

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
April 4, 2017

Members Present: Jim Chitwood, Tom Cordaro, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Victoria Kosirog, Mary Oliphant, Brian Pelz, Carrie Tilton, Carl Van Dril, Brendan Wagner, Don Wenig, Tom Zakosek

Members Absent: Julie Lomax

Council President Carl Van Dril called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room, with Brian Pelz offering an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2017 MEETING MINUTES:

Brendan Wagner moved to approve the minutes from March 7, 2017, with Jim Chitwood 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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE FORMATION REPORT: As a follow-up to Chas Bellock's presentation to Council on Planned Giving at last month's Council meeting, Chas Bellock, Carl Van Dril, and Don Wenig met later in the month as a Stewardship Committee Formation Team. They outlined ideas for the committee's ongoing structure, to include a Council member, a participant skilled in Planned Giving, another participant skilled in Development, a participant skilled in communications and promotion, and a Diocesan participant as needed. Additional parish participants will be solicited for the Stewardship Committee during the 4/23/17 stewardship presentations at Mass. This committee would be accountable to the Pastoral Council.

Carl reviewed ideas for the function, scope, and purpose of the Stewardship Committee. Among its duties would include: advocating for overall parish contributions and the addition of Planned Giving capabilities; communicating to the parish on Stewardship offerings and topics; and coordinating fundraising efforts by all other SMMP ministries, including the maintenance of a parish fundraising calendar for fundraising timing and appropriateness. After Chas and Carl's recent meeting with the Diocese, Carl noted that "all is in place" with the Diocese to broker donations of stocks and securities and return the proceeds directly to the parish. Likewise, the Diocese could work with the parish on administering Charitable Estate Planning, using Diocesan processes. The Stewardship Committee would also explore Endowment Funds and research what other parishes are doing with these.

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATIONS TO THE PARISH (at 4/23/17 Masses): Carl is collaborating with Fr. Paul in preparation for these presentations at the 4/23/17 Sunday Masses. The key message will include the following:

1. We are a mission-focused parish, with our stewardship connected to this.
2. We are thankful for our parishioners' generosity.

3. Our parish Finance Committee continues to make good and trusted decisions, currently based on flat contributions, increasing fixed parish costs, and decreasing funds available for mission-based activities.

4. There are additional ways of giving, both through time and treasure. Giving of treasure can also be through automated giving, donation of securities, and estate planning to include SMMP.

As similar to other parishes, SMMP now has a “Donate Now” link on its home page to ParishPay automated giving sign-up.

FY 2017/18 BUDGET PREPARATION – COMMISSION FEEDBACK: As each Commission is setting its priorities for the best use of its designated budget for non-fixed expenses, there was some discussion tonight about Commission feedback. It was noted that, within the Worship Commission (CWC), there will be some noted cutback changes seen in both Music [professional vocalists and instrumentalists], along with Art and Environment [rising cost of flowers and plants]. It was noted that the budget reductions will likely be more noticeable in the coming year.

“YEAR ONE” INTERVIEW STATUS – CALL TO ACTION: Tom Cordaro reviewed the status of “Year One” parishioner interviews being conducted by Council, including the following: 36 submitted online; 13 completed on a “walk in” basis (3/10/17 and 3/11/17); and 8 completed from a direct contact list. Council discussed the difficulty of interviewing “occasional companions,” although noting that the information gathered is very informative and interesting. The submission deadline for interviews is 5/1/17. Tom will send additional names to Council shortly of “occasional travelers” who might wish to be interviewed.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES: Council discussed the feedback received about the upcoming Sunday Mass schedule change and elimination of one of the Sunday Masses (effective 6/04/17). Most of the feedback is positive, as many have “seen it coming” for a while due to decreased Mass attendance and the difficulty in finding priests to assist on weekends. Although some parishioners expressed disappointment about their input not being sought as part of the new Mass schedule decisions, CWC Representative Brian Pelz noted how extensive communication efforts about these changes are with the large number of ministry groups being notified about and affected by these changes.

