

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
September 20, 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, Nancy Huber, Tom Oscar, Sandy Bishop, and Fr. Louis. Members absent: Doug Duchac, Michele Wingate and Karen Gauerke. Staff members present: Jan Huseby, Marianna Merkatoris, Ann Jelinek, Juanita Skubal and Laura Reiter. Also present was Levi Spaeth.

Fr. Louis began the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

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

Staff reports: The staff reports were reviewed.

Juanita Skubal gave a report of the school. She had a report to hand out. Juanita is the Teacher in Charge until a principal can be found. 77 students are now enrolled. Religious ed starts this week. Marianna called all parents to let them know about it. The Bible study on Sunday has 4-6 people in attendance; the Wednesday session has 8-15; the Saint Series has around 25 people. Fr. Louis' saint talk will be live streamed for the diocese and written about in the Catholic Herald. Marianna will be out for 6 weeks in the near future for ankle surgery. She is getting lesson plans ready so programs can keep going. Ann is looking into a flu clinic. It would include the COVID and flu vaccine. Laura reported for Patti Baacke. She had a report to add to the staff reports. One weekend in October will be a second collection for the Respect Life Committee. Jan is restarting the children's choir, altar server training has occurred, and rehearsals for the advent choir have begun. Nancy had a request to bring the bells back at consecration. Fr. Louis said the first goal is to get servers at every mass.

Old Business:

1. Outdoor Mass: The mass was well attended. Jan would like to add a social element to it for next year. Jan will inquire with the Cronicks on their schedule for next year. Need signs on the church doors next year.
2. Standing Committee Development Discussion-Every Family being involved in Church activities.
 - 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

It was suggested to have a Ministry spotlight in bulletin. Laura will work on that.

The council would like a report on how many people are active in a ministry right now for a baseline. Jan will get that report from her ministry scheduler.

The Ministry fair was rescheduled for Nov. 12 & 13. Sandy will make a diagram of how it will look in the CCC. Council members will contact the leaders of the ministries they oversee to see if they will be able to help out.

3. Parish Council Term Limit Review and Discussion: No discussion
4. School Principal Hiring: A candidate was just interviewed. No decision was made yet.
5. Mass time change: There have been some complaints about the earliness of 7:30AM Mass, especially by choir members. Also, there are rumors about why the change happened. Laura will write up something for the bulletin. In a few months, a comparison of the mass counts will be needed.

New Business: No new business

Other Business:

1. Church pews. The pews are loose in the front handicap section. Jan said only one person complained, and we don't really want to mess up the floor, but she will have Kevin see if the chairs are in good shape. Some other pews may be loose, and Jan will have Kevin see if all the pews are solid and in good shape.
2. It was brought up whether the council could do something to support the teachers. Nancy said Home and School is doing things to help teachers, like providing dinners and pies. Laura said the Finance council will be doing something financially for the teachers.
3. Tom wanted to thank the staff for the nice job on bulletin and web communication.
4. Tom talked about the Synod and passed out an article. He would like everyone to read it and discuss it at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

Tom did the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6:00PM in the Parish Conference Room.

Tom will do the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter

Joe would like to discuss Altar servers as old business next time.