

**St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**February 7, 2017**

**Members Present:** Jim Chitwood, Tom Cordaro, Victoria Kosirog, Julie Lomax, Mary Oliphant, Brian Pelz, Carrie Tilton, Carl Van Dril, Brendan Wagner, Don Wenig, Tom Zakosek

**Members Absent:** Fr. Paul Hottinger

**Guest Presenter:** Sue Schroeder

Council President Carl Van Dril called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Upper Room, with Jim Chitwood leading Council with St. Theresa's Prayer. Carl then welcomed Finance Committee Chair Sue Schroeder, who would be presenting tonight about the parish budget preparation for FY 2017/18. Carl also noted that Fr. Paul's absence at tonight's meeting.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2017 MEETING MINUTES:**

**Tom Cordaro moved to approve the minutes from January 3, 2017, with Brian Pelz seconding, and the Council approving these.** The minutes, along with Commission reports, will now be posted onto the Council's web page. Council Secretary Jim Chitwood will provide a summary of the meeting minutes for inclusion in the parish bulletin.

**FY 2017/18 PARISH BUDGET PREPARATION DISCUSSION:** Sue Schroeder, Finance Committee Chair, reviewed the process and planned timetable being followed by the Finance Committee in making a general long-range 5-year budget plan for the parish, along with recommending a preliminary parish budget plan for 2017-18. The submission deadline to the Diocese for the approved FY 2017-18 parish budget is 6/01/17. As Council representatives, Don Wenig and Tom Zakosek had attended the Finance Committee's January meeting, at which the Finance Committee prepared the preliminary budget.

According to Sue, the Finance Committee projected no increase in revenue for FY 2017/18 but anticipated an increase in fixed expenses. Sue noted that, by using the 2016-17 budget as a baseline, the 2017-18 Commission budgets would then create a cash shortfall that is "outside the acceptable range." Following lengthy and difficult discussions, the Finance Committee requested that Sue present two scenarios to Council tonight, highlighting a reduction in Commission budgets for 2017-18. One scenario equally allocated an 8% reduction from the actual 2015-16 in the Commission budgets; and the other reduced budgets for the Commissions which are typically under budget and then allocated a 10% reduction. The goal is for the shortfall to be less than \$20K, which is acceptable to the Finance Committee.

Sue presented two possible preliminary budgets for non-fixed Commission expenses, one with an 8% decrease and the other with a 10% decrease. Council also discussed whether or not SMMP could absorb such cuts with some ministries that cannot as easily

trim expenses, such as for the Daybreak Transitional Housing apartment and for the Charitable Contributions Committee.

Council reviewed the list of items projected for budgeted repair and replacement, also noting that a few items (including church flooring replacement) might need additional fundraising. The multi-year plan for repair and replacement includes provisions to repair the leaking windows above the altar and to reseal parking lot cracks and refill holes during the interim, until parking lot replacement is scheduled in several years. One generous donor recently gifted the parish with a replacement phone system; and several generous donors, along with the Men's Club, will soon be replacing the rotting wooden parish sign on Naper Blvd.

SMMP's fixed annual loan repayments to the Diocese for the purchase of ASCA (All Saints Catholic Academy) will end after 2020. Parishioners' giving for this debt reduction continues to help reduce the parish's loan repayments from \$100,000 to \$80,000 annually.

Council will make presentations about Stewardship at all of the Sunday Masses during the 4/23/17 weekend. Increased sign-up for online giving through ParishPay will be encouraged. There was also some discussion tonight about establishing a "planned giving" capability for the parish to enable the inclusion of SMMP as a recipient in Estate Planning and Investment Planning.

The Commission Heads will contact their respective committees and ministries about preparing and submitting their 2017-18 budget requests to the Finance Committee by 3/31/17. Meanwhile, Julie Lomax will speak with Sue Davey (Director of Religious Education) about the replacement status for textbooks.

**Council approved the Finance Committee's preliminary parish budget for FY 2017-18 to include a 10% reduction in non-fixed Commission expenses from the 2015-16 actual results.**

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on 2/15/17. Council representatives are invited to attend, with advance notice requested by Sue Schroeder.

