

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

Council Members Present: Jim Chitwood, Tom Cordaro, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Julie Lomax, Mary Oliphant, Brian Pelz, Sam Schroeder, Dave Schwartz, Kristen Slevnik, Carrie Tilton, Carl Van Dril, Don Wenig

Council Members Absent: Peggy Soeldner

Parish Leadership Members Present: Sr. Madelyn Gould, Adrian Jaworski

OPENING AND PRAYER: Council President Carl Van Dril called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. in the Upper Room. Dave Schwartz offered an opening prayer.

“AROUND THE TABLE” DISCUSSION: As some Council members had expressed frustration at the lack of available time for discussion during the past two month’s Council meetings, special time was set aside for this at the start of tonight’s meeting. Both the September and October Council meetings had tight time constraints due to hour-long Parish Leadership Community’s discernment work built into the first half of these Council meetings. Special time was set aside at the start of tonight’s meeting so that each Council member could optionally state his/her perspectives in an “around the table” format. Carl requested that good and respectful listening be accorded to each member, seeking good balance with these viewpoints. He also expressed gratefulness for opposing points of views with good face-to-face dialogue, rather than by email discussions among only a few participants.

Fr. Paul noted that the Council’s role is to help lead the parish and respond to both the parish and community’s needs, with discernment needed for this. A key component is to help find “a better way of being church.” He also noted the difference between concern with social issues vs. partisan politics.

LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY WORK: Council met with the other members of the Parish Leadership Community to continue their communal discernment work. Tom Cordaro led the group, as they focused on “Interpreting the Signs of the Times through the Lens of Sacred Scripture.”

Tom, Carl, and Jim Chitwood, will present updates in the Upper Room after the Sunday Masses on 12/9-10 about the Leadership Community’s communal discernment work.

Following this, Council took a break from 8:25-8:35 p.m., enjoying refreshments provided by Dave Schwartz. Dave was thanked for these.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Mary Oliphant moved to approve the revised minutes from October 3, 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 Peggy Soeldner will provide a summary of the minutes for the parish bulletin.

FINANCE REPORTING -- STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Prior to tonight's meeting, Council Vice-President Don Wenig had sent out a summary of parish collections for October, as provided to him by Mike Prus. As the automated giving collection data through Parish Pay are based on estimates, so are the October receipts. To date, collections are 3% below target (actual vs. budgeted). According to Parish Business Manager Mike Prus, "this may change with the coming of WeShare. October was also unique, because the transition from ParishPay [automated giving] to WeShare [automated giving] took place in October." Don and Carl stated tonight that the estimated figures for automated giving on all the Sundays in October were incorrectly listed as being much higher than actual by \$1,100.

Council had also received the Budget & Actual Report as of 9/30/17 in advance, as furnished by Finance Committee Head Sue Schroeder. Don had highlighted key areas on this forwarded financial spreadsheet.

Carl plans to write a letter shortly for the parish bulletin with a Stewardship update, this being done from his standpoint as Council President and Stewardship Committee member. According to Carl, more metrics will appear more regularly in the bulletin about WeShare automated giving.

The Stewardship Committee will be promoting sign-up for automated giving through WeShare at the upcoming Hospitality Sunday (11/12/17) . After looking at the stewardship practices of neighboring parishes (SSPP and St. Thomas the Apostle), SMMP's Stewardship Committee would like to make a direct appeal in Spring 2018 by letter to the parishioners, requesting a documented commitment of giving per parishioner household.

PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER (1/13/18): Co-Chairs Jim Chitwood and Dave Schwartz provided updates for this fast-approaching event – they will need to receive their final budget for this shortly. The Parish Center is now reserved; the band "Off the Rails" is now booked; and the Men's Club has been contacted about their willingness to help furnish beverages. Council expressed interest in continuing to use "Thank You" as the Appreciation Dinner's theme, and Tom Cordaro will contact former Council member Victoria Kosirog about her possible willingness to help plan decorations. Catering bids will be sought from Angeli's and Sharko's BBQ, and parishioner attendees will again be requested to optionally provide appetizers and desserts. Council also briefly discussed the possibility of purchasing some additional non-disposable plates, which Mary Oliphant will investigate.

