose regarding to the setup at the end of the mass. Those who are responsible for the Donut Sunday should assist with set up each month. See the October minutes for the schedule for the year. December Donut Sunday will be on December 19 th . O'Meara Ferguson Update – Gwen and Robin commented on the process of inventorying the parish assets. Gwen and Robin also discussed issues with their parish financial model. Discussion was held on what is a healthy parish and how our parish embraces and acts on the message in the Gospel – in spite of our financial challenges.	

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1. Vicariate Report	Discussion held on where our Vicariate will be in 5 years. Concerns expressed about youth leaving the church, how to assist Holy Family, the only Catholic parish remaining in the City of Inkster, with access the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at St. Mary's. The new Vicariate website is in process. Next meeting is in February 2011.	
1. Pastor's Comments	Fr. Gerry expressed concerns about the Archdiocese of Detroit's support of the last Catholic parish in Inkster, Holy Family Parish. Fr. Gerry commented on celebrating the Incarnation, the word becoming flesh. Both Advent and Christmas involved a lot of work around the parish. Please do not lose sight of the Incarnation: it's happening now among all of us!	
1. Open Forum	Postponed to the next meeting in January 2011.	
1. Commission Reports	<p>Christian Service – Diaper drive was very successful. Donut Sunday is this Sunday. The Giving Tree will be up starting with November 28th. All food collected on Thanksgiving Day will be used for Christmas baskets delivered to the needy. There were 26 pints donated at the last American Red Cross Blood Drive.</p> <p>Education - PSR going well! Estimating 7-9 baptisms, 7 first communions, and 14 confirmations this year. Total enrollment in PSF this year is about 80 students. Developing a Lenten Program with Bishop Gumbleton. Elaine Latarski is hopes to have Angela Hospice send a speaker to our parish to talk about end of life issues.</p> <p>Worship – Plans for Advent and Lent were discussed. Plans are being made to upgrade lay ministry training. Henry reported on the expanded activities for the 2010 World AIDS Day Prayer Service which is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit.</p> <p>Finance & Administration – See report above. Also discussed was a new external sign for the parish; George Marvaso is heading up this project. Salsa sale plus pizza kits in January for the 2011 Superbowl, partnering with PSR on the sales of salsa and pizza sales.</p> <p>Youth Report – Went to Three Cedars Farm.. Planning to help with one of the future train shows, preparing for the Santa breakfast. The Rainbows project is coming up in February 2011.</p>	<p>Upcoming parish activities:</p> <p>The Giving Tree</p> <p>Christmas Food Collection at Thanksgiving</p> <p>Presentation on End-of-Life Issues</p> <p>Lay Minister Training</p> <p>World AIDS Day December 1st</p> <p>Pizza Kits Sale</p> <p>Salsa Sale</p> <p>Youth Group Santa Breakfast</p>
1. Closing Prayer	<p>The "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" and "Glory" was prayed by everyone at the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 9:04 p.m.</p>	Keep on praying!

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Future Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Parish Operational Procedures• Official Parish Prayer• Welcome Committee (possibly part of a new Parish Life Committee?)• Young Adult Programming (possibly part of a new Parish Life Committee?) – follow up after the March 2010 Vicariate meeting• Annual calendar planning, including planning for Advent and Lent• Grounds clean up-date – Spring 2011		

PARISH COUNCIL STAFF:

<i>Parish Council Staff</i>	<i>Staff Member</i>	√	<i>Term Expires</i>
Council Chairperson	Kathy Hansen	√	2011
Vice Chairperson	Gwen Brooks	√	2011
Secretary	Robin Wagner	√	2011
Pastor	Fr. Gerry Bechard		

COMMISSION MEMBERS (1 year term; renewable for 1 year):

<i>Commission</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>	√	<i>Term Expires</i>
Christian Service	Alice Namovich	√	2011
Education	Elaine Latarski	√	2011
Worship	Joanne Vasely	√	2011
Youth	Matthew Hansen	√	2011
Finance & Administration	Gwen Brooks	√	2011
Vicariate Representative	Joanne Vasely	√	NA
Back-up Vicariate Representative	TBD		NA

AT LARGE MEMBERS (3 year term; renewable after 3 years):

<i>Member Name</i>	√	<i>Term Expires</i>
Larry Fabrey	√	2013
Patricia Cain	√	2013
Livio T	<i>Ex</i>	2013
Dawn Hallman	√	2012
Mickey Hansen	√	2012
Lydia Parmenter	<i>Ex</i>	2012
Chris Frizzell	√	2011

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

<i>Parishioner Name</i>
Mary Porter
Mary Ann Kocsis
Hank Johnson
George Marvaso
