

Meeting Minutes for St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, February 4th

Members Present: Mark Allen, Meghan Bishoping, Mike Bradford, Virginia Chadwick, Anne Marie Gherardini, Don Harris, Deacon Franz Hoffer, Dillon Johnson, Elizabeth Manuszak, Pat McGinnis, Bob Murphy, Father Mike Quaine, Sue Rakowski, Carol Schroeder, Julie Watanabe

Call to Order –7:07 pm

Opening Prayer – All

Minutes of previous meeting- approved by Mike Bradford, seconded by Bob Murphy Carol Schroeder

Enrichment – Reflection and discussion of 2/9 mass readings

- First Reading (Isaiah 58: 7-10): calls to mind the varied works of Christian Service Commission; message of hope for Israelites; historical context of reading
- Second Reading (1st Corinthians 2:1-5): clearly states the work of God vs. the work of man; Paul's humility in this letter; clear truth of God's word; God gives us the words we need
- Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:13-16): uninspired speakers at the pulpit make for lackluster messages; inspired speakers at the pulpit can really help bring a message to people and help internalize it; salt losing its taste=followers losing Jesus's message in our hearts (and warning of being trampled by the world); opening our hearts to Jesus makes us candles in a dark room and makes the world a little brighter for others; importance of the impact of our words and actions on other people (we are lights on the lampstand); being quiet about good deeds often come out of humbleness, but it's important to see other people's acts of compassion and generosity (don't hide lights under bushels); acts of kindness have the giver, the receiver, and the witness- it's important for people to witness our faith and how we live it; our attitude as we go through personal trials and tribulations are a sign of our faith and can inspire others; transformative power of challenges in our lives

Pastoral Team Report

Fr. Mike: Thank you for support of Mercy Education Project (4 different pick ups held to get all donated items out of St. Michael), held during a very busy period of parish charitable giving (including Mats for the Homeless, Souper Bowl of Caring, Knights of Columbus Coat Drive)-lots of "shallow entry points" for parishioners of all ages=effective evangelization; pride in parish and what we are doing to meet needs of the community and deepen our faith; update on mom (back at home, looking at hospice options, anxious time for family)

Deacon Franz: Pastoral/Worship Commission report emailed out; Safety and Emergency Response Procedures passed out (work in progress)

Old Business

- **Commission Goals and Objectives**: Waiting for response from AOD Strategic Mission plan to guide our work in this area (ETA: spring)

- **“Why St. Michael?” Bulletin Item:** Only three have been emailed to Meghan so far; waiting for more items to put in bulletin; looking for electronic submissions; will need someone to head this activity once we get going and parishioners begin making submissions

Commission Reports

- Vicariate: meeting at end of month; nothing to report
- Worship: see Deacon Franz’s pastoral report
- Christian Service: Connie sent commission reports
- Christian Education: Strangers No Longer Holy Hour will be held on February 25th; Lenten education program (2/26 greeting and welcoming station with a variety of Lenten resources-booklets, pamphlets, prayer cards; Good Friday greeting and welcoming station with resources; Bishop Barron educational video series-“The Mass”)
- Evangelization: Mission Strategic Plan will share response in spring (will run for 5 months), St. Michael is in second wave of parish implementation, leadership team will be formed to assess our work and address plans for greater outreach and evangelization; concerns about Strangers No Longer and negative parishioner response (Strategic Missionary Plan calls us to be missionary, and that will lead to resistance from within parish and community from people in “maintenance mode”-we need to pray to change their hearts); Homeless mats project is spreading and people are interested and excited
- Youth Representative: Souper Bowl of Caring (\$1676.92 raised, going to St. Vincent DePaul and Meals on Snowmobiles on Mackinaw Island); 8 parish youths nominated for Timothy Award on 3/22 (Maddie Cavanaugh, Theresa DeBenedetti, Kendall Eddens, Matteo Foglia, Connor Kirby, Brandon Manuszak, Elizabeth Manuszak, Mary Watanabe); NET Retreat on 3/20; Next Mats for Homeless session on 2/22; FLT/PRYSM Lenten Service on 2/27

New Business

- **March 26th Lenten Communion Service:** first reading (Don), Gospel (Julie), Prayers of Faithful (Bob), Greeters (Sue, Anne Marie, Mark and Felicia), Virginia (EM), Dillon (reflection)
- **February 23rd Coffee and Donuts Sign-Up:** sign-up form passed around; parishioner request for decaf; will add decaf in a small carafe for masses

Round Table – Dillon is turning 21 on Thursday (Happy Birthday!); Tickets still left for Knights of Columbus dance; MCREST bottle and can drive this weekend

Closing Prayer – All

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 3rd at 7 pm.

Adjournment – 8:13 PM