

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
January 4, 2022**

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

Fr. Louis began the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

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

Staff reports: The staff reports were reviewed.

Rita made a revision to her staff report. The Bishop's Mass during Catholic Schools Week is still planned, but may be live streamed instead of inviting the schools to come to Tomahawk.

Rita also mentioned that the school knew of a family in need of monetary funds. If anyone wants to help, see Rita. Fr. Louis said the St. Mary's Needy Fund can also help out.

Bear complimented the school on the cards they made for Veteran's Day and for the parishioners for Christmas.

Laura reported for Jan: We have an update from Fr. Marchionda about hosting our Parish Mission. Sr. Ann is no longer able to participate, so it would just be Fr. Jim. We had considered the Easter season, but his schedule is leaning towards June 18-22. The parish calendar is open for these dates. The council agreed that the June dates would be fine for having the Parish Mission.

Old Business:

1. Outdoor Mass: Laura reported for Jan that she had a tentative hold on Sunday, August 14 for the Memorial park pavilion for the outdoor mass. Handpicked Bluegrass would be able to do the music. The council agreed that date would work. The outdoor mass would be at 11AM with maybe some activity following. The shelter is available until 3PM.
2. Discussion on Standing committees/goals: The goal of the pastoral council is to have every family involved in some ministry in the church.

Ideas mentioned:

- A marketing campaign reengaging parishioners
- A "Family Sunday" once a month with children/families taking roles and having fellowship after mass
- Instead of adding new activities, add to the existing activity (ex. add a special Sunday event to an existing Farmers Breakfast date)

- Begin a phone campaign asking parishioners what they are looking for
- Hold a ministry fair
- Publish a newsletter or brochure describing the various ministries and activities

Joe wanted each member of the council to pick one of the 4 standing committees (Hospitality/social, Outreach/Mission/Service, Liturgy/Worship, Christian Formation) that they wanted to work with.

- Hospitality/Social: **Staff member:** Julia Pankow **Council members:** Bear
- Outreach/Mission/Service: **Staff member:** Ann Jelinek **Council members:** Sandy
- Liturgy/Worship: **Staff members:** Jan & Fr. Louis **Council members:** Tom
- Faith Formation: **Staff member:** Marianna **Council member:** Karen

For the next meeting, Joe asked that the current document on each of the standing committees list contact people—key staff members and volunteers. Also, Joe requested a list of all parishioners. Laura will take care of these things.

New Business:

1. Tom mentioned that he has seen baptisms and marriages listed in the bulletin. He was wondering if parishioners who have died could be listed as well. Laura will talk to Tracy about this.

Fr. Anil led closing prayer.

Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bear seconded it and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb 22 at 6:00PM in the Parish Conference Room. Sandy will do the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter