

**ST. MARY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

PARISH COUNCIL FUNCTION AND MEMBERSHIP:

A new **Diocesan Policies for Parish Pastoral Council** was passed out so parishioners can be well informed about the function and policies of the parish pastoral council. It was decided to conduct annual elections of council members according to the new policies as well as to encourage more participation by all language groups.

PARISH LIFE:

1. A new women's group has been formed called Women of Mary which will function in the area of stewardship, undertaking many projects to serve our parish community. There will be no dues and all women are invited to participate.
2. Important to all who attended the meeting was the concern of how to encourage parishioners to register, to welcome visitors and new parishioners, and to keep our parish members informed of how they can serve and be blessed in our parish.
3. The Mary's Garden project continues to be researched and advice sought for further development.

THANKSGIVING DINNER will be November 19th at 6:00.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS will be in English.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS will be in Spanish.

SOCIAL JUSTICE, YOUTH GROUP and FINANCE all gave reports of continued good support and outcomes. Our parish is receiving more funds than expenditures and was able to deposit \$10,000 into our Little Rock fund. Thirteen people from our parish will attend the National Catholic Youth Convention. Hope's Kitchen continues to be blessed with donations.

NEW BUSINESS: Father Salvador explained the need for a new sign in front of our church building which would identify us more clearly. It will replace the marquee we currently have; Mass times will not be included.

Prayers were requested for Father Hart.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday January 21, 2018 at 6:00 in the parish office.