

**ST. MARK PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes from meeting January 31, 2009**

Attending: Fr. Jim Sichko, Greg Gaerke, Linda Clark, Nicole Stuart, Jim Swartz, Beth Grant

The January 31, 2009 meeting of the St. Mark Pastoral Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Faith Sharing**

The Scripture for Sunday was from Matthew 1: 40 - 45. Discussion was had on the scripture about the leper who Christ healed. How long would we remember a healing such as this?

**Review/Approval Minutes**

The minutes from the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed amended and approved, and the motion made by Linda Clark and seconded by Jim Swartz to approve them.

**Review of Parish Goals**

Communication: Discussion was had on what forms we use currently, the phone, web site, bulletin board, phone tree, mailings, announcements at mass etc. Father noted that during our recent disastrous bouts with weather, that communication was virtually impossible for most if not all of our community. Discussion ensued on how we might better prepare to meet the needs of our parish and community during these times. Nicole Stuart (chair) and Greg Gaerke (second) will head a committee to research this issue. They will contact others who will consult on a plan for communication in times when all other forms of communication are impossible. They will present a progress report the Pastoral Council meeting in March.

Discussion was also had about the possibility of developing a data base of parishioner emails addresses. Father will check with the web developer about the feasibility of doing so. Beth will remind him to send a communication to the developer.

**Parish Life**

- Lenten Mission: TBD at the February meeting.

**Closing Prayer**

- Closing prayer was led by Father Sichko.

Pastoral Council adjourned at 8:30 pm