

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
June 6, 2017

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

Members Absent: Fr. Paul Hottinger, Brendan Wagner, Tom Zakosek

Incoming Member Present: Dave Schwartz

Incoming Members Absent: Sam Schroeder, Kristen Slevnik, Peggy Soeldner

Tonight's meeting was held in the home of Carl and Ingrid Van Dril. Council President Carl Van Dril called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., with Carrie Tilton offering an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2017 MEETING MINUTES:

Mary Oliphant moved to approve the minutes from May 2, 2017, with Julie Lomax 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 these for the parish bulletin.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME: Carl Van Dril introduced and welcomed tonight's new At-Large Representative Dave Schwartz to his first meeting, also noting that the other incoming At-Large Representative, Peggy Soeldner, was unable to attend tonight due to travel. New Youth Representatives Kristen Slevnik and Sam Schroeder were absent due to work commitments.

Carl also thanked Council Members who had recently attended the New Candidate Discernment Night (5/24/17). Although only two candidates (Dave Schwartz and Peggy Soeldner) discerned for the At-Large Representative positions then, Carl noted how important it was for Council to lend their support to them at this. Tom Cordaro also stated how he felt that the candidates "were a good fit" for the work Council does.

Although the two new Youth Representatives Kristen Slevnik and Sam Schroeder (who would be replacing Brendan Wagner for a one-year term) were unable to attend the Discernment Night on 5/24/17, Tom Cordaro will hold a separate orientation meeting for them on 6/14/17 at 7:00 p.m. at SMMP, which other Council Members are welcome to attend. Carl expressed his interest in attending this. Tom Cordaro also reminded Council Members to not individually call or email either of the Youth Representatives; but that, in keeping with the Diocese's "Protecting God's Children" guidelines, the Youth Representative's respective parent should also be included for an individual contact. However, Youth Representatives could be included in group messages being sent to the Council.

Carl expressed thanks to Victoria Kosirog for completing her three-year At-Large Representative term, with tonight being her final meeting. He noted what an "inventive,

creative spark plug” she was, as seen in how she had tackled many new projects with great results while serving on Council. Although neither Tom Zakosek nor Brendan Wagner were present tonight, Carl also recognized them for completing their terms of service on Council (Tom as an At-Large Representative for a three-year term and Brendan as Youth Representative for a one-year term). Council Members signed cards of thanks to these departing members, and Victoria was presented with a card and remembrance tonight. Carl also thanked Marlyn Steury for her continued service as Recording Secretary, with Marlyn noting that she was completing her tenth year of doing this. Meanwhile, Marlyn will update and send out the new Council Contact List shortly.

WITNESS TALK VIDEO PRODUCTION: Tom Cordaro reported that the Witness Talks of nine parishioners have recently been video recorded -- each of these communicates a powerful story. The video recordings range from 6-12 minutes in length and include those given by eight women and one man. Tom reported how well these Witness Talks reflect the life of the parish and feature some younger (under 45 years old) parishioners.

Some of these video-recorded Witness Talks will be released “a few at a time” in the fall, with plans for their available viewing on the parish web site and possibly on the parish Facebook page. Tom highlighted the need for a Social Media Committee to assist with these. Tom also thanked Jim Chitwood for his work as the camera operator for these Witness Talks and for Jim’s purchase of a special microphone for the recordings.

Carl reported that a new ECHO Apprentice (from the ECHO Catechetical Leadership Program through the University of Notre Dame) will be starting at SMMP in the fall under Dan Lawler’s direction. As Becca Siar, SMMP’s previous ECHO Apprentice, had provided outstanding help for the parish with social media, it is hoped that Becca’s replacement will also be able assist with this.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY REPOSITORY: Tom Cordaro reported that the 71 summaries about the Council’s Step One parishioner interviews are stored in a repository on Google Docs – these are confidential and are not to be shared with anyone outside of Council. He requested that, in preparation for the Parish Leadership Workshop on 8/19/17, Council Members read, study, take notes, and reflect on common themes expressed in these interviews. These summaries are stored in three folders, as follows:

- “One-on-Ones,” containing summaries about 27 interviews completed with the targeted demographics during Spring 2017
- “Walk-In’s,” containing summaries about the 10 interviews completed after Masses on March 25/26
- “On-Line Interviews,” containing the 10 reports received from the on-line questionnaire. [Tom deleted an additional 5 beforehand, which contained “inappropriate” language and messages, possibly all from the same sender].

