

St. Mark Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
 December 1, 2022. 7:00 PM

Member	Present
Fr. Adam Zajac (Pastor)	Present
Joseph Stottner (Chair)	Present
Michael Tucker (Vice-Secretary)	Absent
Virginia Greuloch (Secretary)	Present
Dave Lundeen (Deacon)	Absent
Karen Cocita (Principal)	Present
Meaghan McCarthy-Silver (Minster)	Present
Dan Brennan	Present
Paul Gambon	Absent
Anna Maria Masterson	Present
Michael Kay	Present

Opening Prayer:	Anna Maria Masterson
Roll Call/ Welcome:	Stottner
Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2022 meeting:	Brennan, Masterson approved & seconded

Notes:

Commission Updates

Education	<p>School –Karen Cocita</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each class attended adoration with families in attendance. We will have two more opportunities for adoration one in January and one in May. • Thanksgiving, food, collection, and library ministry with Saint Ed’s was a success • Candy donation after Halloween was successful. Donated to library ministry Saint Ignatius. • Geography bee is upcoming. • Father daughter dance is scheduled for December 2. • Classroom of champions competed on December 1. They are currently in third place they are judged on speed and accuracy. • Coats for kids collection goes through December 7. • Donuts after mass will be on December 4 ran by seventh grade with their coat collection after mass. • The sandal shop begins on December 6. Breakfast with Santa will be December 10. • Upper grades will have a speaker on the holocaust. • Reconciliation is upcoming.
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	Note: Education-1 (children) and Education-2 (adults) are now combined into “Education”. The adult portion remains in formulation.
Liturgy	<p>Father Adam - Anna Maria Masterson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggest formation of liturgy committee.
Social Concerns	<p>Masterson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Giving Tree is up and running ● Communion for Homebound parishioners with Deacon Dave. ● Holy Name Society raffled turkeys. ● Holy Name Society had a sock and underwear drive. ● Prayer Partner activities for Veterans. ● Christmas cracker donation - can we donate to morning mass or shut-ins.
Spiritual Development	<p>Father Adam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Men’s Retreat will be the weekend of December 3. Women’s Retreat will be the weekend of December 10. About 10 to 12 will attend each. This is an impressive attendance for men. ● Meaghan’s Advent Group has been meeting on Mondays. They have guided journal discussion and videos once a week. They have ordered 40 journals and only a few remain.
Evangelization	<p>Father Adam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bishop Woost is out of commission for a few months ● Saint Mel’s is doing a giving tree. It is more staff run. ● There will be no 7 AM mass on December 25. ● Searching for people interested in forming an evangelization committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggested to check with Patty McGinty.
Unfinished Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solar panels are at the finance council now. Will it be cost-effective?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Donut Sundays need a schedule. Michael K will head up the organization of donut Sundays. Youth group, Habitat for Humanity, Holy Name, and seventh grade have all participated. Other suggestions for groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Group, Holy Name, Evangelization Committee, Prayer Groups, Rosary Group, The Markers, Spiritual Life Committee, Pastoral Council, PSR, Parent Club, Athletic Association, Scouts, Teachers ● Discussed if the groups leading the Donut Sunday could talk at mass at the end. Father Adam could do an intro to the group? ● We have lots of extra apple juice currently. ● Can we start an email Prayer Chain? ● Interested in a volunteer appreciation event. Reflection for liturgical ministers evening event? Could we have an appreciation and reflection and prayer event? Combine both parishes for this? ● We need to request a clear mission and purpose of each committee. ● Lawrence is the leader of the liturgy committee.
<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The education committee will broaden to include adult education and catechesis, eliminating the need for Education 2. ● How do we get the word out to parishioners about each of the groups? There is currently a list of the parish organizations. Meaghan and staff have added groups to the list. The list needs to be cleaned up and we need to find a publication avenue that can get the word out. The website for Saint Mark has 880 unique visitors per month on average. ● We need a scripture group that meets regularly. ● For the Giving Tree, 526 youth group members will cover sorting and delivery. ● Decorating for Christmas in the church will be handled by the Art and Environment committee, as well as one confirmation group of eighth graders. ● We will set up an overflow in the social hall for Christmas Eve 4:00 mass.

Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parish Eucharistic revival will begin in June 2023 after Corpus Christi. ● Posters for the Eucharistic revival will be hung. ● Suggested adult education about the Eucharist. ● Suggested a group to call and personally invite parishioners to Adoration. ● Suggested that parishioners pray for kids who are receiving their sacraments. Would help parishioners interact with school students. This would bring the school together with the Parish through prayer. ● The women’s group is ready to help awaiting instruction. ● Stated: “More people would pray if they knew there was a prayer group. We need all the people to know what’s going on in the parish, not just a select few.” ● Pew update: square design in the lighter color with a softer corner has been chosen. They are awaiting diocesan approval, hoping to get them installed by June.

Motion to Adjourn: approved and seconded

Closing prayer: Stottner

Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm (Community Room)
 Opening Prayer: Paul Gambon
 Closing Prayer: Stottner