

**St. Thomas Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
August 18, 2008**

Members:

Fr. Tom Rzepiela  
Fr. Ryszard Gron (a)  
Cherie Bott  
John Breit  
Mark Duffey  
Cathy Edbrooke  
Lee Fialek

Carlos Murguia  
Theresa Narantic  
Geri Ruzbasan  
Ron Schaefer (a)  
Randy Schappert  
Cheryle Seiling  
Albert Swiatek  
Tom Walsh (a)

(a) absent)

Prayer/Reflection was given by John Breit.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the July 21, 2008 were reviewed. Correction was noted on Page 3, Closing Prayer, add name: Lee Fialek. Minutes were approved as corrected.

**PPC Housekeeping**

Signup for representation at the New Parishioners Meetings was circulated .

**Father Tom's Report**

Fr. Tom reported that the upcoming Golf Outing is sold out.

**Action and Consensus Items**

Recognition of outstanding parishioners - Fr. Tom reported that the Staff has been looking at this and possibly a monthly recognition by Pastor or Staff would be suitable. Participation for the annual Christi Fidelis Award by the PPC will continue.

Needs Assessment Survey – Discussion on an approach to a survey in connection with the St. Thomas of Villanova's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2011 was held. A possible flyer in the pews or in the bulletin were suggestions.

**Subcommittee and Reporting Items**

Parish Census – Data transfer from old to new computers is proceeding, and new software installation is in progress.

Octoberfest/Parish Picnic – Cheryle Seiling reported that plans are proceeding for the Saturday, Oct. 4 event. Food and beverages, and possibly some specialty foods by the Polish Community, will be prepared and sold by St. Thomas volunteers. Games are being planned. An auto/truck/motorcycle exhibit is in the works. Entertainment is still being pursued.

### **Ministry and Staff Reports**

Finance –Cathy Edbrooke presented the year-end Finance Committee Report at 6/30/08 which showed a positive result for the year.

School – Geri Ruzbasen reported that there are 219 students enrolled – increases in every grade except 8<sup>th</sup>. The School Board has a new member with internet experience. Geri reported that the school sign should be installed by this Friday or Saturday. If not, PPC recommended additional action.

Religious Ed/ Youth – No new information to report.

Polish Community – Maria Nowakowski introduced Albert Swiatek as the new Polish Community representative to the parish council. They reported that the Polish people are embracing Fr. Ryszard, he is very bright and touching their hearts. He will be conducting baptisms for Polish families during the 1:30 Mass, and needs the 12:30 baptisms to be finished before 1:30 if possible.

Social Justice/Ministry of Care – No new information to report.

Deanery Council – No report.

Parish Manager – A report prepared by Ron Schafer was read by Carlos Murguia. Items included: School cleaning and improvements are complete. School parking lot pot holes have been filled. New cement sidewalk installed at main entrance and at rear school walk. At church, Fr. Tom's parking space has been enlarged and plantings relocated.

Deacon Report – No new information to report.

Liturgy Committee - Lee Fialek distributed a list of liturgy items, which included replacement needs of positions, meeting and Mass dates for September, and need for a baptismal font at the Church entrance by the Narthex.

Marriage Ministry – John Breit reported that the movie “Fireproof” opening 9/26/08 is endorsed.

Wrap-up Items – None.

Closing Prayer/Reflection was led by Mark Duffey.

Next Meeting Date will be Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

[Thanks, Debbie McCormick, for being the Secretary for the July meeting.]

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherie Bott