Tom will send further information out shortly about how to access these summaries on Google Docs. It was also noted that a much larger number of parishioner interviews were completed by Council in 2017, as compared to its having completed 32 One-on-One parishioner interviews during its previous outreach work.

PARISH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP DAY (8/19/17): Tom Cordaro reviewed the planned schedule for the upcoming Parish Leadership Workshop Day, to include Parish Leadership Staff and Council Members. The planned itinerary for this at SMMP will include:

- 8:15 a.m. Mass (optional attendance)
- Continental breakfast and opening prayer
- Workshop meeting to immediately follow the above
- Lunch
- Workshop meeting ending by 3:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship: This new committee has met twice since Council's previous meeting in early May. The Stewardship Committee consists of the following Council and non-Council parishioner members: Don Wenig, Carl Van Dril, Chas Bellock, Virginia and Bruce Cox, and John Mele. According to Don, the committee is establishing its organizational foundation and is looking at other parishes' best stewardship practices. Among the committee's early plans is to hold an informational meeting at SMMP in Fall 2017 to educate and encourage Planned Giving and Estate Planning, e.g. to include SMMP as a recipient for required annual IRA distributions (by those who are 70 ½ years and older), along with gifts of stocks and inclusion in wills and trusts.

According to Parish Business Manager Mike Prus, some positive results have been noted since Carl's stewardship presentations at all of the Sunday Masses on 4/22 and 4/23/17. This includes a 7% increase seen in recent collections and a 5% increase in automated giving sign-up. Current statistics reveal the following at SMMP:

- There are 2,800 registered parishioner families;
- 763 of these registered parishioners are regular donors;
- 29% of these regular donors donate by automated giving (thru ParishPay).

In efforts to raise the additional \$32,000 needed to offset the shortfall in the 2017-18 Parish Budget, the Stewardship Committee would also like to increase the percentage of regular parishioner donor families to 40% who have signed up for automated giving. The automated giving changeover from ParishPay to WeShare is anticipated to occur in Fall 2017. Don shared plans to include twice-monthly and monthly articles with graphics in the parish bulletin, reminding parishioners about automated giving sign-up and the inclusion of SMMP in Planned Giving and Estate Planning.

Communications: Due to uncertainties in the parish budget, there are currently no available funds to hire a Communications Coordinator. Carl reported that, following the

recent retirement of afternoon Parish Receptionist Rosalie Fall, some job task assignments have been shifted so that Parish Bulletin Editor Sue Carroll can do more work with social media. Carl Van Dril and Dan Lawler have participated in the discussion about such recommended task reassignments with parish support staff. According to Carl, there seemed to be a good and promising conclusion to this discussion, with job tasks shifted among staff to better incorporate social media and to better focus on communication goals. He also noted that some of Sue Carroll's previous tasks will be shifted to the afternoon receptionist.

Carrie Tilton stated that 6-8 teens have expressed interest in helping with social media for some targeted parish events. Council discussed how teens could receive credit for this for Confirmation service hours and/or on college applications.

Carl confirmed that a parishioner's recent pledge contribution earmarked for parish communications is not enough to hire an external Communications Coordinator. Meanwhile, Carl has contacted several of the local colleges about SMMP's serving as an internship site for a communications major; but the college programs contacted would rather provide potential assistance in the form of a class project. This includes some interest by a DePaul University class in re-doing the parish website as a class project. Carl will continue his discussion with this program, while also waiting to learn what skill sets SMMP's incoming ECHO apprentice will be presenting.

COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS: Candidate nominations were accepted from among the current At-Large Representatives for the offices of President and Vice-President. **As both Carl Van Dril and Don Wenig have one year left before completion of their three-year terms on Council as At-Large Representatives, Council unanimously reelected Carl to continue serving as President and Don as Vice-President for an additional year.** It was also noted that their serving as Council leaders for one more year should help promote greater continuity with programs and tasks, along with helping promote a smoother transition into 2017-18.

As the office of Council Secretary has historically been filled by a first-year At-Large Representative, Council will await hearing back shortly about Dave Schwartz' or Peggy Soeldner's decision to fill the office of Council Secretary. One major task of the Council Secretary is to provide a short summary of the Council minutes for inclusion in the parish bulletin (with the Recording Secretary's task being to provide the complete meeting minutes). In the absence of the Recording Secretary at a monthly Council meeting, however, the Council Secretary would be requested to take meeting minutes

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Administration: [*Saint Margaret Mary Parish Administration Commission Minutes of Tuesday, May 9, 2017 and Minutes, St. Margaret Mary Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 10th, 2017* were electronically submitted by Mike Prus in advance, copies of which are shown hereto].

There was no Administration Representative present tonight.

It was noted that the Finance Committee's minutes referred to a budget deficit around \$33K after transfers [rather than the \$32K budget deficit stated in the Council's May and June 2017 minutes] in the Parish Budget for FY 2017/18.

The contractor for parking lot maintenance work was selected, after proposals from three contractors were reviewed. Diocesan guidelines will be followed for contractual approval. Council also noted that construction of the parish's new electronic sign still appears to be moving slowly along.

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

Brian Pelz, CWC Representative, noted that the new Sunday Mass schedule went into effect on 6/4/17, with a reduced number of Sunday Masses. Despite much advance notification about these changes, there were some people who were "caught off guard" by coming in at the wrong time this past Sunday. Some of them might have also been trying to attend Mass before or after the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, which was also held last Sunday morning in the Parish Center. Carl noted how the Pancake Breakfast served as a good opportunity to engage members of the community in a non-religious event.

Prior to finishing her two-year apprenticeship at SMMP, ECHO apprentice Becca Siar spoke with SMMP's sophomores a few months ago about some ways to serve SMMP after their confirmation. As an amazing result, 20 signed up to be lectors, and 21 signed up to be greeters.

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

Carrie Tilton, CSC Representative, reported that the Commissions and their committees have received spreadsheets containing prospective volunteer information received from Ministry Sunday (5/21/17). Tom Cordaro noted the importance that new volunteers are called soon by the respective ministry groups involved.

Christian Education (CEC): [*Christian Education Commission – June 2017* was electronically submitted in advance by Julie Lomax, a copy of which is shown hereto].

Julie Lomax, CEC Representative, reported that the *Young Neighbors in Action* (YNIA) service trip has 26 registrants, including chaperones. They will be going to Springfield, KY, during June 18-24. There is a small group planning to do service work in South

Bend, IN, during the Week of July 16-2. Fundraising efforts are underway to help cover the cost of these mission trips, including a bake sale and the posting of available red contribution envelopes in the church Narthex. According to Julie, the 6/4/17 bake sale netted \$500 for the mission trip. There is another fundraising giveback event scheduled to benefit SMMP's *Young Neighbors in Action* at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria-Naperville on 6/19/17. Julie passed out fundraiser flyers about this, with the flyer needing to be presented at the time of ordering.

OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Parish Document Repository: Information about the 2017 Appreciation Dinner is currently stored on Dropbox. Council also discussed how a document repository such as Dropbox can offer access control and a hierarchy for various types of stored information and updates. Victoria also recommended the use of Google Calendar.

