

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting

December 6, 2022

1. Call to Order at 7:05pm and Opening Prayer - Joe McCormick

Prayer from the Jesus Calling App.

2. Decide Future Meeting Dates – revisiting our meeting night with light to commitments. After discussion, we began to look at the use of the co-chair role to be filled by a second-year member. Kara Main was named co-chair. To transition on to Chair for their 3rd year. Based on discussions the remaining dates for PLC meetings are:

- Jan. 3 – possible SWAT in preparation for the Jan. 28 Strategic Planning Event
- Jan 28 – Strategic Planning Event (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)
- Feb. 7
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16

3. Committee Reports – what are we looking for in the reports? The idea is that the council members act as a bridge between the staff/committee, the council, and the parish as a whole (ears and eyes on the ground).

- Fellowship - Kara and Beth
 - Taking a break after planning and hosted several events this fall (tailgate, etc). Will be resuming after Christmas.
- Discipleship - Angie (young), Kara (Adult), Annie
 - Angie - Scheduled to meet in January. Will be brainstorming ideas for what to do for middle and high schoolers. Interviewing continues for open position
 - Kara – focusing on small groups and small group leadership training. January focus is to keep fostering small groups. Interviews have not yielded any viable candidates. Looking at Lori Richter (spiritual direction) possible offering to the parish.
- Mission - Emily J., Emily L. and Beth
 - Matthew 25 (financial arm for giving) looking for organization(s) that systemic change in our community. Focus on finding sustainable housing.
 - Human Concerns – do all the needs-based drives (in kind donations)
 - Neighbor to Neighbor – every parish has a geographical space (12% of our parish live in the allotted area) and this group will be more of a presence in our neighborhood (Christmas parade warming, etc)
- Worship - Annie and Keith (music)
 - Music – Contemporary Group (Witness) to come in for the 9:45 Mass on a monthly basis. Choir is back doing the second Sunday at 9:45 am. Looking to put together a men's chorale in the new year.
 - Father has put together a Reconciliation/Advent Examination of Conscious that will be available on the website in preparation for Confession.

- 9:45 am going back to the Children's Liturgy of the Word starts on 12/11.
 - Ministry – Joe, Tom and Chris
 - Would like to reach out via phone to every parishioner to prep for a Called and Gifted program (Catherine of Siena Publications). Use this to help identify the gifts you have, how to discern it, and how they can assist the vitality of the parish and contribute to the body of the Church. Committee needs to be pulled together
 - Communications – Annie
 - The Comm Team – they create the pew cards, Mass slides, website, all the written materials and communications for the parish.
4. Leader of Prayer for January Meeting – Angie will do the January meeting.
5. Closing Prayer by Joe
Based on the Serenity Prayer for Healthcare Givers
6. Adjournment at 8:40 pm