Continued efforts through various forms of social media will be made to communicate information about the upcoming Sunday Mass schedule change. Additional communication is needed about these being permanent schedule changes and not just occurring exclusively during the summer months. The new Mass schedule, which will start on June 4, will include Saturday Mass at 5 p.m., and Sunday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND YOUTH REPORT:

Administration: [*Saint Margaret Mary Parish Administration Commission Minutes*]

of Wednesday, March 14, 2017 and Minutes and St. Margaret Mary Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 15, 2017 were electronically submitted in advance by Mike Prus and are shown hereto].

Our automated giving provider ParishPay has been bought out by Liturgical Publications, Inc., and our parish will be incorporated into LPI's existing service, WeShare. As the transition date is not yet determined, online signup for automated giving via the home page on the parish website continues to be through ParishPay. Stewardship presentations at the Sunday Masses on 4/23/17 will also refer to encouraging additional signup for automated giving through ParishPay.

According to Fr. Paul, church parking lot maintenance work will not be done as a possible shared project with ASCA's [All Saints Catholic Academy's] parking lot project work. A contract has been signed with a provider to replace the new parking lot light, which was knocked down this past winter by an unidentified driver. In addition, an air handler system is still needed for the chapel.

Council received happy news tonight that the City of Naperville has approved the church's new electronic sign and that JULIE has already sprayed the grassy area prior to the commencement of any digging. Fr. Paul noted that the forged bronze letters on the current outdoor wooden church need to be saved, due to their value.

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

Brian Pelz, CWC Representative, reported that the ministries are very busy with preparations for Holy Week and Easter. Art and Environment Director Courtney Murtaugh needs additional set-up help for Easter, with Council recommending that Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus be notified about this.

Christian Service (CSC): [Christian Service Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council – April 4, 2017 was electronically submitted in advance by Carrie Tilton, a copy of which is shown hereto].

A question was asked regarding whether or not Comfort Care was getting more calls for funeral luncheons. Carrie Tilton, CSC Representative, noted that no report was submitted by Comfort Care Ministry this month (for Funeral Lunches and Emergency Meals). There was some discussion tonight about how bereaved families can learn about SMMP's offering funeral lunches and whether or not area funeral directors know about this. Fr. Paul noted that the funeral directors shouldn't be the ones informing the bereaved families about this; instead, it should be by the deacons or him, as the families' early point of contact. According to Fr. Paul, Saturday funeral lunches are more difficult to organize and facilitate at SMMP but can be implemented. Carrie was not aware of the Saturday constraint and will follow up with Kathy Kalina. [A subsequent phone call confirms that Saturdays are NOT a constraint for the committee]. Council recommended that information about funeral lunches be provided to SMMP's Front Office Secretary, Deacons, and Receptionists and that some ongoing information be

included in the parish bulletin about Comfort Care Ministry. Carrie will follow up with Kathy to put procedures together and discuss putting information in the bulletin.

Carrie also mentioned that she recommended that Charitable Contributions Committee provide some additional information in a parish bulletin summary about their ministry and various contributions provided by them during 2016-17.

Christian Education (CEC): [CEC Ministry Reports for April 2017 were submitted by Julie Lomax, a copy of which is shown hereto].

Julie Lomax, CEC Representative, was absent tonight.

Victoria Kosirog requested additional information about the new date for the Jr. High Program's "Warm the Heart" event, which was moved from February (due to a lack of parental help) to an unspecified date in April. No information was available about this at tonight's meeting.

Youth Representative: Brendan Wagner, Youth Representative, did not have anything to report tonight.

Following this, Council took a break from 8:01-8:12 p.m., enjoying refreshments provided by Brian Pelz. Brian was thanked for these refreshments.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Carl thanked Victoria Kosirog for her vision and execution of the recent postcard mailing about SMMP's Easter liturgical celebrations. The money, which would have been used for sending a traditional mailing to all parishioners, was used instead for this mailing to all of our neighbors [as many SMMP parishioners live outside of the official parish boundaries]. Council requested that a before-Mass announcement be included at next week's Sunday Masses, noting that some Mass attendees might be "our neighbors as well as visitors." These postcards were already mailed to 4,300 households, with many additional postcards being available for pickup in the Narthex after next Sunday's Masses.

