

# Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 6, 2023

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Notre Dame Room in the Parish Center on 106th Street on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Council members in attendance were: Fr. Matthew Perumpil, Pastor, Mary Maberry, Council Chair, Karen Brah, John Czepulis, Devan Gracyalny, Gary Jensen, Jon Leonardelli, Dave Shook, and Susan Scharmach, Secretary. Also in attendance was Grace Elliott, Trustee.

Excused were John Gomez and John Weber.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:25 PM.
2. Fr. Matthew opened the meeting with reflection on the Gospel reading from Sunday, the Transfiguration of Christ
3. Archbishop's Pallium Lecture Review
  - "Love for the Eucharist in an Apostolic Age" presented by Msgr. James Shea was well attended
  - When we attend Mass, we have a front row seat witnessing the transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ; however, many do not realize they are witnesses
4. Eucharistic Revival
  - Committee Members: John Czepulis, John Gomez, Devan Gracyalny, Grace Elliott, Mary Maberry, Joseph Wittmann, Liturgist, and Trish Schickert
    - Next meeting March 15th
    - Looking at our Parish community and how we can be revitalized and united in the Eucharist
    - Focus on the healing power of the Eucharist
  - Possible procession in Church on the Feast of Corpus Christi weekend Masses June 10 & 11
5. Lenten Parish Mission/Retreat
  - Program Announcement in Parish Bulletin
    - March 20, 21 and 22
    - Adoration 6:30 PM
    - Benediction 7:00 PM
    - Fr. Tim Kitzke Presentation 45 Minutes, with opportunity following for reconciliation on March 20th and 21st
    - Ending with a social on Wednesday, March 22nd after Fr. Kitzke's presentation – Grace, Karen and Christian Women
  - Handout Invitation to attend Lenten Mission will be distributed after Masses weekend of March 18 & 19
  - Live Stream Event
6. Continued Discussion of our Parish Path – Gary Jensen
  - Handout listing activities/social events other parishes are sponsoring
  - Council – What is our Parish path?
    - *Council assignment to further review handout and bring creative ideas to the May Meeting*

7. Orientation, Nomination and Election Committee (O.N.E.) – Gary, Karen and Susan
  - Timeline Handout
    - Bulletin Announcement weekends of March 18 & 19 and March 25 & 26
    - Pulpit Announcement weekend of March 25 & 26 – Karen Brah all Masses
    - Nomination weekend April 15 & 16 with Pulpit Announcement at all Masses
      - 4:00 PM – Jon Leonardelli      8:30 AM – Mary Maberry
      - 10:30 AM – John Czepulis      7:00 PM – Devan Gracyalny
8. Updates
  - Liaison Reports
    - Liturgy – Karen Brah
      - Discussion on Pope Francis' letter on liturgical formation
      - Quarterly meetings will be held
    - Deanery – John Czepulis (no update)
    - Evangelization/Formation – Jon Leonardelli & Devan Gracyalny
      - Lenten Stations will be led by students with no Stations during Mission week
      - Pancake breakfast on April 30th inviting all MPH families and grandparents
      - Activities included crafts and filling holy water bottles
    - Finance – Gary Jensen (no update)
    - Human Concerns – Susan Scharmach
      - Lenten Outreach Projects underway – Congo Helping Hands and Capuchin Community Services Hygiene Items
    - Buildings & Grounds (no update)
  - Pastor's Report – Fr. Matthew
    - Easter Liturgy
      - Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
      - Good Friday – Passion of Christ 1:00 PM
      - Saturday – Easter Vigil 7:30 PM
      - Easter Sunday – Masses 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM
    - Possibility of sharing Religious Director with other Parishes
    - Notre Dame Students helping with religious education – 4 this year with possibly 7 next year
  - LOA Campaign Pledges continue to trickle in
9. Open Discussion
  - MPH 5-year Anniversary Celebration discussion with date at the end of June
10. Meeting closed with an Our Father

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Notre Dame Room

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Scharmach*

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