All Council members are asked to assist with the Appreciation Dinner.

SMMP'S BIG DAY OF SERVICE (11/18/17): Co-Chairs Julie Lomax and Carrie Tilton reported that, while there are a number of people signed up for various service

positions, there are still many unfilled positions. If these remain unfilled, “de-commitment” calls will need to be made to the respective host organization or site.

Meanwhile, many efforts will be made during the upcoming days to recruit additional volunteers, with announcements made before the Sunday Masses, at the “Saturday Morning Live” program, and to teens and families. Reminders will be placed on the tables at Hospitality Sunday, and the parish’s outdoor electronic sign will feature a message about this. There are a number of service opportunities for adults, teens, and families with children’ and participants do not need to be SMMP parishioners..

INFORMATION/ HOSPITALITY DESK: Brian Pelz and Mary Oliphant presented a proposal for a trial period implementation of a Hospitality desk. Information for the proposal included input from the Liturgy Development Committee, the Christian Worship Commission, and the Pastoral Council. It is the decision to locate this desk in the Parish Library to the left side of the Church Main Entrance, along the wall where the Military Ministry’s current display is currently set. [It was recommended that the Military Ministry display be prominently relocated to a wall within the Parish Center]. While the Narthex is centrally located, it becomes very congested before and after Mass; and that a desk located by the Library entrance would be visible to those in the Narthex. Additional procedures and logistics will still need to be established with other groups who might be setting up in the Library or near the Upper Room entrance during the weekend Masses.

This Information/ Hospitality Desk would help function as a convenient and welcoming experience for parishioners and visitors to SMMP. It would be a place to enable parishioners and visitors to ask questions and receive answers about the parish, its many ministry and service groups, other resources, and contact information. This volunteer-staffed desk would provide a personal touch, connecting the information from Mass to the life outside of Mass.

Council approved and gave its “go ahead” for an Information/ Hospitality Desk for a 3-month trial period. During this trial period, a permanent desk will not yet be purchased. Council members plan to help staff it during the Sunday Masses, and past Council members will also be invited to help; and online sign-up for 2-hour shifts would be done through Sign-Up Genius. Data will be collected about its use during the trial period.

Fr. Paul noted that, according to Diocesan rules, no financial transactions can be conducted at this desk unless there are two people staffing this together at all times. The possibility of having a locked drop box at this desk for financial transactions was also discussed.

COMMISSION REPORTS: Due to a very limited amount of time available for reports tonight, Council members were asked to thoroughly read the Commission reports in advance, with no additional discussion planned about these.

Administration: No report received.

Christian Worship (CWC): [*Christian Worship Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council – November 2017 and St. Margaret Mary Christian Worship Commission Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2017* were sent in advance by Brian Pelz and are shown hereto].

Christian Service (CSC): [*Christian Service Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council – November 7, 2017* was sent in advance by Carrie Tilton and are shown hereto].

Christian Education (CEC): [*Christian Education Commission November 2017 Ministry Reports* were sent in advance by Julie Lomax and are shown hereto].

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

- There were many favorable comments heard about the Masses on All Saints Day.
- Although some parishioners might still prefer to pick up their parish bulletin before Sunday Mass, the bulletins will continue to be put away in the cabinet before Mass but be distributed after each Mass. The Greeters will try to provide bulletins to later departing parishioners, including to the choirs and musicians.
- The online videos about “What Does It Mean to Encounter Jesus in a Personal Way?” are excellent and are receiving great responses. One new video per week (from eight total) is being released, with information posted on Facebook and the parish website about this, as well as through the bulletin and by email. Of the videos posted, viewership has ranged from 125-281 views.

Council noted that the videos seem to be just the “right” length, have good audio and filming, and show consistency with introductions. Jim Chitwood was thanked for doing this videography. It was also noted that shorter clips from these videos can be put onto the parish website. Tom Cordaro will forward Facebook view metrics to Council.