As it was also noted that much advance planning and budgeting were done for this Easter liturgical postcard mailing, it was not yet determined if a similar postcard mailing during the 2017 Christmas liturgical season would be feasible. Fr. Paul especially noted that much information is typically included from Sr. Madelyn about Adult Religious Education in the Christmas mailing to parishioners.

Fr. Paul shared that he continues to receive good feedback from visitors, who especially comment about SMMP's hospitality and spirit of welcoming.

PROPOSAL INTRODUCTION – DAYBREAK MINISTRY FUNDRAISING: Speaking from his role as a Daybreak Transitional Housing Ministry team member, Carl Van Drill requested that Council review and thoughtfully consider the proposal for Daybreak Ministry Fundraising, which Carl has recently sent electronically. He requested that Council discuss this proposal at the May meeting.

In addition to hosting one homeless family for a two-year period through Catholic

Charities, SMMP's Daybreak Ministry entered into an additional partnership agreement to host another homeless family for a two-year period through Bridge Communities. Council had approved this second partnership with Bridge Communities in 2016, offered at a greatly reduced initial rate. Council had also approved this new partnership agreement, with the knowledge that additional fundraising would be needed for sustainability.

Council plans to discuss Daybreak Ministry's fundraising proposal at the May meeting.

FAREWELL FOR FR. PAT McDEVITT (4/30/17): Having only very recently learned about SMMP's weekend assistant Rev. Pat McDevitt's new assignment to St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Lincoln Park-Chicago, Council discussed ways that SMMP could bid farewell to him on his last Sunday assignment (4/30/17) with our parish. Also noting that there already are some scheduling difficulties occurring on that same day, including First Communion and Hospitality Sunday, Council noted that his reception should be held in a separate area from First Communion line-up and photos [in the Parish Center for the 12:30 p.m. Mass] and that refreshments for Fr. Pat's farewell should include some items different from Hospitality Sunday's traditional fare.

Although Deacon Fred Straub will also be retiring in April, it was noted that he and his wife are planning some subsequent travel shortly thereafter. Therefore, Council noted that plans for SMMP to honor and specially recognize Deacon Fred could still be postponed until a somewhat later date.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION – "HATE HAS NO HOME HERE" YARD SIGNS: In continuation since last month's meeting, Council discussed how the message of "Hate Has No Home Here" yard signs could inadvertently be misconstrued by some members of the community and parish. Due to such politically divisive times, there was concern expressed that some people could "read" things into these signs well beyond their intent and meaning. Council decided not to post these yard signs signs.

It was noted that "Hate Has No Home Here" could be a great catalyst for future dialogue within the parish, possibly as an Adult Education topic for future catechesis. As politics and faith mesh and clash, this struggle might be a good future discussion and learning topic.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – UPDATES: Nominations Committee Co-Chair Mary Oliphant provided updates about the six candidates who are interested in becoming an At-Large Representative Member on Council (filling two of the three-year positions, which will open for 2017-18). Council members are also encouraged to attend the orientation session on 4/19/17 (7 p.m.) and discernment session on 5/24/17 (7 p.m.), lending their support to the candidates.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS: Council reviewed a list of topics for future discussion with time permitting for the following:

- Welcome/Information Desk
- "Orphaned" Ministries

- Document Repository

“WHAT ARE WE HEARING FROM PARISHIONERS?” – DISCUSSION:

- Despite numerous ways of communicating about the upcoming Mass timke changes and reduction in the number of Sunday Masses (effective 6/04/17), there will inevitably be some parishioners who won't remember these. A few parishioners have already stated that they will be attending Sunday Mass at another parish due to these new Mass times being inconvenient for them.
- Additional care needs to be taken when scheduling events at the parish, e.g. when there is both a morning and evening event with guest speakers scheduled on the same day. Most parishioners find it too burdensome to attend two events on the same date.
- Politics vs. teachings of the Catholic Church can bring about much divisiveness.

