

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Mark Tuttle, Terri Field, Fr. Jim McNulty, John Bodnar, Elisabeth Johnston, Denise Brady, John Brady, Deb Beaman, Megan Wolschleger, Deacon Don Esler, Alex Mager

Absentees: Renee Billotto, Jane DeRoo

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Denise
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Update/discussion on returning to Mass in-person
 - i. Mark penned a personal testimonial shared with parishioners.
 - ii. As the numbers begin to go down in Michigan, we expect to see people become more comfortable coming back to church. Practices and safety measures have been put into place in effort to get back to normal while dealing with Covid. We realize that Covid is not necessarily going away. Everyone should be comfortable with their own decisions and respect others. There is no room for judgement.
 - b. Fr. Jim will share a video online prior to Advent season. Video should reach our target audience who currently are not attending weekend Masses to hear announcements or receive the bulletin.
 - i. Pizza dinner to resume following the 5 pm Mass on Saturday 12/4 and continue on first Saturday of the month. Father to request volunteers during announcements as there are not enough people to staff this event. Volunteers should contact Toni Sheffield.
 - ii. Spaghetti dinner to resume following the 5 pm Mass on Sunday 12/5 and continue on first Sunday of the month. Volunteers should contact Linda Kramer.
 - iii. Children’s Liturgy of the Word resumed recently.
 - iv. Advent Tea scheduled for Monday 11/29.
 - v. Children’s Nativity pageant scheduled for 12/11.
 - vi. Christmas Mass schedule (see below)
 - vii. Steps taken to get back to normal that has translated to numbers increasing.
 - viii. Personal invitation by Fr. Jim to return to Mass in person.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Christmas weekend schedule
 - i. Christmas Eve Mass at 4 pm (Children’s Mass), 6:30 pm, midnight
 - ii. Simulcast the 4 pm Mass in the hall

- iii. Christmas Day Mass at 8:30 am, 11 am
 - iv. Sunday (weekend) Mass at 8:30 am, 11 am
- b. Weekend Mass count
 - i. 1,326 per Mass (2019), 390 per Mass (2020), 754 per Mass (2021)
 - ii. Streaming Mass count has decreased throughout the month of October as in-person Mass attendance has increased. Results look promising with increase week over week throughout month of October. We will continue to stream online until further notice.
- c. Josh Kugler has recently resigned due to career move for his family. Fr. Jim will discern next steps and meet with Leadership Committee. Currently open to all backgrounds.
- d. Parish Survey
 - i. Priority is put on inputting the results and ability to manipulate the data, particularly transmitting data from the paper form to electronic form. This needs to be done timely or the survey results will not be pertinent. PC members agreed to help with entering the data into the database.
 - ii. Upon distribution, include a QR code and Wi-Fi name to promote electronic submission during Mass. Paper copy of the survey will be distributed in Mass as well.
 - iii. TBD when survey will be distributed.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. VICARIATE
- b. CHRISTIAN SERVICE – Denise Brady
 - i. MOPS has resumed for meetings including evenings to accommodate working mothers.
 - ii. Knights of Columbus
 - 1. Donated 8 new sinks for the school bathrooms and a refrigerator for the parish office
 - 2. Support St. Christine’s Soup Kitchen on a weekly basis.
 - iii. Outreach returns for Thanksgiving. Parishioner donated all turkeys.
 - iv. Community volunteer activity is the Wave (Welcoming All Valuing Everyone) Project on Saturday’s 11:30 am to 3 pm in Detroit.
 - 1. Helps people w/showering and personal hygiene.
 - 2. Contact Toni Sheffield for volunteering opportunities.
 - v. Meal Packing Event for Kids Coalition Against Hunger in Church Hall last month was a success. It’s great way for our kids to help others in need, bond with others in the community, and earn service hours.
- c. EDUCATION – Deb Beaman
 - i. Religious education is back in session in-person.
 - ii. School is in-person and all students and parents respect Covid protocols.
 - iii. Students signed up for sacraments.
 - iv. Recommend the Confirmation class (7th/8th graders) students both school and religious education lead Mass once a month as lectors, ushers, cantors, musicians, altar servers, etc. This activity gets families in the

door during weekend Mass and gets students engaged in the Mass. Deb to ask if this is feasible for the first Sunday of the month 5 pm Mass?

- d. EVANGELIZATION – Deacon Don
 - i. Met in September despite decrease in members based on their desire to reflect on their commitment and role in the commission.
 - ii. The strategy for the Family of Parishes to be evaluated.
 - iii. Goal is to refocus/revamp the Welcoming Committee.
 - e. SENIORS
 - f. WORSHIP
 - i. John Bodnar noted the increase in line length to receive the Eucharist during the weekend Masses. Fr. Jim will ask Worship commission if/when (2) EME's per line should be used as Mass attendance continues to increase.
 - g. FINANCE – John Brady
 - i. Have we noticed an increase in loose cash collections since we started passing the baskets during Mass? John Brady to follow up with Finance Council.
 - ii. Offertory collection and budget are going well.
 - iii. Organ is not complete due to national supply chain issue.
 - iv. Replacing the school windows is needed and creates opportunity for cost savings in utilities.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Noticed gym bathrooms do not have baby changing table. Entering winter season with more events scheduled indoors particularly the gym. Can we get one installed in the women's bathroom at a minimum and if possible both men's and women's bathroom? Fr. Jim will ask Bob Calleja to take care of it. No Finance Council approval is required.
- VII. NEXT MEETING – December 14, 2021
- a. Opening prayer – John
 - b. Closing prayer – Deb
- VIII. CLOSING PRAYER – Megan