Brian Pelz and Don Wenig will continue piloting the use of a document repository, such as Dropbox, for Council's use. Not only intended as a document storage tool, this should allow for the group to easily access both working as well as historical files. Council will internally pilot the use of a document repository before promoting its use by the Commissions and their respective committees and ministry groups.

"Welcome" Desk: Prior to Victoria's departure from Council, Mary Oliphant urged Council to continue efforts for developing and implementing a Sunday "Welcome" Desk, for which Victoria had investigated and championed throughout her three-year term on Council. Although Council discussed whether or not this could be staffed as a stipend position, Council determined that it would need to be staffed by committed volunteers at this point in time, most likely by Council Members on a rotational basis during its initial "test run."

Council is very supportive of the "Welcome" Desk concept but notes that additional steps need to be developed and confirmed for its staffing and procedures. After securing Fr. Paul's blessing upon this project and documenting what is needed operationally, its implementation is targeted for a Fall 2017 start. Mary Oliphant was requested to take the lead for this. Good communication between the Sunday "Welcome" Desk volunteers and the Parish Office on the following Monday will be important.

A portable "Welcome" Desk most likely would be initially used, although a more permanent one is desired. Although non-worship related tables are located outside of the church Narthex, it was also recommended that the Worship Commission review and consider the possibility of locating this "desk of welcome" inside of the Narthex.

'WHAT ARE WE HEARING FROM PARISHIONERS?' – DISCUSSION:

Carl had recently had a conversation with an elderly widowed newcomer, who shared how much he loves our parish.

FINAL “WHIP’ AROUND: Comments included:

- “It’s been an interesting past 3 years for me on Council. Keep up the good work!”
- “Victoria [Kosirog] will be missed! Thanks to everyone for your great work, and a warm welcome to Dave [Schwartz].”
- “The new parish phone system will be running in a week. Phone numbers can become “addresses,” and the Commissions will be able to have their own voice mailboxes. Various ministries, e.g. Religious Education, will be able to use the new parish phone system remotely without their own caller I.D. being shown. Mike Prus will be able to provide additional information about this.”
- “Welcome to our new members; and best of luck to our outgoing members, Victoria and Tom [Zakosek]. Thank you, Victoria, for your passion, creativity, enthusiasm, and engagement.”
- “Due to Victoria’s previous recruitment efforts, I am now on Council. Your engagement will be missed!”
- “It’s been an interesting past first year for me on Council! Welcome to our newest members.”
- “It’s been a nice first year. Thanks to everyone for your leadership.”
- “Thanks to Victoria, and welcome, Dave.”
- “Ditto, and thanks to everyone.”
- “Good meeting.”

CLOSING: Mary Oliphant shared a blessing for Pentecost. The meeting concluded at 8:50 p.m. and was followed by Council sharing refreshments, which were provided in “potluck” style.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Ligner Steury
Recording Secretary

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**SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH
ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

Members Present: Tom Hill, Jeff Jameson, Chuck Marquis, Michael Prus, Klaus Rummer, Sue Schroeder.

Members Absent: Bob Stezowski.

1. Opening Prayer: Led by Mike Prus.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 11 meeting were approved “by acclamation”, without changes.

3. Discussion/Decision Items:

A. Parking Lot Maintenance

Following up from our previous meeting, Tom Hill presented proposals for parking lot work from three contractors: Briggs Paving, Renaissance Maintenance, and Midwest Tar Sealer. The scope of the work proposed was based on the earlier proposal from Briggs. All proposals provided itemized costs. There were a few additions, and variations between them. After much discussion, the commission agreed to recommend to Fr. Paul that Briggs be selected for the work, for three items on their list: Asphalt Grind and Pave for the designated area of the upper Green Trails lot; the storm sewer repair on the Green Trails side; and crackfill/sealcoat/re-stripe work for all the lots. The total work as listed will be \$70,437. Mike will speak to Fr. Paul, and if approved, will proceed with the contract following diocesan guidelines. The work is targeted for completion by the end of the summer.