Prior to her departure, Sue was thanked for her presentation tonight.

**PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER FOLLOW-UP:**

Co-Chairs Don Wenig and Jim Chitwood led the follow-up discussion about the Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, which was held on 1/14/17 in the Parish Center. This year's event was attended by 230, which was the highest attendance on record. Although \$3100 was originally budgeted for it, its \$3700 actual costs had been recently approved by Council. Many attendees had provided feedback about the event's excellence, with several attendees requesting more "slow dance music." Carl termed it as being a "joyous celebration of our volunteers" and had thanked this year's Co-Chairs, the Men's Club, and the event's many volunteers. Special thanks were extended to members of *Off the Rails*, who had donated their time to provide the wonderful music for

the event – most of these musicians and vocalists are members of SMMP's Contemporary Choir.

Don reported that notes were added to the file and that many pictures were taken to help provide good references for future Appreciation Dinners. Due to a shortage of utensils and plates, Council requested that more be purchased. It was also suggested that Council purchase rather than rent the black tablecloths for future Appreciation Dinners.

*Following this, Council took a break from 8:10-8:18 p.m., enjoying refreshments provided by Jim Chitwood. Jim was thanked for these.*

### **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Administration: [Agenda – St. Margaret Mary Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 18, 2016, 7:30 p.m. was electronically submitted in advance by Mike Prus, a copy of which is shown hereto].**

Following Finance Committee Chair Sue Schroeder's earlier departure, there was no Administration Commission Representative in attendance.

Carl Van Dril indicated his willingness to invite Diocesan financial advisor Chas Bellock to next month's Council meeting to present ideas for establishing a parish Planned Giving capability. Such information about Planned Giving could also be included in Council's upcoming stewardship presentations at the Sunday Masses on 4/22 and 4/23/17.

**Christian Worship (CWC): [Christian Worship Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council – January 2017 was electronically submitted in advance by Brian Pelz, a copy of which is shown hereto].**

Brian Pelz, CWC Representative, expressed thanks to the ministries and to Courtney Murtaugh (Art and Environment Director) and her team for their many efforts during Advent and Christmas. He recognized the increased amount of teen lectors, with special thanks to Terry Wagner for helping promote and nurture this. In addition, he expressed thanks to Mary Oliphant and Deacon Ken Miles for keeping the liturgies current.

Brian noted that the Commission discussed a preliminary plan for moving to three Masses per Sunday. They will continue to discuss the possible impacts this might have on the ministries, Commissions, parishioners, etc.

The Commission had also discussed the prayer cards incorporating the Parish Theme and Calling. The Commission favors their being distributed after the Sunday Masses rather than being used as pew cards.

Mary Oliphant more fully explained how the chapel can serve as a quiet zone and sacred worship space during Masses, which might especially help adults and supervised children on the autism spectrum reduce the amount of sensory overload.

She also passed around the contents of a “Buddy Bag,” containing sensory items which might be helpful for adults and children to better deal with sensory overload. This Buddy Bag could be checked out from the ushers for use in the chapel during Sunday Mass. It has not yet been determined as to where such bags would be stored. Further information about the above will appear in the bulletin, and Mary encouraged Council members to also spread the word about this. Dr. Jim Chitwood (who is the Dean of Online Education for the Chicago School of Professional Psychology) stated that some students from his school also might be interested in promoting better understanding in the parish about this.

**Christian Education (CEC): [CEC Ministry Reports – February 2017 were electronically submitted in advance by Julie Lomax, a copy of which is shown hereto].**

Julie Lomax, CEC Representative, noted that parents of all Religious Education Program students received a survey last month about their preferences and needs for future class dates and times. The CEC will review and discuss these survey results next week. She noted that declining student enrollment in the Religious Education Program parallels the student enrollment figures seen in Naperville Community School District 203. The CEC will also discuss the possibility of increasing Religious Education class times to 1.5 hours, thereby decreasing the number of class meeting dates but fulfilling the Diocesan requirements for class hours.

Julie commended Rebecca Siar, SMMP’s Echo Apprentice, for her current efforts in marketing various programs at SMMP.

**Christian Service (CSC): [Christian Service Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council – February 6, 2017 was electronically submitted in advance by Carrie Tilton, a copy of which is shown hereto].**

Carrie Tilton, CSC Representative, reported that the CSC Formation Gathering will be held on 2/09/17 at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room. This will include a short presentation on the Corporal Works of Mercy, followed by a group discussion.

Last Sunday, 390 parishioners signed postcards to our elected representatives in Washington, D.C. These postcards urged additional funding to be allocated for affordable housing in any infrastructure spending bill. Council felt that Fr. Pat’s preaching about this at last Sunday’s Masses helped contribute to a greater parishioner response for this advocacy. This optional postcard outreach activity was done in tandem with the quarterly Parish Social Mission Week (“Hearts on Fire! Satisfy the Needs of the Afflicted”). Tom Cordaro added that next Sunday will provide another optional signing opportunity for postcards to President Trump about extending compassion to refugees.

Update information about the newly forming Refugee Support Group is included in the current CSC Summary Report. This new Ad Hoc group’s report appears under the Peace & Justice Advisory Working Group.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Brendan Wagner, Youth Representative, noted that recent attendance at Peer Ministry meetings has decreased and that students' Christian views appear to be less apparent at high school lately.

Victoria Kosirog inquired about the lack of advertisements about the upcoming "Warm the Heart" Jr. High event scheduled on 2/10/17 at SMMP. This event will feature a DJ, dancing, and pizza, along with various activities to be held in the classrooms by the Parish Center. Attendance is \$10 per participant.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE:** Committee Co-Chairs Carl Van Dril and Mary Oliphant thanked Council for submitting several names of possible nominees for At-Large Council Representatives. Mary has updated the calendar, listing the various recruitment and discernment dates, and will send this out shortly. She has also reserved the necessary room space and verified Sr. Madelyn's and Fr. Paul's availability on these upcoming dates. Information about nominations will appear in the parish bulletin soon.

Council members are encouraged to continue submitting names of excellent possible candidates and to talk with these nominees in advance. Mary also invited Council members to attend and to lend their support to the candidates on the orientation and discernment nights.

**PARISH LEADERSHIP GATHERING (2/04/17) – FOLLOW-UP:** Tom Cordaro stated, "How impressed and how in awe I am of all of you," following this past Saturday's Parish Leadership Gathering held at SMMP. While especially noting that many Council members are new, he stated how encouraging it is that all are working hard and well with the parish's innovative and new Three-Year Discernment Cycle. Tom also noted that some of the action items planned within the Parish Three-Year Cycle place many Parish Leadership members "outside of their comfort zones," but that "all are hanging in there." He continues to seek ongoing feedback pertaining to last Saturday's Gathering and planned action items. A story about the recent Parish Leadership Gathering will appear in the parish bulletin shortly.

Parish Leadership will conduct One-on-One Interviews with parishioners during the 3/11/17 weekend in the Upper Room, following the Masses. Online interview forms will be available for these. Parish Leadership will be doing active listening to parishioners in order to better understand the world which our parishioners inhabit.

Carl thanked Tom for having masterfully conducted the recent Parish Leadership Gathering.

**NEW OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN:** Plans are underway to replace the church's rotting wooden outdoor sign with a new electronic one. The new sign will be located at the corner of Naper Blvd. and Green Trails Road. Tom Zakosek brought in an artist's rendering of the new sign tonight, also showing how the sign will have brickwork matching that of the parish buildings. The new sign, costing between \$60K-70K, will be funded by the Men's Club and by several generous gifts from parishioners (including memorials for Roger Cesario). SMMP is currently applying for permits from the City of

Naperville and is adhering to current city ordinances for this. Deacon Terry Taylor is finalizing landscape plans for the area around the sign, these landscape plans being the final item still needing to be submitted to the city. The church's "communication banner fence" on Naper Blvd. will need to be relocated, and 1-2 trees will need to be removed prior to the sign's installation. Two contractors have bid on the electronic sign project, with one of them being selected.