FINAL ‘WHIP’ AROUND: Comments included:

- “Good meeting.”
- “Good meeting.”
- “Good meeting – surprised we finished on time!”
- “Thanks, Marlyn, for your Recording Secretary work, freeing the rest of us to listen carefully and participate in the meetings.”
- “Can’t believe we’re on time, with so much being on tonight’s agenda.”
- “Everything got done thoroughly tonight.”
- “Am deeply saddened – trusting in the wisdom of the Commissions.”
- “I’m so proud of this group.”
- “Good meeting.”
- “Looking forward to Holy Week and Easter.”
- “Good discussion tonight.”

CLOSING: Brian Pelz offered a closing prayer. Following this, the meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, in the Upper Room, starting at 7:00 p.m.

May Opening/Closing Prayer: Julie Lomax

May Refreshments: Julie Lomax

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Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Ligner Steury
Recording Secretary



**SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH
ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Wednesday, March 14, 2017**

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

Members Absent: None.

1. Opening Prayer: Led by Klaus Rummer.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the December 7 meeting were approved “by acclamation”, without changes.

3. Discussion/Decision Items:

A. Parking Lot Maintenance

Tom Hill reported on conversations with Briggs Paving and with All Saints, and distributed an updated set of itemized proposals from Briggs. From discussion at our last meeting, Tom had explored the possibility of sharing a project with All Saints. Tom learned that All Saints intends to postpone any work planned for this year, and the commission agreed we should attend to our needs this year.

The Briggs set of proposals is larger in scope than last summer. After discussion, the commission asked Tom to seek proposals from other contractors, while keeping the Briggs proposals as a possibility. Their scope of work will serve as the basis for the other proposals, while leaving open options for subtractions or additions to the work from other contractors.

Tom had shared before the meeting communications with Norm Beauregard of the Men’s Club. The Men’s Club is currently exploring various small projects, some of which are related to our discussions. Because of the chance of project overlap, and with the possibility of cost savings by combining work, it was agreed to ask Norm to participate at our next meeting. Tom will pursue this with Norm.

B. Proposal for Lawn Maintenance for 2017

The commission reviewed the proposal for 2017 from Greenbrier Landscaping, who has performed lawn and grounds services for the parish since 2005. Greenbrier’s proposal was the same as last year. The commission approved the

contract as proposed.

C. Scheduling future meeting(s)

The commission agreed to meet again on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 7:30 PM. Tom will invite Norm Beauregard to join our discussion regarding the parking lot and related projects.

4. Member Reports and Discussion:

A. Chuck Marquis: No report.

B. Bob Stezowski, Building Manager: Bob, Jeff Jameson, and Mike Prus will continue to pursue options for addressing heat and air conditioning needs in the chapel area.

C. Sue Schroeder, Finance: 1) The Finance Committee continues to facilitate the budget process for the coming year. The committee met with members of the Pastoral Council in January, and Sue presented recommendations for the framework of the budget, to the Council in February. The framework includes anticipated reductions in revenue and necessary reductions in expenses. 2) The parish had its periodic audit by the diocese in early February. A report from the diocese is expected soon. 3) The committee will plan its annual parish audits in the near future. 4) The Council plans to communicate with parishioners at Masses on the weekend of April 22-23, related to parish finances and contributions.

D. Michael Prus, Business Manager: 1) Plans for the new phone system for the parish are proceeding. Installation is targeted for late March. 2) A contract has been signed with Argo Electric for replacing the parking lot light pole and fixtures in the Green Trails lot, which had been knocked down by a driver. We are waiting for suppliers to provide equipment before the work can be scheduled. 3) Our automated giving provider, ParishPay, has been bought out by Liturgical Publications, Inc (LPI). Our parish will be incorporated in LPI's existing service, called WeShare. The date of the transition has not yet been determined, but is estimated to take place in May or June. Communications information will be provided by LPI once the date is established.

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

F. Jeff Jameson, At Large Delegate: Jeff offered to review and update Repair & Replacement projections related to HVAC equipment, and provide information to Sue in the near future.