B. Scheduling future meeting(s)

The commission agreed to meet again on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:30 PM.

4. Member Reports and Discussion:

A. Chuck Marquis: No report.

B. Bob Stezowski, Building Manager: Absent.

C. Sue Schroeder, Finance: 1) At its April meeting, the Finance Committee prepared a budget for the coming year, based on figures from Mike Prus and from the commissions. Mike (in Sue’s absence) presented the budget to the Pastoral Council on May 2. At this meeting, the Council made one alteration from this presentation; and Fr. Paul accepted the budget as amended. The budget deficit, after transfers, will be about \$33,000. 2) A response will be prepared to the diocesan audit by early July.

D. Michael Prus, Business Manager: 1) Installation of the replacement light pole and fixtures in the Green Trails lot has been completed. 2) Installation of the new phone system has been further delayed, due to issues with AT&T.

E. Tom Hill, Chairperson & Building Committee: No further report.

F. Jeff Jameson, At Large Delegate: No report.

G. Klaus Rummer: No report.

5. New Business: None.

6. Evaluation: Many thanks to Tom for his work on preparing information to assist our decision on the parking lots.

7. Closing Prayer: Led by Tom Hill.

-- Submitted by Mike Prus

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MINUTES
St. Margaret Mary
Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 10th, 2017
7:30PM
Room: Room 7

- **Present:** Helen, Henry, Laurette, Mike, Sue, Jeff
- **Absent:** All present
- Opening Prayer and/or Finance-related Scripture reading – Helen
- Approval of April minutes
 - Approved by acclamation
- Review of contributions /financials – Mike
 - Contributions are -.32% behind budget and .22% ahead of last year
 - Equipment services are \$6K over budget. This is due to updates that were required to the alarm.
 - It is unlikely we will receive much more RE income.
- Diocesan Audit and Response

- Our response is due in early July.
- PC News
 - Fund Raising
 - Stewardship Committee
 - The PC made a presentation at the masses on the weekend of April 23. We will be monitoring collection activity to measure the impact of the presentation.
- Admin Committee News – Mike & Sue
 - Parking Lot discussion
- SMM Audit
 - Collections
 - Counting
 - Payroll
- 2017-18 Budget discussion
 - Mike Prus presented the budget to the PC at the May meeting.
 - The PC took on the task of making up the shortfall with additional revenue.
 - The PC adjusted the Charitable Contribution budget down by 10%.
 - The budget shortfall was approved at \$32,999.
- New business
 - No new business
- Closing Prayer – Helen
 - Laurette has the prayer for the June meeting.

**Finance Committee Meeting Schedule
Monday, June 12st, 2017**

Submitted by Mike Prus

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

Open Items:

- CWC By-Laws amendments revisions continued discussion. A vote on the amendments is pending.

- CWC By-Laws will be on the agenda at the next CWC meeting which will be scheduled for later this week.
- Review and improve the process of establishing Gift Bearers
- Thank you CWC for your dedication and commitment to SMM and to your ministries.

CWC Chair:

- There was no CWC Meeting held in May, but one scheduled for this Thursday.
- New Sunday mass schedule started June 4, 2017: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Youth Altar Servers:

- Nothing to report

Family Altar Servers:

- Done for the Summer

Art & Environment:

- Nothing to report

Bread Bakers:

- Bread bakers will take a break from baking for the summer. We will bake for June and restart the weekend of the parish picnic. Substantial bread will be baked for all the masses the weekend of June 17.

Eucharistic Ministers:

- There will be a special blessing for the Eucharistic Ministers at all the masses on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, (June 17 & 18),

Greeters:

- Three new greeters were added to our ranks due to the recent volunteer sign up. However, we lost several greeters to retirement with the new mass schedule.
- We are still adjusting to the new Mass schedule. We still need additional greeters at some masses.

