

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 11, 2016

Room 167

Members Present: Fr. Dan, Sandy Beris, Ann Dumais, Mike Huck, Kurt Lange, Dennis Kiraly, Joe DiGiovanni, Barbara Garavalia, Al Martin, Luanne Roth, Aaron Nosek, Liz Russell, Bill Gallagher

Members Absent: Fr. Maciej, Neil Wisker

Guests: Seminarian Mike McMahon

Meeting Began: 7:01 PM

Opening Prayer: Barbara Garavalia

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of March were approved by email with multiple corrections.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda for April was approved.

Commission Reports:

Adult Faith

- Ministries are drawing to a close – it was a very successful year.
- Men's CHRIP is this April, but has been experiencing low enrollment. Consideration has been given to canceling the weekend if less than 15 sign up.

Finance

- Within \$300 of the projected Easter budget
- The parish is consistently under on revenues, but also under on expenses. Therefore, the parish continues to run on a balanced budget.
- The overall budget will not be presented to the PPC until the June meeting (as opposed to May)

Liturgical Life

- Father Maciej's Report
 - i. Corpus Christi planning meeting at SsP&P this week. The Mass will take pavilion area, near the VFW building at the River Walk and a procession to 4 altars will follow.
 - ii. There will be a shuttle bus available to take parishioners to the park.
 - iii. The fund raiser with Pancake Café sold 400 lbs of ham and turkey for Hesus House.
 - iv. Ritual book for the Marriage Rite has a new transition and it has been ordered.
- Review of Holy Week, Easter, and Divine Mercy Sun.
 - i. Easter Vigil needs the portable speaker system for the outdoors part.
 - ii. The video quality wasn't the best it kept shorting in and out. Looking into solutions.
 - iii. The fire video continued during the Lit of the Word. It should be turned off at that time.
 - iv. Some missed the slides that were used in the Vigil in the past. Fr. Maciej commented that multi-media is not need during formal liturgy.
 - v. Living Stations received compliments; one suggestion was to use the wireless microphone so the reader can be heard over the music.

- vi. Holy Thursday - some comments, it felt rushed, only washing one foot changed the tradition for some, some liked one foot it made it quicker. Fr. Maciej commented that the focus of this liturgy is the Eucharist not the foot washing.
- vii. Divine Mercy - 300 people attended. Holding the relics was a very powerful experience for Seminarian Michael.
- 40 Hour Devotion - Sign-ups are needed for many of the hours.
- Blessings of Cycles, Cars, Bikes, etc - this blessing will take place June 5 after the 12:15 mass.
- Worship aid music suggestions - There was a discussion about having the musical notes on the worship sheet for all the hymns. This was a suggestion from a parishioner. Basically there just isn't enough room on the tri fold sheets.
- Liturgy Ministry Recruitment Sunday
 - There will be ½ sheets in the pew for parishioners to sign up to help. Some parishioners from different liturgical ministries will speak at each mass.
 - Robert will send the commission the ½ sheet to review.
 - There are enough lectors but all other ministries are in need of more ministers.

School Board

- Budget is finished and waiting for approval to help determine staffing and tuition for next year
- May 6/7 – plant sale returns with help from the Tuchs. Preorders will be required
- Ann Marie Cronin (from the diocese) meet with the School Board to discuss marketing strategies
- The 7th and 8th grade trip to Mundelein is coming up, as is the 8th grade trip to Washington DC with Fr. Maciej and Seminarian Mike
- June 10th is the golf outing
- 5th graders are going to Joliet for Cathedral Day

Service Ministry & Pastoral Care

- **Rainbows** – finished their last session on 3/17/16..
- **2016 Bread for the World Offering of Letters: Survive and Thrive (4/23-24/16)** – This year's offering of letters will have a global focus of helping mothers and children "survive and thrive." It will capitalize on the great strides made in maternal and child survival rates since the 1980's, focusing not on food assistance alone, but on improving the nutrition and health of mothers and their children.
- **Lenten Prayers for Hungry People** – Running a series of weekly Lenten prayers and actions in the bulletin. These scripture readings, prayers and suggested actions are provided by Bread for the World. This is part of the SMPC's efforts to emphasize social concerns and advocacy.
- **Bereavement Group** – began on April 7th and will conclude on May 12th.
- **Harvest Sunday** – May 1, 2016
- Discussed the possibility of creating a "Hope in Action Peace and Justice Committee, with Joyce Ressel chairing it. Joyce is the parish representative for these issues with the diocese. Will consider the possibility of joining with other parishes.

Staff

- Working hard to finish up programs and budgets for the year

Youth Faith Formation

- 60 teens have already signed up for this summer's mission trip to Ohio that will take place from July 10-16.
- Harvest Sunday – April 24 = flyer distribution, May 1 = food pickup
- YFF hosted donut Sunday on April 17
- Over Spring Break, RPM students watched God is Not Dead at the parish, then meet at the theater to view the sequel.
- For the 40 Hour devotion: Sunday 2-3pm = high school hour, Monday 5-6pm = YFF hour. Books and religious articles are available for use/purchase
- Easter Care packages were delivered to Martin Ave Apts.
- 2016/17 registration begins this month. 1st and 2nd grade classes will be meeting at the Church
- VBS is back! June 13-17 in conjunction with Sts. Peter & Paul for students in K-4th grade

Pastor's Report

- Wonderful Lent & Easter season
 - Holy Thursday collection (\$900) offered to Catholic Extension Service to help people in the US, Good Friday collections are for the Holy Land (as is the usual custom)
 - TVs were used in the chapel to help with Easter overflow
 - Looking into buying the equipment needed for this and potentially broadcasting to the gym and online for homebound parishioners
- Gearing up for First Communion (April 30)
- Friday, April 15 – Mark Bernhard ordained as a transitional deacon
- This May – Michael and Keith will be ordained to the priesthood
- Parishioners are using the Capital/Building fund envelopes – the money is replacing the reserve funds that were recently used to fix the roof in the causeway.
- Catholics Checking In – online survey due by April 22

New Business:

Old Business:

- After much discussion, it was determined that at the Joint meeting that kicks off each year, the Mission and Vision of the parish would be reviewed. As a group, those gathered would recommit themselves to making St. Raphael a welcoming place for all to worship.
- New PPC at large members are needed for next year. Materials will be placed in the bulletin and the parish app. Personal invitations will continue to be offered. The weekend of April 16/17 will have speakers at the all the masses to invite and explain the PPC. (Discernment to take place in May.)
- The group discussed chapter 5 in The Holy Year of Mercy.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Dan

Meeting Ended: 8:50PM

Next PPC Meeting: May 9, at 7 PM in room 167

Opening Prayer: