St. Mark Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting Minutes November 11, 2021, 7:00 pm – Via Zoom Prepared by Amy Asseff, Secretary

Member	Present
Fr. Adam Zajac	X
Dave Clifford - Chair	X
Amy Asseff - Secretary	X
Karen Cocita	X
Briana David	X
Paul Gambon	Excused
Virginia Greuloch	Excused
Michael Kay	X
Deacon Dave Lundeen	X
Anna Maria Masterson	X
Ed Morris	Excused
Nikki O'Sullivan	Excused
Mary Price	Excused
Joe Stottner	X
Mike Tucker	X
Michael Garvin	X
(observer status)	

**Opening Prayer:** Dave Clifford

Roll Call/ Welcome: Roll Call Waived

**Approval of Minutes of September 2021 meeting:** 

Motion to Approve: Amy Asseff

Second: Michel Kay

Approved

# **Commission Reports:**

### • Education

School - Report by Karen Cocita

- Former principal of Villa Angela/St. Joseph High School met with teachers to discuss social and emotional learning
- St. Mark teachers are collaborating with teachers from Our Lady of Angels School (small group collaboration)
- Teachers have been in discussion with school leadership to develop solutions for difficulties that teachers have been experiencing in performing duties
- Students participated in Classroom of Champions competitions
  - Took place at St. Edward High School
  - Competitions are monthly
  - O St. Mark teams placed third in History and first in Science
- Students held a Veteran's Day Prayer Service and invited local veterans to attend
  - o St. Mark has applied for a Purple Star Award
  - Purple Star Award is given to schools that demonstrate militaryfriendly practices and a commitment to military students and families
- Second grade is preparing for First Reconciliation
- NatureTrack is meeting with grades pre-K to 5
- Students are partnering with the Labre Project and St. Edward High School for Thanksgiving
  - O Visiting homeless in the streets and delivering care packages
- WeGive Catholic Campaign will raise funds to replace school drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations

Adult Education - Report by Briana David

Social Justice program is finishing for the year

0	Invited Cary Dabney of Walsh University as guest speaker to wrap up
	the program

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# Spiritual Development

- All-day Eucharistic Adoration took place November 5
  - School also participated
- Eucharistic Adoration will continue through December into Advent
- Liturgy Committee is making plans to start meeting on a regular basis
  - o Meetings were on hold due to Covid-19 concerns
- Considering ideas for an Advent-themed activity

## Evangelization

### Report by Briana David

• RCIA is likely cancelled for lack of enrollment, but RCIC will continue

#### **Unfinished Business**

### Christmas Morning Project ("CMP")

- St. Mark is collecting donations for personal care items and other needs for care package from parishioners
  - Advertised in bulletin for weekends of November 20/21 and November 27/28
  - Holy Name Society and Youth Group will assist in assembling care packages
- Need to determine who will distribute the care packages on Christmas Morning
  - Planned locations are selected areas of downtown Cleveland, including the bridges under and around West 25<sup>th</sup> street and the 2100 Lakeside Avenue men's shelter
- Discussion of marketing the project to the parish
  - For the purposes of educating the parish on the concept and mission of the CMP and for recruiting volunteers
  - Proposed making pulpit announcements at masses or holding an informational meeting

#### Tom Bodle Memorial

- Memorial tree has been planted
- Will hold a prayer service when the memorial plaque is installed

# COVID-19 Mask Update

Masks required until further notice or Jesus returns, whichever happens first

# St. Mel dual pastorship update from Fr. Adam

- Things are coming along
- Not planning any dual events until next year at earliest

#### **New Business**

# Discussion of SWOT analysis

- Work on educating parishioners regarding the various ministries available
  - o Promote a different ministry each week in the Mass Bulletin

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Raise awareness of parish activities and promote involvement in parish within the local neighborhood     Proposed holding monthly or quarterly events/ meals and inviting local residents to attend     Establish a "Welcome Wagon" committee of volunteers to invite local residents to attend mass and participate in parish activities  Symbolon program will continue through 2022	
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St. Mark's Formed subscription will be expiring sometime next year with no plans to renew	
Plan to establish a Strategic Planning Committee and will hold monthly meetings	
75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee until issues with Covid-19 pandemic have stabilized	
<ul> <li>Amy Asseff discussed attendance at Acts XXIX Rescue Retreat in Michigan on October 30</li> <li>Program was filmed and videos are currently in post-production</li> <li>Rescue Retreat will be marketing its videos free of charge starting in middle to late 2022</li> <li>Potential idea for a Spiritual Development program</li> </ul>	

Good of the Organization No discussion

Closing Prayer: Fr. Adam Motion to Adjourn: Waived

**Next Meeting:** December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm, location TBD