

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
August 17, 2021**

The Parish Pastoral council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Parish Conference Room. Members present were Bear Wadzinski, Doug Duchac, Michele Wingate, Tom Oscar, Nancy Huber, Sandy Bishop, and Fr. Louis. Members absent: Karen Gauerke, Joe Mattke. Staff members present: Marianna Merkatoris, Ann Jelinek, Jan Huseby and Laura Reiter.

Fr. Louis started the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Doug made a motion to approve the minutes, Bear seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Staff reports: The staff reports were reviewed.

Ann: There will be a flu clinic at St. Mary's on October 3rd, from 8-12:30. This will be a regular flu shot--not for Covid.

Jan: The parish mission set for October will be postponed until Spring. September is disability awareness month. There will be special bulletin articles and prayers of the faithful for that month.

Old Business:

1. ALICE training: ALICE training will take place on Sunday, August 22 from 9:15-10:45 AM.
2. Parish Festival Report: Final numbers are not quite in, but the cash raffle was up from the last two years: ticket sales were \$19,720. The council mentioned that everything was run very well and that there were lots of financial controls in place. Nancy noted that even though there were not as many vehicles for "Touch a Truck", more kids participated in the activities than ever before.
3. Outdoor Mass: The outdoor Mass originally scheduled for Sunday, August 8 at 11AM at Veterans' Memorial Park was postponed due to bad weather. The dates available for the rest of the summer did not work for the musicians, so there will be no Mass in the park this year. Next month the council will discuss if they want to plan a summer date for next year. Michele will look for availability next summer.
4. Parish ministries: Marianna thought that a parish survey would not be very helpful at this time, but she suggested that sending a survey to leaders of the parish ministries/activities for them to fill out might be a good thing to do now. The surveys would include what they want to accomplish as a leader and the strengths and challenges of that ministry/activity. Then, the council can look at the ministries/activities and see what the church should focus on. The council agreed. Marianna will put together a questionnaire for the leaders and staff for next time.

Council comments: Jan would like to have the ministries/activities on the website and she feels developing a handbook would be very helpful. Sandy thought engaging families is important. Nancy suggested sending flyers home with the school families with church activities other than Mass and fundraising. Tom suggested picking a few areas to work with at first, then to spread to other ministries/activities. Michele suggested that phone calls or small focus groups may be a good way to get information from the activity leaders.

New Business: There was no new business.

Other Business: Due to the small meeting space, Laura asked if the council wanted to change the date of the council meetings to Thursday in order to meet in the CCC. It was decided to keep the meetings on Tuesdays.

Marianna did closing prayer

Michele made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sandy seconded it and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:07PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept 21 at 6:00PM in the Parish Conference Room. Michele will prepare a closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter