

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
September 4, 2018 – Final Draft

Council Members Present: Chas Bellock, Jim Chitwood, Tom Cordaro, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Julie Lomax, Mary Oliphant, Brian Pelz, Joey Rose, Dave Schwartz, Peggy Soeldner, and Carrie Tilton.

Council Members Absent: No Council members were absent. Recording secretary, Becca Veys was unable to attend. Peggy Soeldner recorded the minutes and will make them available for submission to the bulletin

Parish Staff Member Present: Julie Duffin, Communications Coordinator

OPENING AND PRAYER: Council President Jim Chitwood called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Upper Room, with Mary Oliphant offering an opening prayer. Tonight's attendees were introduced, including guest Julie Duffin, Communications Coordinataor.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2018 MEETING MINUTES: June 2018 minutes were not available for review and approval. Approval will take place at the October 2018 meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR AND UPDATE: Julie Duffin, the Communications Coordinator, was introduced and provided a brief presentation, including her background and an update on current and future projects. Julie has been working on creating the theme and calling logo, creating flyers and emails. Additionally, she will be working on updating the parish website. To make sure Julie is informed of Council activities, all agreed Julie should be added to the Parish Council email list. Julie will be gathering photos from parish events and will post them, as appropriate on social media and in the bulletin. Additionally, Julie will serve as the "repository" of photos.

DEBRIEFING OF LEADERSHIP GATHERING: The Leadership Gathering, held August 25, was discussed. Everyone enjoyed having the team-building exercise and presentation by Kate DeVries. While the day was believed to be successful, it felt rushed, and all agenda items were not completed. Mary Oliphant thanked everyone for their openness and honesty when sharing. All agreed that the Ministry Census committee did a great job preparing and presenting their findings. Everyone is looking forward to continuing the dialogue. Jim thanked everyone who helped in planning the day.

CONSENSUS DECISION MAKING: Council President Jim Chitwood distributed a handout describing and outlining the Consensus Decision-making process. Through discussion, it was noted that in the past some items were presented and decisions made without sufficient time to reach consensus through the consensus-decision making process. For the process to work, there must be sufficient time to review, question, and clarify the issues and, if appropriate, come back to the issue after time has passed. It was noted that some steps in the process could be discussed through

online discussions. It was noted that this process may not be appropriate for all decisions made, but for “major” ones that have consequences. Council President Jim Chitwood requested that efforts be made to get information on such topics to Council members in advance of the meeting to allow enough time for review and consideration. Even with advance notice, it was noted that the process still needs time and some decisions would not be made immediately.

RESPONDING TO SEX ABUSE CRISIS: Tom Cordaro presented the Parish Staff response to the recent church sex abuse crisis. Plans include a report to the parish that will be in the bulletin the weekend of September 15/16. Following that, during the weekend of September 22/23, there will be an opportunity for parishioners to write personal postcards/letters to the bishop. It was noted this is not the Parish Mission Week. Through discussion it was noted parishioners will not be notified in advance of these activities. Brian commented that advance notice might be beneficial and provide an opportunity for parishioners to gather their thoughts and prepare for writing a letter or postcard. This could also facilitate the healing process for parishioners. Following considerable discussion, it was decided that the report will be in the bulletin as planned and that the address to send letters/postcards would also be provided at that time, thereby allowing parishioners to send correspondence on their own. Following the report in the bulletin, during the weekend of September 22/23, the writing opportunity would be provided. Additionally, these activities will also be announced at the masses and a “constant contact” email will be sent to parishioners.

The importance of follow-up and long-term actions, including providing resources for parents and survivors was noted. Fr. Paul added that we are all hurting and need healing. This will be an item that returns to the Council agenda.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: New member committee assignments were made. Joey Rose will serve as the Parish Council secretary and will also serve on the Nominations Committee. Chas Bellock will serve on the Appreciation Dinner Committee.

Following this, Council took a break from 7:50-8:00 p.m. Refreshments provided by Mary Oliphant.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: Carrie Tilton, CSC representative shared a presentation provided to her from Joe Egan of the Charitable Contributions Committee (CCC). This presentation included a nice overview of the process used in distributing the charitable contributions funds. Joe put together a presentation that describes their current process and a proposed new process and was seeking guidance. Specific areas Parish Council discussed include whether faith-based or Catholic organizations should get higher priority and whether organizations closer to Naperville should have higher priority. Generally, the consensus was that if all things are equal, then faith-based/Catholic organizations should have higher priority as should organizations in or closer to Naperville. The discussion included thoughts of what the Council believed are

the greatest needs of our community. SMMP has resources to help answer this question. All agreed this was good information and believed this could be revisited as the Charitable Contributions Committee is always welcome to seek support from Parish Council. On a separate note, Father Paul would like to touch base with the CCC to meet new leadership.

SUNSHINE MINISTRY: Mary shared that she saw a notice about the Sunshine Ministry, a new ministry that she was not aware of, in a recent bulletin. Fr. Paul shared that he was aware of it and had been approached by Terri Landry about it. He believes there is value to it and Council should discuss it. Sunshine Ministry is a phone ministry that offers daily contact with parish seniors who live alone or live in retirement or nursing homes. The ministry would involve keeping a log of parishioners, gathering contact information of family members or neighbors. The expectation is that the Minister will keep log; asks for contact information from neighbor, relatives. In addition to phone calls, ways to keep in touch include sending cards, and celebrating birthdays or other occasions with the senior parishioner. Fr. Paul noted there are still many unknowns, such as are there enough volunteers to sustain the ministry, which would involve a huge commitment. Is there enough need for the ministry? Tom suggested the Council allow him to explore the idea of this ministry with Terry in conjunction with Pastoral Care and Bereavement. All agreed with Tom's suggestion.

BIG DAY OF SERVICE: Julie Lomax and Carrie Tilton reported that there is a group in place to help to prepare for the Big Day of Service, scheduled for Saturday, November 17, which is also the day the Bishop will be at SMMP. They encouraged the PC to volunteer and include family and friends. Also, Council members are encouraged to let them know if places where volunteers could provide service. Sign up for the Big Day of Service will be in mid-October.

MINISTRY CENSUS UPDATE: Julie Lomax and Carrie Tilton continued the report of the Ministry Census Committee. Thanks were given to committee members which also included Mary Oliphant, Peggy Soeldner, Jill Mizen and Carl Van Dril. Plans for the committee include forming an Ad Hoc Committee to focus on specific ongoing ministries that may need some "restructuring" and a few proposed ministries. Ongoing ministries include: Comfort Care, Pro-Life, Sharing Parish. Proposed ministries include Young Adult Ministry and Social Media/Internet Safety, and Visiting the Homebound and Ill. In addition, a few ministries need additional data analysis and/or clean up including Eucharistic Ministers and Employment Ministry. Other tasks for this committee include communication improvements and documentation management such as liturgical calendar upkeep and volunteering/sign-up processes. Brian Pelz, Julie Lomax, Carrie Tilton and Dave Schwartz agreed to serve on this committee. Two "red flag" ministries were discussed: Pastoral Care and the Sunday Nursery. Specifically, it is unclear whether anyone has taken on the leadership of the Pastoral Care Ministry. Council was informed that at this time, no one has but hopefully this will happen soon. Regarding Sunday nursery, Council was informed that the coordinator has now rolled off and a replacement has not been identified. In addition, the permanent babysitter is finding it increasingly more difficult to come to SMMP for only one hour on Sunday. Carrie

reported there may be an interim solution, but a long term one is needed. She confirmed babysitting is provided only for the 10:00 mass on Sunday. Suggestions for resolution included explaining to the parents that use the service that there is a need for a replacement and encourage one of them to volunteer and if not, the service may have to be discontinued. Mary Oliphant was not in favor of this approach noting the importance of the parents of small children being able to attend mass. It was suggested that maybe there's an "empty nester" who might be interested. There appears to be some interest but interested individuals don't want to commit to be there all of the time. This has been advertised in the bulletin in the past but should be advertised again. The idea of going outside of the parish was brought up. This is a possibility, but the individuals would have to go through the Protecting God's Children training, and it may involve paying the babysitter more. It was agreed this needed more discussion so additional research will be done and will be brought back to a future Council meeting.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE UPDATE: Dave Schwartz confirmed attendance counts will be conducted at all masses during October. In addition, it was also suggested that the attendance counts be done once a month throughout the entire year. All agreed to proceed with this, as long as it doesn't take away from other "greeter" duties.

