



**St. Benedict Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
December 6, 2016**

**MINUTES:**

The Parish Pastoral Council of St. Benedict Catholic Church, Terre Haute, IN, met on this day at 7:00 PM in the Hellman Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lorrie Scheidler. The opening prayer *An Advent Prayer* was read.

Present: Burns, Evans, Grimes, Hock, Kiefer, Miller, Osborn, Scheidler, Shanks, Weber, Fr. Martin.

Absent: Cannon.

Minutes of the November 1, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Weber. The motion passed, and minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Soup Kitchen Laundry:** A Social Outreach Update handout was given to all by Father Martin. Brief Overview:
  - a. The Soup Kitchen has been affected by the Light House Mission's decision to consolidate its outreach on South 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Because of this, average number of meals Soup Kitchen serves has gone from 100 per day to 140 per day.
  - b. The Soup Kitchen has become a recognized partner for many companies and social organizations who want to contribute to feeding the hungry. Regular donations are received from Grand Traverse Pie Co., Panera Bread, and Starbucks. Also continue to make use of Catholic Charities Food Bank.
  - c. In addition to lunch five days a week, Soup Kitchen ministry involved in distributing at Easter non-perishables the parish collects during Lent, and helps fill Christmas baskets that are distributed.
  - d. New initiatives: Clothing give-a-way in September and winter clothing during winter months; "Christmas in July"; Volunteers from Hair Express provide haircuts to soup kitchen patrons about once every six weeks; newest initiative: working with patrons who need help with laundry.
  - e. Key message from Father: Additional volunteers greatly needed as crew is stretched thin on some days!
2. **Moving Tabernacle to Main Alter:** Burns is circulating a petition to gauge interest. Motion is tabled until Parish Council receives the results of the petition.
3. **Hellman Hall Renovation:** Renovation starts after the holidays.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Posting Mission, Value, Vision Statements:** Shanks has had printed, looking for frame/carpenter from parish, then will place in entrance of Church.
2. **New Member Pictures/Update Parish Council Poster:** Need picture of one last member, then will post in back of Church.
3. **January Meeting:** The January 2017 Parish Council meeting will be held 01/24/2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Hellman Hall.

**REMARKS FROM FR. MARTIN:** None

**NEXT MEETING**

The next council meeting will be on January 24, 2017 in Hellman Hall at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made to adjourn by Kiefer. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Hock

**Approved:**

A copy of these minutes will be placed as an insert in the bulletin after approval. They are also on file in the parish office and available through a link on the St. Benedict website ([stbenedicth.org](http://stbenedicth.org)). Parish Pastoral Council meetings are open to all parishioners and are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, except December and July. Questions can be directed to any council member whose names are in the parish directory.