Installation of the electronic sign is planned for Spring 2017. The new LED sign for "St. Margaret Mary Catholic Parish" will have 24 modules, and Mike Prus will have the passwords for programming messages onto the electronic sign. Communication policies and procedures for the sign's messaging and operation will be developed internally by Parish Staff shortly and will follow City of Naperville ordinances. As part of the 2/21/17 staff meeting, Carl Van Dril and Fr. Paul will be receiving additional details about the plans from the contractor, and additional updates will be forthcoming to Council in April.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Carl and Fr. Paul recently met to discuss the next steps for moving forward with a parish Communications Coordinator. Carl shared that Fr. Paul has some ideas about how to proceed but did not share these tonight with Council. Carl has recently contacted DePaul University about possible candidates for this, too.

Carl will send a document shortly to Council about *Responsibilities and Priorities for the Proposed Communications Coordinator Role at SMMP*. This document will also list designated short-term, mid-term, and long-term responsibilities for this future position.

**OPEN ITEMS:** Mary Oliphant noted that SMMP has a PADS guest who is in need of a gender neutral bathroom. It was noted that there are two bathrooms located off the Narthex, which can be designated as gender-neutral or as a family bathroom.

Mary also reported that \$156 was raised through the recent sale of "Hearts on Fire" vinyl window clings. The proceeds will be directed to PADS and will be deposited at the Parish Office.

According to Carl, Mike Prus has confirmed that the parish can use Google Docs as a document management system, with a repository (as a "document drop") for parish-related videos and documents.

There was interest raised about also "capturing" on video part of Fr. Pat McDevitt's animated liturgies at SMMP.

Mary reminded the Commissions to contact the Parish Office about information which they would like to be included in the pre-Mass announcements on Sundays. She noted that pertinent and timely information which missed the parish bulletin publication deadline could also be communicated through these announcements.

**"WHAT ARE WE HEARING FROM PARISHIONERS?" – DISCUSSION:**

Several parishioners had left Mass early last Sunday due to Fr. Pat's homily having included an invitation to optionally sign postcards to legislators about affordable housing, as part of our parish's Social Mission Week. One peer minister's parents had also registered a complaint about the peer ministers signing these postcards last Sunday. There was some discussion tonight that such postcard signing is optionally available and that preaching and liturgies are not "escapes from the real world." While recognizing that parishioners remain on both sides of the political spectrum, good dialogue is always important and that "connectedness" with current events and dynamics are important for us as Christians.

**FINAL "WHIP" AROUND:** Comments included:

- "Good meeting – good topics, but maybe too many tonight, though."
- "Good meeting."
- "Lots of information, including financial."
- "Sad to hear about the parish's financial situation."
- "A lot of information tonight – too deep."
- "Good meeting."
- "Thanks for St. Theresa's Prayer. Diversity was discussed, too."
- "Good meeting, including financial information."
- "The financial information was interesting."
- "Appreciated the good dialogue."
- "Good meeting."

**CLOSING:** Jim Chitwood led Council in closing with a Prayer of Pope John XXIII. Following this, the meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

***The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, in the Upper Room, starting at 7:00 p.m.***

*March Opening/Closing Prayer: Brendan Wagner*  
*March Refreshments: Brendan Wagner*

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Ligner Steury  
Recording Secretary



AGENDA  
St. Margaret Mary  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 18, 2016

7:30PM

Room: Staff Meeting Room or Upper Room

- **Present:** Jeff, Tom Zakosek, Don Wenig, Mike, Sue
- **Absent:** Laurette, Henry, Helen
  
- Opening Prayer and/or Finance-related Scripture reading – Jeff
- Welcome and Introduction of PC members

Tom Zakosek and Don Wenig joined the January meeting.