- Due to the recent change in SMMP’s Sunday Mass times and the reduction of one Sunday Mass (as a resource issue), some parishioners are attending Mass at other churches due to Mass times fitting their personal needs. SMMP’s Sunday Mass attendance shows a 20% decrease since 2013. Brian will send Mass attendance data from the past six years. Sunday Mass attendance in October averaged 1230 in 2017 and 1350 in 2016.
- Some of the colors being used on the new outdoor electronic sign decrease message readability. Colors should be chosen to ensure message readability, with consideration to aesthetic appeal.

- Gift Bearers continue to be sought for the Sunday Masses – groups or families should notify the Ushers before the respective Mass about their desire to serve. It is not necessary that families or groups have five members for this, as Usher(s) can provide additional assistance. Pastoral Council members are also requested to serve as Gift Bearers and can do so in a group.

FINAL “WHIP” AROUND: Comments included:

- “There will be a new Social Mission Week coming up shortly, hopefully with good dialogue about it.”
- “We covered a lot.”
- “A lot to do.”
- “Awfully long meeting.”
- “Good meeting.”
- “We should discuss difficult items before the fact – not after.”

CLOSING: Dave Schwartz offered a closing prayer. The meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2017, in the Upper Room, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Opening/Closing Prayer: Carrie Tilton
Refreshments: Carrie Tilton

Respectfully submitted,
 Marlyn Ligner Steury
 Recording Secretary

Christian Worship Commission
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Open Items:

- Review and improve the process of establishing Gift Bearers

CWC Chair:

- There was a CWC Meeting on November 2, 2017.
 - Minutes on separate document. “CWC Meeting Minutes 20171102 v1.docx”

Youth Altar Servers:

- Training scheduled for December 2 and December 9; 3:30 – 4:30

Family Altar Servers:

- Nothing to report

Art & Environment:

- Set up for Advent is scheduled for Friday, December 1 at 10:00 A.M.
- Set up for Christmas is scheduled for Sunday, December 17 at the 12:00 P.M. mass
- Any help to assist with set up would be appreciated.

Baptism Assistants:

- Bob Presnak is the new Baptism Assistants coordinator. Welcome Bob.

Bread Bakers:

- Nothing to report

Eucharistic Ministers:

- EM training was on 10/16. Four adults and one teen were trained and commissioned.
- Implementation of new EM station procedures for 8AM mass is on going. EM lead is attending 8AM every Sunday to assist EMs with the new process.
- Explanation of new overflow EM stations was sent to all EMs in mid-October. Until Christmas, this new procedure is pertinent to the 10AM mass. Blue painters tape is placed at new locations. EM lead is attending 10AM mass to assist and direct EMs to the new locations.

Greeters:

- Mass attendance counts were completed in October, but the results sheet has been misplaced. If the results sheet does not surface, counts will be done for two or three weeks in November.

Lectors:

- Issues with the ambo mic levels. Contacted John Schlaman. (See Liturgy Development)

Linen Launderers:

- Nothing to report

Liturgy Development:

- Hospitality Desk proposal discussed at Liturgy and CWC meetings.
 - Proposal in separate document: "Information Desk-Hospitality Desk Proposal v4"
- Introduced the idea to sing "Prayer for Peace" as a reflection after Communion starting this weekend, November 10 & 11, and continue through Christmas. May it be our prayer for peace.
- Issues with the ambo mic levels: Get and train volunteers (or ask Greeters) to be "sound engineers" during the masses to make adjustments to the system if there is feedback or if the ambo level is too low.

Music:

- John is rehearsing a "Lessons and Carols" celebration with the Lumen Christi choir and members of the Contemporary choir. The "Lessons and Carols" celebration is scheduled for December 3rd at 7:00 PM. (1st Sunday of Advent).

Sacristans:

- Nothing to report

Gift Bearers:

- Looking to improve the sign up process
- Brian will ask Pastoral Council to sign up. https://www.smmp.com/worship/gift_bearer_signup.php

Submitted by Brian Pelz

**St. Margaret Mary Christian Worship Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2017 – 6:00 PM—7:00 PM**

St. Margaret Mary Christian Worship Commission Meeting

November 2, 2017

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Room 12

Meeting called by: Brian Pelz

Attendees:

Ministry	Name	Attended
Altar Servers	Deacon Ken Miles	Y
Art & Environment	Courtney Murtaugh	N
Baptism Assistants	Bob Presnak	Y
Bread Bakers	Brigid Harren	N
CWC Representative on PC	Brian Pelz	Y
Eucharistic Ministers	Felicia Egan	Y
Family Altar Servers	Mary Oliphant	N
Greeters	Gus Fischer	Y
Greeters	Mark Marsaglia	Y
Lectors	Terry Wagner	Y
Linen Launderers	Loretta Mercadante	N
Liturgy Coordinator	Deacon Ken Miles	Y
Music Ministry	John Schlaman	N
Sacristans	Barb Ryan	N

Duration	Topic	Lead
2	Opening Prayer	Brian
5	Welcome	All
15	Advent & Christmas Planning ₁	Ken
5	Sign Up Sunday – Recruitment ₂	Brian
2	Communion Distribution Procedures Feedback ₃	Ken
2	Buddy Bags – Feedback	Gus
15	Welcome Table; Large scale approach to Welcoming Parishioners	Brian, All
5	Narthex cabinet cleanup	Brian
5	Bulletins – keep them out	Brian
5	Kickoff Weekend Sep.9 & 10 feedback	Brian
5	Oversight for posters and information displayed ₄	Brian
5	Gift Bearer Signup ₅	Brian
2	CWC By-Laws Review & Approval	Brian
3	SMMP Document Repository	Brian
8	Ministry Reports & Updates	All
4	New Business	Brian/All
2	Closing Prayer	Brian
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Agenda Discussion

1. Opening Prayer - Brian
2. Welcome to Bob Presnak, the Baptism Assistant Ministry lead
3. Advent & Christmas Planning₁
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4. Sign Up Sunday – Recruitment₂
 - Schedule a signup Sunday for January or February of 2018
 - The narthex may be too busy and congested after masses to accommodate signup
 - The event that Becca scheduled earlier in the year with the teens received positive feedback from the various CWC ministries. Brian will talk to Caitlan.
5. Communion Distribution Procedures Feedback₃
 - EM procedures at 8:00 AM. Revisit these procedures in May 2018 to assess the current procedure and determine if maintaining a consistent procedure throughout the year would be better.
 - Planning another training session soon
 - Have two bottles of hand sanitizer on the table to assist with the procedure should one be taken to the presider. Communicate this to staff and EMs.
6. Buddy Bags
 - The bag is still in the confessional. No one has requested it yet at mass.
7. Welcome Table; Large scale approach to Welcoming Parishioners
 - Proposal included as an attachment with this email.
 - Staff has raised some concerns about the hospitality desk
 - Who will staff it, proper training
 - Procedures for financial transactions
 - Location of the desk
 - Is this hospitable? Have it during the Hospitality Sundays.
8. Narthex cabinet cleanup
 - Credenzas have been cleaner. Continue monitoring.
9. Bulletins – keep them out
 - The procedure of making the bulletins available only after mass has eliminated the need for greeters to cleanup bulletins from the pews after masses.
 - Greeters will provide bulletins to those still congregating and talking after the mass has ended. Reiterate this procedure to the greeters.
 - The greeters have received no negative feedback at this time.
10. Kickoff Weekend Sep.9 & 10 feedback
 - All went well
11. Oversight for posters and information displayed₄
 - Direct people to talk to the parish office
 - Fr. Paul has final say for the information displayed on the electronic sign.
12. Gift Bearer Signup₅
 - Brian to ask PC to signup
 - Mention gift signup once a quarter in the announcements
 - Republish the article in the bulletin – Terry Wagner
 - Constant Contact – don't want to over user CC. This may not be appropriate use.