Lectors:

- Becca had a few of us speak to the sophomores a few months ago about opportunities to serve SMMP after their confirmation. The response for lectors and greeters was amazing: 20 signed up to be lectors, 21 signed up to be greeters.
- Planning to invite the lector teens to a meeting in mid to late June to provide them more details and secure their commitment. As part of this meeting, we'll have them read and provide them feedback. Mary Oliphant and/or John Blumberg may assist in the training and feedback session.

Linen Launderers:

- Nothing to report

Liturgy Development:

- For the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ on June 17 & 18, there will be substantial bread at all the masses and a special blessing for the Eucharistic Ministers.

Music:

- Nothing to report

Sacristans:

- Nothing to report

Gift Bearers:

- Nothing to report

Submitted by Brian Pelz



**Christian Education Commission
June 2017**

Adult Education (Sr. Madelyn)

I have been getting the adult ed. programs ready for the Fall. The Business Breakfast (Saturday Morning Live) series is:

Saturday Morning Live: The Business of Life 8:00-9:30 a.m. - COR Center

Never Be the Same: Insights About the Journey of Life September 23
Mark LeBlanc

What's Your Emotional Intelligence??? October 21
Peggy Leyden

Connecting to a Cause Bigger than a Pay Check November 18
Mary Erlain

Embracing the ART of a Stop and a Start? January 20
John Blumberg

Celebrating Diversity February 17
Tracey Spesia

Living Life Intentionally March 10
Panel: Carl VanDril
Caitlin Sica (?)
Maria Kazlauskas (?)

The Morning Enrichment series:

Why Make Time for Church? September 13
Kate DeVries

What Did We Learn From Luther? October 11
Fr. Paul; Pastor Lou Quetel

Mini Moments and Beyond With God November 8
Panel

Stay Awake: Treasures of the Nativity December 6
Marcia Mackenbrock; Sr. Madelyn Gould

Following Jesus into a New Future January 10
Bridget Sperduto

Lent: More Than Giving Up Chocolates February 14

David Schimmel (?)

Catholicism 101: The Healing Sacraments
Fr. Paul Hottinger

March 14

Behold the Beauty of our Sacred Space
Sr. Madelyn Gould

April 11

Bible Study will be studying Philipians, Philemon, Colossians.

I have also been arranging for our 2019 Parish Mission. Theme will be: "Living Contemplatively in a Chaotic World."

High School Youth Ministry (Dan Lawler)

Confirmation went very smoothly with lots of compliments from families about our program and our liturgy. We had over 90 confirmandi who were anointed by Bishop Siegel. The Contemporary Choir provided beautiful music and we also had help from greeters, Peer Ministers, and other youth during the Mass and reception.

An additional step we added to our confirmation preparation was to have all the sophomores fill out a Ministry Commitment Form based on the regular parish Ministry Interest Form. We had a great response with many teens signing up to lector, eucharistic minister, greet, and be involved in Christian service and education. We hope those ministry leaders will provide a welcoming transition to these young people who want to continue to serve our church.

We had a blessing for graduating seniors on May 21st at the 12:30 Mass with a reception following. We had about 12 seniors attend along with their family and other parishioners. We hope to make this an annual event.

Our Young Neighbors In Action service trip is coming together with about 27 people registered. We have been meeting to prepare along with fundraising to cover the cost of the trip. We will be going to Springfield, KY the week of June 18th-24th. We are also trying to send a small group to South Bend, IN the week of July 16th-22nd.

We are piloting a summer youth formation program from Ascension Press called You: Theology of the Body. This study will be focused on moms and their high school daughters. We will host weekly in person sessions on Sunday mornings following the 10 am Mass and also allow people to participate online if they are not able to make it for some or all of the meetings. We hope this experiment will give us insight into offering more flexible extended faith formation for our high school families and possibly adult faith formation.

Becca has finished her two year apprenticeship with us through the Echo program. She will be graduating on Saturday, July 23rd from her graduate program. We will soon be announcing and welcoming our new Echo apprentice who will start in late August.

