

Members present:

OLL: Peter Bemis, Bonnie Steffen, Antonette Zellmer Jacob Birenbaum, Bryan Bichler, Marilyn Sabec, Rich Schwab

DS: Bill Johannes, Bob Bichler, Mary Navis, Jennifer Thill, Scott Ehaney, Joyce Buechler, Bob Lallensack,

Guests: Leon Jacoby, Kati Dimmer, Terri Schueller, Deb Poull, Cindy Oskey, Dale Jacoby, JoAnn Karpin, Jenny Schwab

1. Opening Prayer: Bryan Bichler

2. Education Home and School report:

- Terri Schueller provided the report which included the following highlights:
- The school received a \$52,851 Bruce Krier Foundation grant to help replace our science and math materials. We will be purchasing the Bridges Math program and the FOSS program for science.
- Summer tutoring will be offered to students identified by teachers as needing some additional help or support.
- We are looking for a part-time staff member for our extended day program.
- We are in need of a part-time music teacher. Mollie will not return as our music teacher but will return as our band teacher.
- We are partnered with the Community Cares Program to bring some support to our students in the areas of dealing with emotional struggles such as anxiety, stress and anger management.
- We have received a \$10,000 donation to help support our tuition assistance and endowment in the loving memory of Mary Ann Lanser.
- On May 18th we celebrated our 8th graders with a special Mass. They wrote the Mass, selected the songs and were given a blessing.
- 2023-2024 enrollment currently stands at 119 students.

3. Parish Director's Report – Deb Hamm

- In keeping with the Eucharistic Revival, Deb passed out copies of the book, *A Biblical Walk Through of the Mass* by Edward Sri, to those present. As a parish we are planning to set aside time as a priority for the councils, the committees and other parish ministries, such as Family of Faith or Sisters in Christ, to read this book and provide opportunities for group discussion. Deb is planning to pilot this with the Tuesday 9:30 AM Scripture Study group which meets at the OLL parish center. At some point all interested parish members will be encouraged to read the book and with opportunities to participate in a discussion group.
- The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Eucharistic Congress event is being held Saturday June 10 at Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center and adjoining St. Francis Seminary from 8:00 until 1:00. It will include an 8:30 Mass, Eucharistic procession, and adoration. A small cost is associated, and registration is required by June 1. See the bulletin (May 28) for more details.
- There will be a Corpus Christi procession for the parish occurring on June 11 at the St Nicholas Dacada site. Deacon Al Lazaga from St. Joseph, Grafton will officiate.

4. Old Business

- Eucharistic Revival: Deb handed out a document containing a number of Mass related announcements that will be shared with parishioners over the upcoming weeks, during the Eucharistic Revival. The objective is to explain the importance of the Mass and why we do certain things within the Mass. Since the Mass is the source and summit of our worship of God it is important that we understand the importance of each area of the Mass. We choose to present this in a positive way, rather than communicating a don't to this and don't do that message. A sample of these brief teaching points taken from the document Deb distributed include:
 - i. Holy Water and why we make the sign of the cross when we enter and exit the Church building

- ii. How to prepare for Mass
- iii. The Eucharist Fast and why it is important
- iv. The Penitential Rite, what it is and why is it important

5. New Business

- The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Eucharistic Congress event was covered in Deb's comments above.
- Bringing back Wine: We will again begin to distribute the Precious Blood of Jesus across the cluster starting with the June 10 and 11 Masses. This will only occur for weekend Masses and not for the daily Masses. It will not be provided in the OLL Overflow room at this time. There will be 2 distributors per Mass from a communal (shared) cup. For those who do not receive the host due to gluten allergies it was recommended that they consider sitting near the front of church and receive the cup early if they have cross contamination concerns. We are reminded to bypass the cup if we are not feeling well. Dipping of the host is not allowed.
- Bill Johannes reminded everyone of the upcoming DS Picnic. Contact Bill if interested in helping out.
 - i. The DS annual picnic is Saturday, June 17, at the Belgium Community Park. Join us for 4:30 pm Mass in the park, with festivities afterwards. After positive feedback from last year, *Just 2 Dudes* will be back to perform starting at 6 pm. Kids activities will include face painting, bouncy house, and a petting zoo! The silent auction will close at 8 pm, with the raffle drawing at 8:30 pm. We look forward to celebrating our parish together.

6. Planning for the July Meeting

- The July meeting will have a revised agenda, like the previous 2 years. The meeting will be at the Holy Cross Chapel site beginning at 7:00 pm on July 24.
- OLL and DS will meet separately at 7:00 with the objective to 1) seat new members, 2) elect officer positions and 3) handle committee assignments. OLL will meet in the chapel while DS will meet downstairs.
- The Joint meeting will follow. It will include a very abbreviated agenda:
 - i. Introduction of council members, including new members.
 - ii. Determine how we as a council will proceed with the '*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*' book review and discussion.
 - iii. Celebrate the past year with food. Mary Navis will be setting up Sign-up Genius to organize the menu. Council Members can signup for Plates/Napkins/Cups/Utensils, Beverages, Hot Dishes, Side Dishes (Hot or Cold) or Desserts. The Sign-up Genius link will be sent to member emails addresses to facilitate signup.

7. Closing Prayer was the Our Father

8. Adjournment: Motion by Bob Bichler, Seconded by Bob Lallensack

Next meeting; 7/24/23 7:00 @Holy Cross Chapel

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Bemis

OLL Chair