- Find a coordinator for this process. In the past, there was a coordinator who called parishioners to sign up and to remind them.
 - Ask First Communicant families
 - Ask Confirmandi families
 - What do other parishes do?
13. CWC By-Laws Review & Approval
- The CWC By-Laws revision has been approved.
14. SMMP Document Repository
- WIP – Google Docs
15. Ministry Reports & Updates
- See “CWC Report to PC 201710v3.docx”
16. New Business
- Is the beginning of mass the best place for the announcements? Many of the congregation come after the announcements are made.
 - Have occasional reminder announcements to turn off electronic devices
17. Closing Prayer

Brian to follow up from the August meeting:

- a. EM
 - a. Felicia has requested that there be an extra bag of unblest wafers available in the working sacristy
 - b. Will verify the current volunteer list is accurate for proper scheduling
 - c. Training session held on August 26. Planning another one soon.
 - d. Short EM’s for 12:00
 - e. Issues with Constant Contact. Some people not receiving emails.
- b. Greeters
 - a. Lost greeters from 7:30 due to the new mass schedule
 - b. Will take census in October
- c. Sacristans
 - a. It has been difficult to cover 12:00 mass
- d. Lectors
 - a. The schedule has been established through Christmas and distributed.
- e. Music

Appendix

1. Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule:

I have heard conflicting information about the Mass schedule for Christmas and New Year, so wanted to clarify what it will be. Hopefully this will clear up any confusion there might be.

December 23 (Saturday); 4th Sunday of Advent

5 PM in Church

December 24 (Sunday); 4th Sunday of Advent

8 AM in Church

10 AM in Church
NO 12 PM Mass
December 24 (Sunday): Christmas Eve Masses
3 PM in Church
3 PM in Parish Center (only Mass in Parish Center)
5 PM in the Church (Children's Mass)
10:30 PM in Church (Mass at Night)
December 25 (Monday) Christmas Day
NO 8 AM Mass
10 AM in Church
12 PM in Church

December 30 (Saturday) Holy Family
5 PM in Church
December 31 (Sunday) Holy Family
8 AM in Church
10 AM in Church
12 PM in Church
January 1 (Monday) Holy Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day but no obligation)
9 AM in Church

Hope this clarifies any issues and helps with special sign-up planning.

Thanks for all you ministry and efforts, Blessings Ken

Kenneth J Miles Jr
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2. MINISTRY SUNDAY:

- a. Ministry Sunday is advertised in the Sunday bulletins before the event. Council recommended that the various ministry groups should clearly list their specific volunteer needs beforehand for which interested volunteers could then sign up vs. having volunteers indicate their interest for which there might not be any current need. Council also stressed the importance of ministry groups promptly responding to their new prospective volunteers, despite the summer months following shortly after Ministry Sunday. While the Parish Office provides the various ministry groups with names of interested volunteers obtained through Ministry Sunday, the ministry groups need to provide their own follow-up. Council Members and especially the Commission Representatives should encourage and promote good follow-up and feedback from their respective ministry groups.
- b. Tom Cordaro noted that "After Mass Sign-Up's" in the Narthex have been very effective for some of the Service Ministries, as held at various times throughout the year and announced beforehand at the respective Sunday Masses. Some of these ministry sign-up's can be strategically timed for recruiting volunteers according to an immediate seasonal need.