G. Klaus Rummer: No report.

5. New Business: None.

6. Evaluation: A fine meeting.

7. Closing Prayer: Led by Jeff Jameson.

Submitted by Mike Prus

MINUTES
St. Margaret Mary
Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
7:30PM
Room: Staff Meeting Room

- **Present:** Henry, Helen, Sue, Mike, Laurette, Jeff
- **Absent:**

- Opening Prayer and/or Finance-related Scripture reading – Helen

- Approval of February minutes
 - Minutes approved by affirmation

- Review of contributions /financials – Mike
 - Contributions are still trending slightly ahead of budget - .61% ahead of budget, 1.35% ahead of last year. We believe this is artificial based on the prepayments by several parishioners for 2017.

- Admin Committee News – Mike & Sue
 - Sign discussion

- PC Parish Pay Discussion
 - ParishPay has been bought by a company that has their own software, WeShare. We have been assured that the price will not go up. There is a possibility that the price will go down due to economies of scale.

- We will pursue the option of adding a Special Collections option once the new software is available.
- Men's Club Audit
 - Scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2017
- SMM Audit
 - Collections
 - 5:00PM - Henry
 - 7:30AM – Laurette
 - 9:00AM – Helen
 - 10:45AM – Jeff
 - 12:30PM - Sue
 - Counting
 - Payroll
 - Payables
 - The diocesan audit was performed in February. Mike thought the audit was friendly. There has been continued conversation after the auditor's visit. We are expecting the report shortly.
- 2017-18 Budget discussion
 - Budgets were delivered to the commissions and are due back to Sue on April 10th. The budget will be assembled and presented to the FC during the April meeting and to the PC in May for final approval. Mike will make a long-term projection presentation to the staff to help them understand the budgeting process.
- December Financial Report
 - Will be sent to Sue Carrol for publish in the bulletin.
- New business
 - There has no communication regarding a Communications Director.
 - The website needs refreshing. This may be a budget item.
 - FC members are invited to the diocesan.
 - Mike has the prayer for next month.
- Closing Prayer – Helen

Finance Committee Meeting Schedule
Wednesday, April 19th, 2017
Wednesday, May 17th, 2017
Wednesday, June 21st, 2017

Submitted by Mike Prus

**Christian Worship Commission
Monthly Report to Parish Council
March 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:

- There was no CWC Meeting held in March.

Youth Altar Servers:

- Nothing to report

Family Altar Servers:

- Nothing to report

Art & Environment:

- Looking for volunteers to help set up the parish center and church for the following times:

Friday,	April 7	10:00 am:	Palm Sunday set up
Wednesday,	April 12	10:00 am:	Set up Parish center, Chapel for HT, Church for HT
Thursday,	April 13	10:00 am:	Arrange flowers and finish set up for HT
Friday,	April 14	10:00 am:	2 male volunteers to move the cross into position for GF
service		8:15 pm	Set up church for Easter after the evening service

Bread Bakers:

- Nothing to report

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Nothing to report

Greeters:

- Ensuring greeters are appropriately scheduled to cover all services during Holy Week and Easter.

Lectors:

- Nothing to report

Linen Launderers:

- Nothing to report

Liturgy Development:

- Nothing to report.

Music:

- Nothing to report

Sacristans:

- Nothing to report.

Gift Bearers:

- Nothing to report

CWC Reports Compiled and Submitted by Brian Pelz

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**Christian Service Commission
Monthly Report to Parish Council
<April 4, 2017>**

General:

CSC budget meeting took place on March 30th. More detail will be available soon.

Bereavement:

We will not be meeting in April but we will be meeting the 3rd week in May on Wed. May 17th.

(Submitted by Patti McGehee)

Blood Drive: Activities for March 2017

- Knights inserted notices in the weekly bulletin for the SMMP Blood Drive donor sign-up for the weekend of April 1st and April 2nd with the Blood Drive the following Saturday, April 7th.
- Knights set-up with Sign-up Genius for online registering for volunteers for the SMMP Blood Drive and with www.heartlandbc.org for blood donors to sign-up online.
- SMMP Blood Drive to be on Saturday April 7th from 7:30am to 11:30am.