- Approval of December minutes
  - Approved by affirmation
- Review of contributions /financials – Mike
  - Contributions were 1.76% ahead of budget and 2.73% ahead of last year. This increase is misleading due to the large funds allocated to December 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mike is looking into the priest pension coding in the November financials.
- Admin Committee News – Mike & Sue
  - Sign discussion – The Men's Club has the funds to pay for the sign. Donations were made specifically for the sign which helped cover the cost. Mike suggested that the Men's Club communicate that the sign funds were donated.
  - Phone System – upfront costs are also covered with donations. Installation has not been set.
- PC Parish Pay Discussion
  - Mike believes that Parish Pay will allow donors to select a special collection but it needs to be scheduled. Mike is still looking into this. We need to get a better idea of how this will be used.
- Planned Giving Request From PC
  - This is not a function of the FC.
- Men's Club Audit
  - No discussion
- 2017-18 Budget discussion

- The FC has projected no increase in revenue for 2017-18. We anticipate an increase in expenses. Using the 2016-17 as a baseline for the commission budgets would create a cash shortfall that is outside an acceptable range. After much discussion on how to cut budgets it was decided that Mike would forward the LT projection file to Sue who would present two scenarios highlighting a reduction in commission budgets to the PC. One scenario would equally allocate a reduction, the second would reduce commissions who are typically underbudget and then allocate a reduction. The goal is for the shortfall to be less than \$20K which is acceptable to the FC.
- New business
- Closing Prayer – Jeff

**Finance Committee Meeting Schedule**  
**Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

- *Submitted by Mike Prus*

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**Christian Worship Commission**  
**Monthly Report to Parish Council**  
**January 2017**

**Open Items:**

- CWC By-Laws amendments revisions continued discussion. A vote on the amendments is pending.
- Review and improve process with establishing Gift Bearers

**CWC Chair:**

- No January CWC Meeting

**Youth Altar Servers:**

- Nothing to report

**Family Altar Servers:**

- Nothing to report

**Art & Environment:**

- Nothing to report

**Bread Bakers:**

- Nothing to report

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- Nothing to report

**Greeters:**

- Greeters were provided for all 3 days of our Parish Mission.
- There is a need for additional greeters for most Masses.
- See "Liturgy Development – Greeters" bullet below for additional information.

**Lectors:**

- One more teen lector added in January. There are now 11 teen lectors.

**Linen Launderers:**

- Nothing to report

**Liturgy Development:**

- Christmas was beautiful!!
- Cremains table: work in progress, in design stage
- Paschal Candle: new one coming, broke when moving
- Bulletin Names of the Sick: Mary to follow up with Sue. Keep names in the bulletin for 3 months. POF will remain how they are currently.
- Greeters: Brian will follow up with Gus re: chapel door propped open during 9:00 a.m. mass, offering fussy children a book from our library to borrow, and the use of our chapel to use for children struggling with sensory overload. The chapel will become a Quiet Zone. Greeters will have access to a Buddy Bag to offer these parents to loan while the child struggles to calm. Gus suggested the confessional would be a safe place to keep the Buddy Bags when it is not in use. Gus also suggested we get a parish stamp or name to put in the books in the library. Mary will follow up with Victoria, the librarian.
- Sunday Mass Schedule Reduction: A preliminary plan of moving to a three masses per weekend schedule was discussed. Will continue discussions of the impacts this would have on ministries, commissions, parishioners, etc.
- Increasing # of private baptisms: Ken is going to be the point person before baptisms are scheduled. He can triage those that really need to be scheduled outside our current group baptisms. The number of weekends we have baptisms, will be increased to three or four depending on the need.
- Parish Theme and Calling Prayer Cards: Tom C is taking care of these and our group advised against leaving them in the pew. The group favored having them handed out after mass.
- Catholic Schools Week: Anne Marie Cronin did a very nice job having several students from All Saints, minister during the 9:00am mass.
- Mass Cards in the Pews: Ken is going to be restocking the pews and removing the ripped ones.
- Lenten Adoration: All were in favor of having this offered for Lent 2017. Deacons will cover.
- Next Liturgy meeting will be on Monday Feb. 20th at 6:30p.m.

**Music:**

- Nothing to report

**Sacristans:**

- Looking to recruit sacristans for the 12:30pm Mass. Currently the coverage is spotty.