“After Mass Sign-Up’s” should be scheduled in advance by Mike Prus, Parish Business Manager.

c. Sign-Up Sunday and Ministry Recruitment Ideas

- Becca reached out to coordinators for Altar Servers, EMs, Greeters, & Lectors who all presented to the confirmandi. This was a great idea and an effort which should be perpetuated. Many confirmandi signed up for various ministries, showing an interest. Are there other opportunities to reach out to the youth and young adults of the parish?
- There is a need to revitalize the recruitment process for the CWC ministries
- There was an agreed preference to focus on recruitment in September when people are returning from vacations, school is back in session and the parish ministries and commissions are in full swing.
- Christian Service Commission introduces mention of three or four commissions into a liturgy and will have commission representatives in the narthex after mass, under posters, with clipboards ready to meet, greet and sign up people after mass.
- Put information and sign-up in the pews?
- Establish a web page sign up
- More and better advertising: bulletin, web page
- Establish and publish training dates.
- Remember not to ask for people if your ministry can’t use them.
- What do other parishes do?
- Continue this discussion via email through the summer to try to have a plan come September.

3. Communion Distribution Procedures

1. We will only use 10 Communion stations at the 8 AM Mass. (8 EM stations)
2. The first two EMs receiving Communion will take the hosts and wine to the choir (as usual).
3. Once the choir receives, the host EM will move to the regular spot on main side aisle.
4. The Wine EM will turn to serve the main side aisle.
5. Greeters will not lead people around the organ for Communion, only down main side aisle.

The above also means that the 10 AM Mass will be the only one with 12 Communion Stations and its flow will be as in the past.

There was also discussion on how an EM with hosts can help facilitate Communion distribution once their line is finished. This will usually happen at the station near the Baptismal Font. At 10 AM, it could also happen at the station by the choir.

1. If the EM with hosts finishes at the Baptismal Font/Choir location, they should help distribute to the main side aisle.
2. The EM should move to the front of the pew section adjacent to the main aisle.
3. They should stand by the front pew, about the middle of its length.
4. People will then be able to come to them, as well as the usual Communion Station.
5. The center pew section more toward the Baptismal Font is done first (usually the longest line).

Please look these over and see if they make sense to you. The goal, as always, is to distribute Communion reverently and efficiently.

Also, as an FYI, a bulletin article has been sent to Sue Carroll on the use and distribution procedures for low-gluten hosts. We plan to run this about twice a year.

Thanks for any comments or clarifications, Ken

Kenneth J Miles Jr
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4. Information Display Oversight

- a. Oversight for Posters and information that is displayed in the narthex or the library
 - Who coordinates or provides oversight as to what is displayed, how it is displayed and the duration?
 - Are there procedures? (cautionary discussion about having too many procedures)

5. Gift Bearer sign-up

- a. There is a need to revitalize this process
- b. What do other parishes do?
- c. In the past, someone would call families and schedule them. Is this an option?
- d. Include the request for gift bearers for that mass during the announcements if the greeters have not yet had any volunteers.

-Submitted by Brian Pelz

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Bereavement: Nothing to report this month. Remembrance Mass, December 14th.
(Submitted by Patti McGehee)

Blood Drive:

Activities for October 2017

- Knights had the Blood Drive sign-up held before/after Masses the weekends of Oct 7/8 and Oct 14/15.
- Knights initiated a previous donor phone list to contacting 101 previous blood donors.
- Blood Drive was held on Saturday October 21, 2017. There were a total of 44 donors which was almost doubled from our Spring Blood Drive. In addition, 13 Donors were deferred because of not meeting qualifications that day.

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

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

Charitable Contributions:

The Oct meeting of the Charitable Contributions Committee (CCC) took place on Tuesday October 10, 2017.

Actions Taken:

Information concerning 10 organizations was reviewed and the requests voted upon by CCC members, resulting in total awards of \$24,000 being granted. Seven additional organizations are pending review and action at the November 14th CCC meeting. Given this, it is possible that the total of this fiscal year's \$40,500 CCC budget will be expended by the end of the November meeting. By way of a reminder, CCC has capped an award to any one organization within this fiscal year at a maximum of \$2,500.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday November 14, 2017, Room 8 at 7:15 pm
(Submitted by Joe Straka)

Christmas Giving Tree:

Plans are proceeding for this year's program. A pre-registration mailing was done to last year's participants and pre-registration inserts were put in the Nov. 4/5 and Nov. 11/12 bulletins. Sign up weekend will be on Dec. 2/3. Drop off Sunday will be December 16th.
(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

October Activities:

- Pack rocket launch, Sunday, October 8th
- Fishing Derby, Sunday October 15th
- Pumpkin contest and fire safety (during Pack meeting, Thursday, Oct 19th)
- Forest preserve clean up (Saturday, October 28th)

November Activities:

- Air Zoo Overnight
- Pack Meeting: Uniform inspection, Toys for Tots, Pie toss for top popcorn sellers

(Submitted by Tim Tilton)

Daybreak Transitional Housing:

One of our guest's is currently experiencing health issues and we wish her well.