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

Boy Scouts (Troop 507): No report
Ramona Vaikutis)

Charitable Contributions: Nothing to report

(Submitted by Joe Straka)

Christmas Giving Tree: No report

(Tom Cordaro)

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

(Submitted by Kathy Kalina)

Cub Scouts (Pack 507):

Cub Master - Tim Tilton

Committee Chairman - Brian Burgner

March: Bowling party at Lisle Lanes on Saturday, March 4th

April: Forest preserve clean up at Herrick Lake, April 15th. Camp Tecumseh Overnight, April 29th.

(Submitted by Tim Tilton)

Daybreak Transitional Housing:

The Daybreak families seem to be thriving. Because of allergies a request for different furniture for our apartment was made and thankfully it was filled within the week. We really do have a wonderful, supportive parish.

(Pat McAuliffe)

Knights of Columbus: Activities for March 2017

- Knights hosted the Bishop Blanchette Assembly 4th Degree meeting & dinner at SMMP on March 8th.
- Knights helped with the clean-up and dirty laundry collection and delivery at PADS on March 17th.
- Knights hosted a K of C Membership Open House on March 23rd preceded by our monthly business meeting.
- Those Knights that have agreed to help with the expanded Baptism schedule on the 1st and 4th Sundays of each month attended the ministerial training session.

(Submitted by Dan Patt)

Men's Club:

- We had 64 members and a new one present at our last meeting.
- We held our first meeting planning for our Fall Picnic.
- We are selling tickets for our Family Fun Night to be held April 22nd.
- We have started working on our April in Parish Project. This year we have two families that we are helping.
- We continue to play basketball at All Saints Academy on Wednesday evenings.

(Submitted by Gus Fischer)

Nursery:

It has been tentatively agreed to staff the Sunday nursery for the *10am mass only*. Babysitters will be notified.

(Submitted by Carrie Tilton, based on conversation with Cailin Ramirez)

Pastoral Care: No Report

(Submitted by Deacon Fred Straub)

Peace & Justice Advisory Working Group:

Currently our group is identifying possible dates for our 2017-18 parish social mission weekends.

Refugee Support Group:

We are hosting a Muslim-Catholic Dialogue on April 5th on the similarities and differences between Lent and Ramadan. The group will also be participating in a cross-cultural training workshop in April in preparation to become a mentor group for refugees.

Earth Care Sub-Committee:

We had another successful Christmas light recycling effort this past year. The group is planning a special Earth Day bulletin insert for April.

(Submitted by Tom Cordaro)

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

- Baby bottles continue to be returned. The final amount collected for 2016 is \$3,064.51. Of the 385 bottles distributed, 185 were returned.
- We will have Mother's Day and Father's Day cards available for a free-will donation. Proceeds will benefit Project Love. Project Love provides assistance to pregnant women and new mothers who are in a financial crisis. The women receive help with the payment of rent, utility bills and other needs.
 - Mother's Day cards will be available after Mass on May 6 and 7 (not the 12:30 pm Mass).
 - Father's Day cards will be available after all the Masses on June 10 and 11.

(Submitted by Mary Ann Cronauer)

St. Vincent de Paul: No Report

(Submitted by Chuck Hinds)

September Club:

On Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 18 members enjoyed corned beef & cabbage at Quincy's Restaurant in Naperville. Members opened with a prayer. We remembered the passing of member Bill Pesavento. Members were asked to remember those members who are ill in their prayers. March birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

In April we will meet in the Parish Center. Details will be in the upcoming bulletin.
(Submitted by Ann Patt)

Sharing Parish:

Applications for financial assistance for the 2017-2018 school year have been sent out.

The 2017 Mega Garage Sale will be held on Friday, June 23rd and Saturday, June 24th. We will start accepting donations on Saturday, June 17th.