Submitted by Brian Pelz



## **CEC Ministry Reports February 2017**

### **Adult Faith Formation – Sr. Madelyn Gould**

1. BIBLE STUDY – The second semester study is focusing on Jeremiah. Attendance remains strong.
2. BOOK STUDY - The group is not meeting in the winter months. We are looking for additional members for the book study group. After 10 years, we might have to discontinue this offering due to lack of attendance.
3. BUSINESS BREAKFASTS – Barbara Szulc spoke about Humility in the Workplace. Informative and enjoyable!
4. EVENING ENRICHMENT - Fr. John Cusick was our December speaker – Topic: “An Adult Appreciation of the Christmas Story.” 80 were in attendance.  
The Parish Mission was our January event. Fr. Albert Haase was our presenter. Attendance was 200-250 each evening. Appreciation was shown in the final collection (\$5,000.00) which covered most of our expenses. Terry Nelson-Johnson will be our Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> speaker on “Keeping our Hearts on Fire.”
5. MORNING ENRICHMENT – 20 attended the December session on “Mary: Ever Present”  
Tomorrow Kate Devries will speak about various new forms of prayer....”Jesus Can We Talk?”
6. RETREATS – 45 attended the all-day workshop on the Enneagram. Last night was the first of 3 follow-up sessions on the Enneagram. Twenty were in attendance.  
Twenty-five women are registered for the weekend retreat (Feb. 10-12)  
Eighteen women attended the CRHP retreat Feb. 28-29.  
Men’s retreat is March 10-12,
7. SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: I am presently seeing 12.
8. RCIA - The 7 Inquirers will be going to the Cathedral on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We are presently studying the sacraments. Fr. Paul spoke about Reconciliation last Sunday. All are eagerly looking forward to the Easter Vigil, especially the 2 who will be baptized.

### **Religious Education (Pre K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Sue Davey**

After the holiday break, classes resumed on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. One of our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade catechists resigned due to schedule conflicts. Luckily, another parishioner stepped forward to fill in for the rest of the year.

First Communion registration was mailed in early January. Home study and banner materials are available for pick up in the RE office. The final Parent Sacrament Retreat will be Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

The retreat planning meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>. So far only six parents have volunteered to help out at the March 4<sup>th</sup> retreat.

The Catechist Open House for Lenten materials will be February 11 to February 15. So far I have the two readers and seven volunteers to distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. I still need two more volunteers to distribute ashes.

On February 25<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be hosting the 5:00 Mass. Debbie Linton has agreed to coordinate the Mass. Registration invitations will go out on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **All Saints Catholic Academy – Anne-Marie Cronin**

#### Martin Luther King Day of Service

In observance of Martin Luther King's Day, on January 16th All Saints students did not have class but were required to do a community project to benefit the community.

Approximately 20 students, who are members of St. Margaret Mary, cleaned the church by polishing all pews and chairs and vacuuming. Going forward, the students plan to clean the church on a quarterly basis. Gratitude goes to Michael Prus and Bob Stezowski who coordinated the effort.

Other community projects, among others, included stocking shelves at the West Suburban Food Pantry, making Valentine's Day cards for residents of 360 Youth Services and packing food at Feed My Starving Children.

*Submitted by Julie Lomax*

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### **Christian Service Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council <February 6, 2017>**

#### **General CSC Information:**

CSC annual formation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Upper Room. There will be a brief presentation by Tom Cordaro followed by conversation on the Corporal Works of Mercy. All are welcome.

#### **Bereavement:**

We had our meeting Jan. 18th and assigned our cases. We have had 3 funerals in a row. We had an update on the Remembrance Mass and on how well it was received. (Submitted by Patti McGehee)

#### **Blood Drive:**

No report.  
(Joan Allemeier)

#### **Boy Scouts (Troop 507):**

No report.  
(Ramona Vaikutis)

**Charitable Contributions:**

No activity for the rest of this fiscal year.

(Submitted by Joe Straka)

**Christmas Giving Tree:**

No report.