Our second quest will be celebrating her first Xmas in the program. With 2 small children it will be a joyous time for them.

(Submitted by Pat McAuliffe)

Knights of Columbus:

Activities for October 2017

- Knights helped with Baptisms on October 1st , October 8th and October 2nd after the 12 Noon Mass.
- Knights helped with Hospitality Sunday on October 8th.
- Knights participated in the Christian Service Commission After Mass Meetups on October 14th and October 15th after all the Masses.
- Knights helped with the clean-up and dirty laundry collection at PADS and delivery to the Edward Hospital Laundry on Friday October 20th.
- Knights volunteered at Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday October 25th, Thursday October 26th and Saturday October 28th to help distribute food to their clients.
- Knights held their monthly business/social meeting on Thursday October 26th with 20 members attending. Membership Open House was held after, welcoming prospective members.

- Knights conducted the 5th Sunday Rosary Service after the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday October 29th. The Knights will be offering the Rosary Service as the Family Rosary Service on the last Sunday of every month starting in November.

(Submitted by Dan Patt)

Men's Club: No report.

(Tom Zakosek)

Nursery: No report.

(Cailin Ramirez)

Pastoral Care: No report.

(Fred Straub)

Peace & Justice Advisory Working Group:

Our October 28/29 parish social mission weekend was very successful. We got 262 signed postcards directed to Sen. Durbin and 254 signed postcards directed to Sen. Duckworth. Our next scheduled social mission weekend will take place on the Feast of Christ the King (Nov. 25/26) and will focus on the issue of welcoming refugees. This is being done in conjunction with our parish Refugee Support Group.

EARTH CARE COMMITTEE: The committee showed a 15 minute video after the 8 and 10am Masses on October 8th. A total of 25 parishioners stopped by to watch. We will continue with our Christmas lights recycling program and the committee is continuing its efforts to recruit parishioners to explore the possibility of doing some native plant landscaping on our parish campus.

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP: Committee members attended a cross-cultural training workshop provided by Exodus World Services that will prepare the group to mentor refugee families in the future. The committee is also working with our peace and justice group on our next social mission weekend.

(Submitted by Tom Cordaro)

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

Thanks to Tom Cordaro for setting up the electronic pro-life message. It turned out great. The baby bottles for Life fundraiser will be held this weekend. Baby bottles will be offered to attendees after all the Masses. People are asked to return the filled bottles the weekend of Nov. 18-19.

(Submitted by Mary Ann Cronauer)

St. Vincent de Paul:

We had a beautiful day for the Friends of the Poor Walk in Naperville on Sept 30th. Participants had a nice time while raising money for SVdP conferences in Naperville and raising awareness of the needs in our area. Our finances are in good shape though additional funds are always needed.

(Submitted by Mark Oliphant)

September Club:

On Saturday, October 7, 2017, September Club members attended the 5:00 Mass in memory of our deceased members. Following Mass, 34 members gathered together in the Parish Center for a catered dinner. Father Paul led us in prayer. October birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

(Submitted by Ann Patt)

Sharing Parish:

Scholarship Fund -- and also recent graduates -- are invited to make brief comments at SMMP on December 3rd about the importance of their Catholic education to them. They will speak after

communion at Aurora Catholic grammar school students currently receiving tuition assistance from our the 10 am Liturgy and before the 12 pm Liturgy. In between Masses, we will enjoy lunch with them and their families.
(Submitted by Martha Rose)

Reports compiled and submitted by Carrie Tilton

Christian Education Commission November 2017 Ministry Reports

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – Sister Madelyn

BIBLE STUDY - 55 are registered. Attendance remains strong. I continue to receive many compliments on Sr. Marianne's teaching style.

