

**Meeting Minutes for St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

**Members Present:** Felicia Allen, Mark Allen, Meghan Bishoping, Mike Bradford, Virginia Chadwick, Connie Gillette, Deacon Franz Hoffer, Dillon Johnson, Elizabeth Manuszak, Pat McGinnis, Bob Murphy, Father Mike Quaine, Sue Rakowski, Carol Schroeder, Julie Watanabe

**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Opening Prayer:** All

**Minutes of previous meeting approved by Mike Bradford and Bob Murphy**

**Enrichment:** Discussion on 12/8 mass readings (common connections between readings; two sides of our nature seen in the first reading; need for harmony important in society today; focus on the God of Encouragement in second reading; depiction and background of John the Baptist for the Gospel;

**Pastoral Team Report**

Fr. Mike: 55 young people were confirmed last month (thanks to everyone who helped-Deacon, Tom, FLT, Deacon Fisher); Father Larry Pettke's funeral and this great loss to St. Louis parish; Missionary Strategic Planning will need to commence in the near future (with knowledge that there are lots of archdiocesan initiatives-such as clustering-that require lots of parish work and are subsequently shelved for new and different initiatives)

Deacon Franz: Altar server program is growing (16 kids); 8 people in RCIA (4 for Holy Communion, 4 for Confirmation); no decisions made on worship commission restructuring and leadership (will need to meet archdiocesan requirements); 300+ people at Memorial Mass; Advent Reconciliation on 12/10 at 11:00 am; Parish library has been developed (Conference Room A; credit to Ann McKenzie for spearheading the initiative); about 25 kids at Thanksgiving Eve Mass (over 100 people total, including people not seen at our parish before; very positive response from parents who had kids participating in mass)

**Old Business**

- Plastic Bag Mats for Homeless: Project Update (planning meeting has taken place; official starting date will be 2/1 from 9:30-11:30-all parishioners will be invited; youth group may work on this during a meeting, but this is a parish-wide project; goal: 2 working sessions/month)

## **Commission Reports**

- Vicariate: Snowstorm in November led to cancelled meeting (no report)
- Worship: covered in Deacon's pastoral report
- Christian Service: meeting minutes sent out to Parish Council; Krafty Korner thanks the church and Parish Council for their support (\$3600 raised-\$1000 above last year's total)
- Christian Education: November meeting cancelled; next meeting in January (no report)
- Evangelization: Looking to participate in Strategic Missionary Planning in near future
- Youth Representative: Holiday box preparation is complete (60 boxes total); Poinsettia Sale is this weekend (12/7-12/8)

## **New Business**

- Coffee and Donuts (12/29, Strangers No Longer will have a table in social hall and show a video for Feast of the Holy Family, volunteer sign-up sent around)
- Call to Action Letter for Involvement in Reinvigoration of Church (goals and objectives for the commissions, usually happens in January; will revisit in January)
- Discussion about first meeting of 2020 (January meeting scheduled; April meeting cancelled)

## **Round Table Discussion**

- Drug discussion (neuropathy as side effect of a doctor-prescribed antibiotic; antibiotic overuse leading to superbugs)
- Requests (from multiple parishioners) to change the time of Saturday mass during winter so that people can drive when it is light out (earliest possible time would be 4:00; question about rescheduling weddings and reconciliation; could be discussed at worship commission)
- Parishioner idea for a trivia night at the church (Quizzo could run in it; need a family-friendly topic, like Disney; spin-off discussion of game club/tournament)
- MCREST help needed (5 people for transportation, 30 people for overnight supervision, people needed for housekeeping)

**Closing Prayer:** All

**Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

**Adjournment:** 9:03 pm