(Tom Cordaro)

**Comfort Care Ministry (Funeral Luncheons, Emergency Meals):**

Had one Funeral Luncheon in January. Expected around 300 and about that attended. Spent about \$350 as had most donated except for the chicken and incidentals. In fact, we had more than needed donated. Some things just appeared and were not expecting it. Thanks to the generosity of the parish, neighbors and friends.

(Submitted by Kathy Kalina)

**Cub Scouts (Pack 507):**

Cub Master - Wayne Klein

Asst. Cub Master - Tim Tilton

Committee Chairman - Brian Burgner

**January:** Pinewood Derby in the Parish Center and scout overnight at the Field Museum.

**February:** Blue & Gold dinner (Webelo 2 scouts graduate); Scout Sunday, a mass scheduled for Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, was cancelled due to projected low attendance.

(Submitted by Tim Tilton)

**Daybreak Transitional Housing:**

We are getting used to having two families in our program. The new mentors are wonderful and most of the committee has received mentor training from both Catholic Charities and Bridge. Never a dull moment.

(Submitted by Pat McAuliffe)

**Knights of Columbus:**

- Knights helped with Church Christmas decorations removal on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Knights helped with clean-up and dirty laundry delivery at PADS on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- K of C Council Business Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- SMMP Council 16011 Knights of Columbus donated \$3500 to various charities last year including the Intellectual Disabled from our fund raisers last year.
- Knights sponsored Free Throw Contest at All Saints Academy on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

(Submitted by Dan Patt)

**Men's Club:**

- 62 members and 1 new member were present at our January Meeting.
- We helped with decorating and un-decorating the Church for Christmas
- We assisted with setting up for the appreciation dinner. We also supplied beer and wine for this event.

- We supplied wine for the Ladies CRHP Retreat.
- We volunteered at Loaves & Fishes distributing food for those in need.
- We continue to play basketball on Wednesday evenings at All Saints Catholic Academy.

(Submitted by Gus Fischer)

**Nursery:**

No report

(Cailin Ramirez)

**Pastoral Care:**

No report

(Deacon Fred Straub)

**Peace & Justice Advisory Working Group:**

We had our third parish social mission weekend on Feb. 4/5 and it was well received by our parishioners. Although we do not have a final count, it is clear that we had more postcards signed this weekend than in any previous parish social mission weekend. The theme was "Hearts on Fire! Satisfying the Needs of the Afflicted." Our advocacy focus was on affordable housing. We were forced to cancel our social mission weekend for February 25/26 because of the bishop's diocesan appeal that weekend. We are looking into an alternative date.

**Refugee Support Group (newly forming):**

Our ad hoc committee for refugee support had its second meeting on January 31st. Because of the Trump Administration ban on refugees we will shift gears to doing advocacy and education around refugee issues and building relationships between our parish and our Muslim neighbors. On the weekend of Feb. 11/12 we will be inviting parishioners to sign postcards directed to President Trump urging him to rescind his executive order banning refugees from predominantly Muslim countries in the Middle East. We also plan to organize a Lenten program with members of the Islamic Center of Naperville explaining the similarities and differences between the Catholic practices during Lent and Muslim practices during Ramadan.

**Earth Care Sub-Committee:**

Our Christmas lights recycling project ended on January 15th. We got slightly less this year than last year.

(Submitted by Tom Cordaro)

**Pro-L.I.F.E. Committee:**

No scheduled events. Pro-L.I.F.E. pamphlet rack is located at the top of the stairs in the atrium. The rack has pamphlets on abortion, pregnancy help, euthanasia, death penalty and abortion reconciliation. All materials are free.

(Submitted by Mary Ann Cronauer)

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

No report.

(Submitted by Chuck Hinds)

**September Club:**

The September Club did not meet in January.

(Submitted by Antoinette Patt)

**Sharing Parish:**

Checks totaling \$5500.00 have been sent to St. Therese of Jesus, St. Rita of Cascia, and St. Peter Catholic Grammar Schools in Aurora for second semester tuition assistance for ten students in seven families. We expect to have the date for the annual "Mega" Garage Sale soon; if late June is not available, it will be held in early August.

(Submitted by Martha Rose)

*Submitted by Carrie Tilton*