

St. Agnes Pastoral Council Minutes
Meeting of January 30, 2008

Msgr. Guglielmone opened the meeting with a prayer.

There was discussion about the possibility of having a Catholic Book Sale. It would be preferable to have it run by a group that has access to many different publishers, rather than having just one publisher represented. Msgr. plans to discuss this further with Sr. Helen and John Reilly to see what might be available. John Kearns may be willing to coordinate this for us.

There was discussion about a letter received asking why children no longer receive their First Holy Communion with their parents. The school and parish staff has found it is better to have the children receive their First Communion with their peers, rather than as a family. Families that feel strongly about having their children receive their communion with their parents; do have the option of choosing to have the First Communion at their regular Sunday Mass.

Plans are moving ahead to have a Special Needs Mass once a month at St. Agnes. The idea is for the mass to be inclusive to all parishioners, but to have a focus on those with special needs, allowing them the opportunity to participate in the celebration. A group of special needs families has been meeting with the liturgy committee to help work toward having such a mass in our parish.

The placement of the handicapped section in the cathedral will be returned to its original configuration next week.

There should be at least one Pastoral Council member present at the monthly Sunday Coffees.

We discussed if people that are homebound were aware that they could request to have communion brought to them. Richard Gray is the homebound coordinator and can be contacted with any such requests.

Msgr. gave each member a copy of a pamphlet entitled Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to read. They will be available in the back of the cathedral for anyone who is interested.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on March 5th.