JANUARY 1, 2019 MEETING: Because the Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, the January meeting falls on January 1 in 2019. Council President Jim Chitwood suggested the meeting be moved to Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Through consensus, all agreed to change the date of the meeting. Peggy Soeldner noted she may not be able to make the meeting on that night due to work commitments.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Administration: No report was submitted. It was noted that there haven't been Collection reports. In the bulleting. Dave Schwartz will email Mike Prus and see if collection reports are being prepared. Chas Bellock will also follow up with Carl.

Christian Education (CEC): No report was submitted. Will submit when received.

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

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

Brian Pelz, CWC Representative, made special mention of and extended thanks to Terry Wagner, Gus Fischer and Mark Marsaglia for years of service to their ministries.

WHAT ARE WE HEARING FROM PARISHIONERS/FINAL WHIP AROUND: Jim Chitwood suggested that in the future, the “What are we hearing from Parishioners” and “Whip Around” sections be combined into one. All agreed.

- Good sound system; more details about the sound system can be found in the CWC report.
- Good liturgy around priest sex abuse, but not over; let’s continue.
- Looking forward to new year and getting things accomplished.
- Good liturgy for abuse, let’s continue.
- Commend everyone who participated in the listening sessions; heard from parishioners who appreciated it, even non-parishioners attended and appreciated it. Not every parish is doing it. Shows SMMP is a welcoming parish.
- When will altar change take place? (this coming weekend).
- New music mass parts this weekend. Looking forward to new year.
- Got a lot of positive feedback from listening sessions. A bit overwhelming. Inside and outside of the parish, inside and outside of the catholic faith; Comments included upper levels need to step up to the plate. What do I tell my grandchildren? What do I tell my students?
- Concert – good comments after outdoor concerts.
- Picnic is this Sunday. Hope to see everyone there. Pray for good weather. Will have name tags for picnic

DISCUSSION OF OVERFLOW/FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS: Council President Jim Chitwood brought up the continued presence of the overflow and future agenda items on the monthly agendas, noting they continue to be there. Unless there is disagreement, he suggested the overflow/future agenda topics would be on the agenda only if one of the Council members asks specifically to have one added to the agenda.

OTHER:

- Tom reminded everyone of commitments for the following weeks with the rolling out of the Theme/calling. This week, after Saturday evening mass, Joey will do coffee; Tom snacks, Jim, Tom and Peggy will be doing presentations.
- Through discussion of the Sunshine Ministry the topic of whether a new ministry requires approval from PC was raised. Do they need to present a proposal? All agreed it would be good if there was some kind of conversation, mentoring to see if there’s a real need in the parish.
- Council should resume writing thank you notes and should begin with Gus, Terry and Mark (greeters, lector)

CLOSING PRAYER: Mary Oliphant offered a closing prayer. The meeting ended at 9:01 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2018, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Soeldner
Parish Council Secretary

**Christian Service Commission
Monthly Report to Parish Council
September 4, 2018**

Bereavement:

We did not have meetings in July and August but are having our meeting in September on the 19th. We had a discussion of changing the Program, Readings, etc, for our annual Remembrance Mass as we have used the same pamphlet since 1999; there is also discussion as to our candle lighting ..we may have photos of their loved ones; this will all be talked about at our September meeting to get input from the other Bereavement Ministers.
(Submitted by Patti McGehee)

Boy Scouts (Troop 507):

Thank you to the parish and community for supporting our pancake breakfast fundraiser on June 3rd. Over 500 people were served. This is our only fundraiser to maintain our supplies and active outdoor adventures.