(Submitted by Martha Rose)

CSC Reports Compiled and Submitted by Carrie Tilton



**CEC Ministry Reports
For April 2017**

Adult Education: Sr. Madelyn Gould

BIBLE STUDY: Sr. Marianne Race is willing to continue as our Bible Study Leader during 2017-18. We will be studying the Prophet Jeremiah and other Prophets.

BUSINESS BREAKFASTS: Our series ended with a fine presentation by Peggy Leyden on “Courageous Conversations.” Marc LeBlanc, a noted business coach, has offered to help us plan our 2017-18 series. He has also offered to be our speaker for next fall’s Opening Presentation. We are honored. Our committee will meet April 5th to talk about the entire series.

EVENING ENRICHMENT: 25 attended the Evening of Forgiveness by Deacon Joe and Becca Sair. Evaluations indicated a well satisfied audience.

MORNING ENRICHMENT: Thirty attended Sr. Mary Carroll’s presentation on “Jewels of the Church.” The impersonation of St. Teresa of Avila was a hit.

Fr. Paul will be our April 5th speaker. Topic: Holy Week: Walking Jesus’ Journey in My Shoes.”

Mary Kay Slowikowski asked to be part of our roster, she will be giving a presentation on “How Grace Transforms Us” on May 10th

We begin planning the 2017-18 series on May 3rd.

RETREATS: Sixteen men attended the March 10-12 preached retreat. We received high marks. Fr. Jim Osendorf is not able to help us with next year’s retreats due to his

transfer to CA. I am in the process of interviewing Fr. Tony Dosen to see if he will be a good match for our group.

Al Gustafson gave a presentation on the Paschal Mystery on March 20th. While this was primarily for those who attended the “Adventures in Contemplation” sessions, others were welcome. Time for contemplative prayer was part of the March 20th evening. Thirty-five attended.

Eighteen women attended the CRHP retreat Jan. 28-29, thirteen are continuing with the formation process.

On April 29th we will be having an all-day session on “How We Treat People Matters” by Char Dillon. She will be stressing how we attach to our parents at birth affects how we relate to others and to God.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: I am presently seeing 12 directees.

RCIA: Seven will be brought into full communion at the Easter Vigil. Two will be baptized. Rehearsal is this Saturday at 1:00 pm. A new group of Inquirers is starting April 19th.

OTHER: I will be moving to a different apartment on April 22nd.

PreK–Grade 5: Sue Davey

The First Communion Bread services was Tuesday, March 7th and Wednesday, March 8th. Attendance on Tuesday was low - only about 20 families. The Wednesday service was well attended. Father Paul visited the 2nd grade classes during the week of March 11 to March 15. The final blessings rite (with baptismal candle) was the weekend masses of March 11 and 12. On Wednesday April 19th there will be a special First Communion song practice for children attending ASCA or are in grades 4 to 6. Music CD and lyrics have been provided for practice at home. First Communions are Saturday, April 29th at 5:00, Sunday, April 30th at 12:30 and Sunday, May 7th at 12:30.

During the week beginning April 8th, the 5th graders will be presenting the Stations of the Cross to all students in each of the class sessions.

The last RE class will be Saturday, May 6th. Registration materials for 2017/2018 have been mailed out. Due to low enrollment Saturday classes will not be offered. Based on feedback received from our surveys, the class times for next school year have been pushed back by 15 minutes, to better accommodate family schedules and working parents.

We looked into doing the Square 1 Art fundraiser again. Unfortunately, their deadlines conflict with our class schedules so we won't be able to do this after all.

Youth Ministry: Dan Lawler

This year's Shamrock Shindig fundraiser was a great success as we more than doubled our attendance and raised over \$2000 towards our summer service trips. There were a lot of comments before and after the event about how much fun it was, that we should do it again next year, and offers to help cover some of our expenses. We also had a number of young adults present as we continue to reach out to that part of our community.

These next few weeks will be focused on finalizing our budget, calendar, and programming for next year. We hope to continue to engage our families and young people with dynamic events and activities that meet their needs, especially with reduced resources.

All Saints Catholic Academy: Anne Marie-Cronin

No report.

CEC Reports Compiled and Submitted by Julie Lomax