Religious Education (Sue Davey) No news to report.

All Saints Catholic Academy (Anne-Marie Cronin)

Below outlines the high schools the ASCA Class of 2017 will be attending in the fall. 78% of the graduating class is attending a Catholic high school with many students going to Benet (26) followed by St. Francis (12).

Benet Academy	26
St. Francis	12
Marmion Academy	3
Montini Catholic	2
Rosary	2
Aurora Central Catholic	1
Public School	13

Graduation was on Friday, May 26th.

Father Paul will be the Pastoral President for All Saints beginning June 1st.

- *Reports compiled and submitted by Julie Lomax*

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**Christian Service Commission
Monthly Report to Parish Council
June 2017**

Bereavement:

We had 7 new client case assignments for the month and prayers of course were said for those sick and listed in our Book of Remembrance and families who have had a loss.

(Submitted by Patti McGehee)

Blood Drive:

Activities for April 2017 (*not in last month's report*): SMMP Blood Drive facilitated by the Knights of Columbus was held on Saturday, April 7th from 7:30am to 11:30am. There were a total of 23 blood donors.

Activities for May 2017: Knights are in the planning stages for the next Blood Drive at SMMP.

(Submitted by Dan Patt on behalf of the Knights of Columbus)

Boy Scouts (Troop 507)

Here is the update to the parish Christian Service Commission from Boy Scout Troop 507:

- We are self-funded and use no parish funds
- Our annual (and only) fundraiser is the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 4th from 8:30am-12:00pm; advance tickets are being sold after masses at a discount; tickets will also be available at the door. Our Troop currently has 75 scouts ages 10-17 from various schools, ethnic groups and religious backgrounds that work together building leadership and outdoor skills and camaraderie through meetings, camping and service.
- Since January 2017, 5 scouts have earned the rank of Eagle, scouting's highest honor. These scouts completed projects that benefited the local community and troop families and scouts contributed over 300 hours of service executing these projects.
- Our troop is always looking for potential Eagle projects that would benefit SMMP, our chartering organization. Some ideas are outdoor benches, outdoor prayer space, gardens, landscape project (other than routine maintenance), shelving for PADS supply room, painting, etc. Please let me know if there are any projects or needs the church has identified.
- Thank you to the parish for continued support of Boy Scout Troop 507.
(Ramona Vaikutis)

Charitable Contributions: Nothing to report.
(Submitted by Joe Straka)

Christmas Giving Tree: Nothing to report.
(Submitted by Tom Cordaro)

Comfort Care Ministry (Funeral Luncheons, Emergency Meals): No report.
(Kathy Kalina)

Cub Scouts (Pack 507):

Cub Master - Tim Tilton

Committee Chairman - Brian Burgner

May: Pack rocket launch and cookout, May 7th. Advancement Pack meeting with s'mores, May 18th, on the SMMP lawn.

Summer Activities: Summer day camp at nearby VonOven facility in Naperville, Webelo overnight camp at Greene Forest Preserve, annual Webelo camp in Wisconsin (Camp Freeland Leslie), Blackwell forest preserve family overnight, pack picnic at Greene Forest Preserve and family swim night at Pelican Harbor.

Thank you, Saint Margaret Mary Parish, for hosting Cub Scouts Pack 507!
(Submitted by Tim Tilton)

Daybreak Transitional Housing:

Daybreak has had an exciting month:

Our one client has completed her GED and is continuing to take courses to improve her accounting/programming skills. We are so happy for her and her three children.

Our second client informed us that Huntington Apartments is going to renovate the entire building and must vacate the building by July 31. While this is the official date our lease ends, we had planned on renewing our lease but this will no longer be possible-the building must remain vacant for one month and the new rents will be higher than our projected increase. On the bright side this client was able to locate a full time job after losing her current job through an agency and it offers good benefits.