Scouts and parents assisted in the parish garage sale cleanup on Saturday, June 30th.

Scouts are traveling to summer camp at Camp Freeleand Leslie in Oxford, Wisconsin July 8-14

Our summer high adventure trip is a Northern Tier canoe trip to the boundary waters of northern Minnesota/Canada July 17-27.
(Submitted by Ramona Vaikutis)

Charitable Contributions:

The Charitable Contributions Committee will meet on Tues Sept 11, 2018 at 7:15pm. The committee will begin to discuss contributions for the 2018-19 fiscal year.
(Submitted by Pam Cieslak)

Christmas Giving Tree:

The first planning meeting for this year's Giving Tree took place on August 28th. This year's gift drop off date will be Saturday, December 15th.
(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

Summer activities:

Family campout – Blackwell Forest Preserve

Pool Party – Pelican Harbor

September activities:

Popcorn sales begin – Sep 1st

Recruitment Pack Meeting

(Submitted by Tim Tilton)

Daybreak Transitional Housing:

The Daybreak ministry continues thru the summer without pause, supporting our three families and meeting as a committee each month. Carl VanDril has accepted the role of chair of the Daybreak committee as of July. Pat McAuliffe has presided over the group the last 16 years and will continue on the committee as a mentor. We thank her for her service and contributions. We are also currently recruiting up to 2 additional mentors with some success so far. We have run monthly articles in the bulletin this summer providing glimpses of progress for each of our families. They all continue to do well despite ongoing challenges. One of our three families have achieved financial independence well before their February "graduation date" and has chosen to leave the program. We are currently selecting a new family to fill the opening. A special note of appreciation for all the mentors for their dedication to this challenging ministry.

(Submitted by Carl VanDril)

Knights of Columbus:

Summer:

* Baptism assistance to the Deacons along with recruiting Parish members to help.

* Continued with our Monthly Last Sunday of the Month Rosary Service after the 12 Noon Mass.

* Had our 2nd Annual Father's Reaffirmation of Marriage Vows Celebration.

* Continued our help at PADS.

* Continued our volunteering at Loaves and Fishes.

* Provided volunteers at the Special Olympics Track, Bowling and Soccer events.

* Helped load the trucks with the remaining goods from the Parish Garage Sale to go to St. Vincent de Paul and other charity organizations.

September:

* Volunteering for the Men's Club Parish Picnic.

* Holding the Knights of Columbus Intellectually Disabled Fund Raising Drive (Tootsie Rolls) at Mariano's, at Olesen & Gartner and at SMMP on three separate weekends.

- * Continuing our volunteering at Loaves and Fishes.
 - * Continuing our volunteering at PADS.
 - * Continuing with our assistance to the Deacons with the Baptisms.
 - * Planning for the upcoming Parish Blood Drive in October.
 - * Planning for the Parish Hospitality Sundays.
- (Submitted by Dan Patt)

Men's Club:

9/9/2018 Picnic
 10/5/18 Fall Golf Outing
 10/27/18 Autumn Dinner
 11/16/18 Fall Card Night
 2/1/2019 Bingo
 3/20/18 Winter Card Night
 5/3/2019 Card Night

The annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for September 9th from 11:00 am till 5 pm. 100% of the funds raised are spent in the Parish. The SMMP bulletin contains a list of the events scheduled. We are still in need of volunteers to work at the picnic. If you would want to help with the picnic, please send a note to me at tz2627@att.net . I will forward your reply to Harry Dubnick. There are many activities for the children and adults. Bingo for adults will be after the 12 noon Mass.

Next meeting of the Men's Club is September 18th in the Parish Center.
 (Submitted by Tom Zakosek, dates provided by David Schwartz)

Military Ministry:

We did not meet in the summer. Our next meeting is Wed. Sept. 19th. Upcoming projects are:

- Veterans Day Mass
- SMMP Day of Service
- Outreach

MASS-Sunday, Nov. 11th at Noon

A reflection reading after communion & a small reception in the Upper Room following mass.

