

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Attendance: Father Dan Bachner, Pete Makris, Dennis Kiraly, Lacy Cortez, Joy Brackett, Jenn Pfundstein, Tony Golab, Paul Betten, Andy Blank, Peggy Overholt

Absent: Father Jose "MM" Cerna, Kate Helm, Marian Johnston, Sean Hayden

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Opening Prayer: Joy

### I. Old Business

- A. October meeting minutes are approved
- B. Members are to keep thinking of ways to encourage missionary discipleship and the importance of the eucharist.

### II. Pastor's Report

- A. The downstairs room of the school is completed now as a library.
- B. The parish library is now a meeting room.
- C. Parish Part-Time Communications Coordinator has given notice. Responsibilities will be split between the parish secretary and a school staff member.
- D. Interviewing for a Business Administrator, maybe part-time.
- E. The parish has purchased a painting depicting The Last Supper to be place in the church.
- F. The parish continues to evaluate events as they arise.
  - 1. Canceled the Advent Tea
  - 2. Looking to create a women's group to discuss faith and suggest events.
- G. Building and Grounds - refurbish the sacristy with new cabinets, carpet and paint.
- H. YFF - Chris T is starting a new group for Juniors and Seniors to develop leadership and discipleship.

- I. Monthly new parishioner meetings need more school representation.
- J. Maybe next year do a ministry fair to raise awareness of opportunities to get involved.
- K. Altar servers are coming along well. Fr. MM continues to work with them.

### III. Liturgical Life Report by Tony Golab

- A. The committee is thinking through how to elevate the eucharist' true presence.
  - 1. We all should personally recommit.
  - 2. Publish miracle stories
  - 3. Put relics on display
  - 4. Recommend books/have a book club
  - 5. Replace the St. Joseph prayer with another that stresses the eucharist.
  - 6. Utilize the 'Be Formed' program by Fr. Burke Masters
    - a. 90-day program
    - b. weekly meetings and small groups
    - c. stimulate discussion
  - 7. Prayer hotline
- B. Fr. Dan noted that we need more attendance to adoration.
  - 1. Maybe a motivational speaker, then do a 40 hour adoration.
- C. Feedback from eucharistic ministers is that people are not saying 'Amen' or looking the minister in the eyes. Fr. Dan instructed not to give the eucharist in that instance.

### IV. Adult Faith Report by Peggy Overholt

- A. Adult retreat will be done during Lent.
- B. The year of St. Joseph ends December 3rd.
- C. The consecration of St. Mary will begin November 29th and end January 1st.
- D. Deacons will do Facebook church talks again during Advent.

- E. There is a speaker scheduled at the end of January.
- F. Fr. Dan asked if we should consider turning the gym kitchen into a cooking kitchen.
- G. Fr. Dan mentioned the Christmas masses will be back to normal times.
- H. Why does the bulletin email come in on the Monday after the masses?
  - Fr. Dan to ask Marian to check.
- I. Why do we send weekly donation envelopes to those that donate through the website?
  1. Some people still use the envelope as something to put in the basket at mass.
  2. There is a way to opt out of paper envelopes online.

#### V. Finance report by Dennis Kiraly

- A. The year end report financial report will publish in the next bulletin.
- B. Dennis to address each mass with results as well as the outcome of the diocese audit.
- C. Audit requested more timely monthly financials, bank reconciliation is the bottleneck.
- D. Looking into phasing of the budget to smooth out 5 week vs 4 week months.
- E. May stop providing monthly donation envelopes for Loaves and Fishes now that they can collect donations directly.

#### VI. Youth Faith Formation report by Jenn Pfundstien

- A. Confirmation went well.
- B. The new confirmation class has 7-9 groups and all are doing well.
- C. RPM has good attendance.
- D. Children's Faith Formation has begun and are doing well.
- E. Children's Liturgy of the Word started back last week.
  1. Will send more notices to families to raise awareness.

F. YFF Facebook page is up and running

G. Need to bring back child lectors -

1. For 8am mass, maybe not every Sunday.

2. Fr. Dan to coordinate with Lynn.

VII. School report by Pete Makris

A. There will be a Veteran's Day Mass.

B. The 14th Open House was held.

C. Parent teacher conferences were in October.

D. The annual gala will be February 26, 2022 with the theme 'No Place Like Home'. Grand Raffle tickets are on sale now.

VIII. Service Ministry report by Sean Hayden

A. The committee met last week, discussed needed member replacements.

B. The St. Vincent DePaul collection had some hiccups. Next time will add a screening point before the truck to make sure donations brought are acceptable. Will also add more volunteers.

IX. Deanery report by Pete Makris

A. Discussed how to are the Parish Pastoral Councils working? Do they need anything such as training?

B. St. Raphael was on of the only Parish Pastoral Councils that kept regular meetings through COVID.

C. Asked to come back in February with ideas and feedback on 10 questions to consider for how to build missionary disciples.

X. New Business

A. Masks are still required at all masses now that Governor Pritzker issued the indoor requirement.

B. December meeting will be at the rector

XI. Closing Prayer by Father Dan Bachner.