



# ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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**Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 20, 2017  
6:30pm, St. Joseph's Church ("cry room")**

## **Agenda**

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Review/Approval of Minutes** (*regular meeting of September 18*)
- 3. Old Business**
  - a. Christian Formation: *A Family of Faith***
  - b. Christmas Mass Schedule**
  - c. Youth Member of Pastoral Council**
- 4. New Business**
  - a. Dinner at St. Helen's (November 11)**
  - b. Community Thanksgiving Dinner (November 23)**
  - c. Operation Andrew (November 30)**
  - d. Advent Giving Trees**
  - e. Christmas Food Baskets (distribution December 13)**
  - f. "The Light is ON for You" (December 19)**
  - g. Parish Annual Reports 2016-2017**
  - h. Upcoming Diocesan Capital Campaign**
- 5. Pastoral Plan**
  - a. Resubmitted Plan unchanged (September 20)**
  - b. Meeting with Bishop LaValley (October 12)**
  - c. Next: Review by diocesan Living Stones Planning Committee**
  - d. Final: Decision by Bishop LaValley**
- 6. Next Meeting: Monday, January 15, 6:30pm** (*note: MLK holiday*)
- 7. Closing Prayer**

## **Opening Prayer**

Lord God,  
source of every grace and blessing,  
we give you thanks for the many gifts  
that you have given to St. André Bessette Parish.  
We seek to be good stewards of them, Lord.  
Bless us who gather here.  
We ask for courage and perseverance  
in acknowledging difficulties  
and identifying their solutions.  
We ask for open minds,  
that we might be wise and creative  
in making complex decisions and planning for the future.  
Send your Holy Spirit and be present among us  
in the mouths of all who speak,  
in the ears of all who listen,  
and at the heart of all we say and do.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Closing Prayer**

Saint Brother André,  
we celebrate your presence among us.  
Your loving friendship with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
makes you a powerful intercessor with the Father.  
Compassion carries your words straight to God's heart,  
and your prayers are answered and bring comfort and healing.  
Through you, from our lips to God's ear,  
our supplications are heard.  
We ask to be made a part of God's work, alongside you,  
in the spirit of prayer, compassion and humility.

Saint André Bessette, pray for us.