SMMP Day of Service-Saturday, Nov. 17th

We will possibly have kids drawing pictures for the troops, letters for Honor Flights & cards for deployed troops. We are still determining these.

OUTREACH-On going

Last year we reached out to teens at Our Lady of Mercy Parish regarding Honor Flight & OSOT. It was very well received & we plan on repeating this. Teens did 3 different service projects for us & were educated along the way too. Teens asked us back!

(Submitted by Candy Rice)

(Sunday) Nursery:

Parish Council should discuss the future of this ministry as soon as possible. Permanent babysitter, Cia Lester, may step down as 1 hour is not long enough to commit to every Sunday. Additionally, a new coordinator is needed (so far, no one has committed).

(Need New Coordinator - Submitted by Carrie Tilton)

Pastoral Care: No report

(Need New Coordinator)

Peace & Justice Advisory Working Group:

Plans are being made for our first parish social mission week (Sept. 24-30). Our advocacy focus is inspired by the 2nd reading from James (5:1-6) and we will be asking our Congressional Reps to co-sponsor H.R.3467 - Wage Theft Prevention and Wage Recovery Act. Our theme (still in the works) will raise up three aspects of our parish calling; accompanying others; walking in love; and "serving those in need." We will also offer a presentation/discussion on Catholic teaching about the economy on Wednesday, Sept. 26th.

(Submitted by Tom Cordaro)

Refugee Support Group: We were able to donate 15 backpacks with school supplies for refugee children in DuPage County. In late Sept. we will begin a mentoring relationship with a Sudanese refugee family living in West Chicago. In October we will be working with Youth Ministry to provide a refugee camp simulation experience for our teens.

Earth Care Sub-Committee: Fund-raising for our rain garden will wrap up on Sept. 2nd. We still have not found a landscaping company willing to put in a bid to remove the sod. In October we will create some environmental resources around the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.

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

Working on the Baby Bottles for Life for Waterleaf pregnancy center. Hope to have a representative give a short talk after all the masses on Oct 6&7. Things are still in the planning stage.

(Submitted by Mary Ann Cronauer)

St. Vincent de Paul: No report

(Mark Oliphant)

September Club:

To celebrate Father's Day on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 1:00, 25 members enjoyed a catered lunch in the Parish Center. All men attending were presented with a lottery ticket. Members were asked to remember those members who are ill in their prayers. June birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

The September Club will not meet in July, August, & September.
(Submitted by Ann Patt)

Sharing Parish:

The Garage Sale proceeds from the June 29 - 30, 2018 sale dates were a little over \$10,100.00. This money will be used to support students in the 2019-2020 academic year.

A dinner was held for Garage Sale volunteers in July to celebrate the success of the sale -- success being measured more by the dedicated participation and efforts of the volunteers to make the most of whatever generous donations were provided, coupled with the opportunities extended to people to obtain usable items cheaply (as well as to the charities receiving leftovers) than by the dollar amount realized by the sale. The volunteers may inquire about the dollar amount raised, but they never ask if we were successful! Leftover books were donated to Scarce; any usable baskets were given to the SMMP Men's Club for the Parish Picnic Raffle; stained towels were given to A.D.O.P.T. for dog beds; a large truck was packed for St. Vincent de Paul with the help of the SMMP Knights of Columbus and SMMP Boy Scout Troop 507; and leftovers were also picked up by Wayside Cross Mission.

\$14,000.00 has been appropriated for partial tuition support in the 2018-2019 academic year for ten students in seven families at three Catholic Grammar Schools in Aurora.
(Submitted by Martha Rose)

**Christian Worship Commission
Monthly Report to Parish Council
September 2018**

Open Items:

- Review and improve the process of scheduling Gift Bearers.

CWC Chair:

• **New Ministry Coordinators**

Welcome to the new Greeter and Lector ministry coordinators:

I would like to welcome Desmond Curran as the coordinator for the Greeters and Felice Chillemi as the coordinator for the Lectors.