SATURDAY MORNING LIVE! - "What's Your E. I.?" was the topic for the October 21st session given by Peggy Leyden. 35 attended and found the topic very beneficial.

EVENING ENRICHMENT - "What Have We Learned from Luther?" was presented Wednesday evening, September 27 by Fr. Paul and Pastor Lou Quetel. The session was repeated on the morning of Oct. 11. A total of 125 attended and were very grateful for this presentation.

MORNING ENRICHMENT – On November 8th three parishioners will speak about how they encounter Jesus in prayer....Kristin Spoden, Rick Eckstein and Peggy Nowicki.

REFLECTION DAYS – Eighteen attended the Day of Quiet held at St. Procopius Abbey on Sept 29th. Sr. Madelyn facilitated the day entitled "St Francis: Model of Holiness."

Sixty are attending 'Adventures in Contemplation!' Al Gustafson is facilitating the 8 month program held in the Upper Room.

RETREATS - At present, thirteen women are preparing to give the retreat in January. Recruitment is underway. To date, four have registered.

Preparations are being made for the Advent At-Home Retreat which begins Nov. 26th.

RCIA – We have only one catechumen this year – Max Leightman. He will be introduced to the SMM faith community at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on October 29th

OTHER - Women's Cafe continues to meet monthly with 15-20 attending. Response has been positive.

“Living Well While Facing Mortality” was presented Sunday evening. 31 attended. Participants found it helpful. I am grateful to Barb Burkhardt and Rebekka Ascensio for taking the leadership on this.

Momnipotent – A Program for Mom’s of All Ages” is meeting on Wednesday evenings facilitated by Caitlin Sica. Approximately ten are enrolled and are enjoying the program.

Marcia Mackenbrock and Sr. Madelyn have been invited by St Scholastica Parish to give an Advent Evening of Reflection on Nov. 30th. Planning has begun.

The Sacramental Retreat was offered on October 22nd. Sr. Madelyn gave the reflection on Baptism.

Religious Education – K to 5th Grade – Sue Davey

The Liturgy of the Word for Children leader are gathering for a dinner on November 1st at JoAnn Jeffreys’ house to discuss the program.

On Saturday, October 7th we had a special blessing of pets in celebration of the Feast St. Francis of Assisi. I was unable to get readers for the service. Approximately 12 families attended. The low attendance was likely due to the school holiday weekend. However, several families attended for the first time.

First Reconciliation information was mailed to parents. The first parent only meeting was Tuesday, October 20th. Around 50% of the parents attended. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th. So far 46 children registered to participate. I do have enough parent volunteers to run the event. The parent/child meetings are Tuesday November 7th and Wednesday November 8th. Reconciliation is scheduled for November 28th and 29th.

The first Sacramental Parent Retreat was Sunday, October 22nd. 48 Communion/Confirmation parents attended. The second retreat will be on February 4th. The first of the three First Communion Blessings rites will be the weekend of October 28th and 29th.

During the week of November 13th we will have the Catechist Open House where catechists and their children are invited in for refreshments while they review the various activities available for Advent.

On Saturday, November 18th, the 1st to 5th graders will host the 5:00 Mass. On-line registration is now available.

Youth Ministry – Dan Lawler

Our high school groups are preparing to collect food during Harvest Sunday for the Loaves and Fishes and Marie Wilkinson Food pantries on Sunday, November 5th. Our

Junior High families and other parishioners will be sorting food in the Parish Center. We hope to collect at least 20,000 lbs of food this year.

The Freshman Retreat is on Friday, November 10th and Saturday, November 11th and lead by our Peer Ministers. They have been preparing in prayer, conversation, and sharing their faith. We are excited to have them ministering to our 9th graders.

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No report.

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