(Submitted by Pat McAuliffe)

Knights of Columbus:

Activities for May 2017

- Knights helped the Legion of Mary and Pro-Life with the May Crowning Ceremony on Saturday, May 6th after the 5:00pm Mass.
- Knights honored First Communicants with special gifts of rosaries on Sunday, May 7th after the 12:30pm Mass.
- Knights volunteered at the Area 2 Special Olympics Track Meet at COD on Sunday, May 7th.
- Knights volunteered at Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, May 17th and Thursday, May 18th.
- Knights helped with the clean-up and dirty laundry collection and delivery at PADS on Friday, May 19th.
- Knights held their monthly business/social meeting on Thursday, May 25th with 19 members attending.
- Knights helped with the Baptisms on Sunday, May 28th.

Activities for April 2017 (*not in last month's report*)

- Knights volunteered at Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, April 12th and Thursday, April 13th.
- Knights helped with the clean-up and dirty laundry collection and delivery at PADS on April 21st.
- Knights held their monthly business/social meeting on Thursday, April 27th with 19 members attending. Three new Knights were welcomed.
- Knights honored First Communicants with gifts of rosaries after 5:00pm mass on Saturday, April 29th and after 12:30pm mass on Sunday, April 30th.
- Knights helped with Five Baptisms on Sunday, April 23rd.
- Knights helped initiate the first 5th Sunday Rosary Service in the Chapel on Sunday, April 30th.

(Submitted by Dan Patt)

Men's Club:

- We had 59 members present at our monthly meeting and 3 new members.
- We spread mulch around the trees and flower beds at Church.
- We assisted distributing food at Loaves and Fishes.
- We had our annual Bags tournament after our monthly meeting.
- We conducted our spring golf outing with over 50 in attendance.
- We held a card night with 30 present.
- Carl VanDril was a guest speaker at our monthly meeting.
- We continue with basketball at All Saints Catholic Academy on Wednesday nights.

(Submitted by Gus Fischer)

Nursery:

The regular babysitter, Cia Lester, agreed to do the 10am mass for the summer and then do a survey in August to see where we should move going forward.

(Submitted by Cailin Ramirez)

Pastoral Care: No report.

(Fred Straub)

Peace & Justice Advisory Working Group: Nothing to report.

(Submitted by Tom Cordaro)

Refugee Support Group: Nothing to report.

Earth Care Sub-Committee: Nothing to report.

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

\$454 was raised for Project Love through the donations from the Mother's Day cards.

Father's Day cards will be available after Mass the weekend of June 10-11. Again, proceeds will benefit Project Love.

(Submitted by Mary Ann Cronauer)

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP):

SVDP helped 4 people / families with rent and or utilities this month. Check book decreased a little but still ok.

(Submitted by Chuck Hinds)

September Club:

On Wednesday afternoon May 3, 2017, 29 members gathered in the parish center for a catered lunch. We opened the meeting with a prayer. May birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. All present were encouraged to remember those who are ill in their prayers.

A discussion was held regarding rising prices & the decreasing parish subsidy. Members decided they would prefer to have food catered based on costs.

Watch for the announcement for details of our June meeting in the weekly bulletin.

(Submitted by Ann Patt)

Sharing Parish:

The Committee has appropriated \$12,500 from the funds raised by the 2016 Garage Sale (augmented by savings from previous sales) for tuition assistance to nine students in seven families at three Catholic grammar schools in Aurora. Letters of notification are being mailed to the families and to St. Rita of Cascia, St. Therese, and St. Peter Schools.

The 2017 Mega Garage Sale will be held on Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24.

- A pre-sale for parishioners will be held on Thursday, June 22 from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- Donations will be accepted beginning on Saturday, June 17 through Wednesday, June 21.
- We expect to have furniture pickup available on Wednesday, June 21.
- Worker signup will be after Masses on June 10/11 and June 17/18. Everyone can do some job; we need many hands!

(Submitted by Martha Rose)

Reports compiled and submitted by Carrie Tilton