- **Thank you to Terry Wagner, Gus Fischer & Mark Marsaglia** for your years of service as coordinators for your ministries and for your service to the CWC and to the SMM parish community in your leadership roles. You have been exemplary in leading, inspiring, training, communicating with, and scheduling your ministers. You have helped me and mentored me in my role as CWC chair. Through your leadership roles, you have enhanced the liturgies here at SMMP and served your ministries and the parish well. On behalf of SMMP and the CWC, thank you. I know that SMMP will continue to benefit from your commitment, your efforts, and your inspiration through the roles you journey into next.
- **CWC/Liturgy joint meeting** scheduled for September 6, 2018 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **The new sound system is installed.** Thanks to John Schlaman for his time and effort in planning, gathering input from the various groups and working with Pentegra to plan and install the sound system. A special thanks to the donors who contributed to make this much needed sound system upgrade possible.

Youth Altar Servers:

- Nothing to report

Family Altar Servers:

- Nothing to report

Art & Environment:

- Nothing to report

Baptisms:

- Parishioners Jim Lawlor and Christine Welch have been added to the list of volunteers who assist the Deacons with the Sunday Baptisms.
- With the assistance of Sue Carroll, Deacon Ken and Megan Plackett, Bob Presnak has prepared a document that outlines the entire baptism process from registration through the actual baptism ceremony. As a document repository is an item on the CWC agenda, we'll determine the best place to store this document for access by the Parish Staff, volunteers, and the other ministries.
- The family pictures have now again become a regular part of our Sunday bulletin.

- Still awaiting a decision from the Parish staff on a source for flowers for our baptism parents

Bread Bakers:

- Nothing to report

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Deacon Ken and Felicia Egan are working on the Morning of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers. Ken and Felicia are also preparing for another EM training session.

Greeters:

- Desmond Curran is transitioning in as the new Greeter Coordinator, replacing Gus Fischer and Mark Marsaglia.
- As part of recent communications with the Greeter captains, a few ideas have been suggested.
 - It has been suggested that perhaps business casual attire should be year-round. Before making a decision either way on this suggestion, this will be brought up to the CWC as a whole, given the greeters' role as part of the CWC and the fact that other ministries like lectors have set attire, and Fr. Paul.
 - It has also been requested that greeters be given the names of baptism families prior to Mass and that there be seat assignments so that families arriving at Church can be better welcomed and shown to particular pews.
 - The Greeters and Lectors will be communicating about whether to change the way gift-bearing families are passed on to greeters.
- Desmond will explore the availability of comprehensive and professional (and hopefully free) emergency preparedness training for our Greeters, something we all hope we never need to use. An additional report will be provided at the next CWC meeting and, to the extent that any such training is available, communicate the nature of its availability to the CWC in case it may make sense for other ministries to participate in the training.

Lectors:

- Felice Chillemi is the new Lector Coordinator, transitioning in for Terry Wagner.

Linen Launderers:

- Here is a brief history of the Linen Launder Ministry submitted by Loretta Mercadante.

Well, what goes around comes around. I was the first person in this parish 38 years ago to have this position, and I'm doing it again! There are 10 women in this ministry. (Interestingly enough, no man has ever volunteered to wash and iron linens.) We take care of the washing and ironing of purificators, corporals and towels used during Mass. The ministers also wash Baptismal towels. Linens must be picked up by Tuesday the latest and returned before Saturday 5 p.m. Mass. The ministers are not responsible for the beautiful altar cloths which must be dry cleaned. I keep track of the schedule (each person takes a week), email the schedule to the ministers, and make sure linens are

picked up each week. If someone forgets, I will call them. It all works quite well. Most difficult time is the Triduum and Christmas when a quick turnaround is required.

Loretta

Liturgy Development:

- Parish Theme and Calling planning for September rollout.
- Liturgy/CWC joint meeting scheduled for September 6, 2018 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Music:

- The new sound system is installed and functioning. Included in the new system are new components, new speakers in the narthex, separate controls for the main worship space and the choirs, an “easy controls” set in the corner by the light switch, wireless capabilities for use with hearing aids and headphone monitors, new mics in the back of the church, iPad controls, and a virtual snake. The hearing-impaired capabilities will be outlined in the bulletin in the near future.
- Introducing a new Mass setting beginning September 8,9: Mass of St. Ann. There are pew cards in the back pocket of the Gather book.

Sacristans:

- Nothing to report

Gift Bearers:

- The current link: https://www.smmp.com/worship/gift_bearer_signup.php

Do you want to be a gift bearer?

- Is your family having a special gathering some weekend?
- Did you want to mark your child's First Communion or Confirmation a little early?
- Did you always want to be a gift bearer?

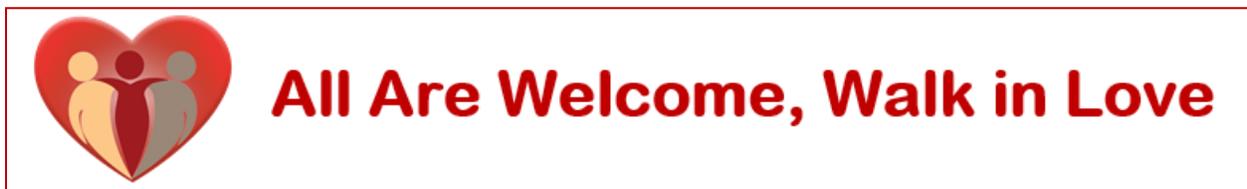
The Worship Commission has a great and easy way to have you and your friends or family sign up to bring up the gifts during Mass. We are really hoping that almost all parishioners sign up at least once each year. The signup and steps are very easy.

- Sign up for a Mass by going to <http://www.smmp.com/>, and navigating to Mass & Sacraments/Gift Bearer Signup. That will lead you to a link to a signup spreadsheet.
- Alternatively, you can call the parish office, 630-369-0777, to sign up.
- If you change your mind you can easily delete your name or call the parish office a few days before the weekend. Please be sure to keep email or phone contact information so we can remind you or let you know of any changes.
- Groups should be 3-5 people.
- Singles and couples are encouraged to sign up, but someone else may be added to make the group 3-5.
- Check in with a greeter before Mass.
- Sit where you like in church. When the collection begins, go to the back of the church and follow the greeter's instructions.



Being a gift bearer is a great way to more actively participate in Mass. Please consider signing up!

Submitted by Brian Pelz



**Christian Education Commission (CEC)
September 2018
Ministry Reports**

Religious Education – K to 5th Grade – Sue Davey

Classes start Monday, September 10th. At this point I have three classes without a catechist. Most of the classes now have a single catechist rather than two co-catechists. Caitlin Sica has agreed to take one and possibly two classes but I would prefer to keep her available as a substitute. We are sending out an email to adult parishioners asking them to volunteer as catechists, aides or substitutes.

On Saturday, August 25th, RE and Youth Ministry had a combined Catechist/Leader Day. Kim McMillan a youth minister at St. Benedict in Chicago program did a presentation regarding God alone: Growing in your own spirituality. The program includes a prayer service. There were two break-out sessions. Kim led one regarding helping children on their own spiritual journey and Debbie Brutlag led another regarding lap book ideas she developed. Fifty catechists and leaders attended.

Two “New” Catechist workshops were held on August 29th. Nine catechists attended.

Liturgy of the Word for Children resumes on September 9th during the Sunday, 8 and 10 am. masses. Jo Ann Jeffreys has agreed to continue as coordinator.

Catechetical Sunday is September 16th. Deacon Ken Miles will prepare a blessing for the catechists at the weekend Masses.

A Protecting God’s Children workshop was held on Saturday, August 18th. A second workshop will be offered on Tuesday, September 18th.

Youth Ministry – Jr. High and High School – Dan Lawler

No report

Adult Faith Formation – S. Madelyn

Adult Faith Formation brochure 2018-2019.

All Saints Catholic Academy

No report