St. Mary Pastoral Council Minutes

March 27, 2021 7:05pm

Present: Fr. Bill, Scott Staelgraeve, Marita Martin, Anne Green, Rich Barston, Steve Hinz, Patrice Marner, Ryan Houle, Dianne Pohl Deacon Wayne Absent:, Deacon Tom, Deacon Mike, Tom Turek, Shelley Wheaton

Prayer: Hail Mary

Minutes of January 25, 2021 corrected and approved

Prayer: Calling upon the Holy Spirit to be with us and Hail Mary

Old Business: Parish Mission with Sheri Wohlfert. About 40 people attended with option to watch online available. Everyone enjoyed the presentation about each day of Holy Week. She used the model of the Sisters of Duluth, Minnesota templet. Realignment process continues this Spring/Summer. St. Mary appears to be stable. Smaller church communities may feel a bigger impact on the future of their viability.

New Business: A positive letter with a survey was sent to all parishioners with an overview of past events and future vision for this year. Pentecost May 22/23 will include a Welcome Back Weekend with a variety of considered events from a concert, BBQ, COVID Commemorative service, information about Vacation Bible School, High School Senior activity, information about Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Healing Prayer, Respect Life information, etc.

Reports:

Pastor: Fr. Bill- 1.) Financially all is well. DSA is also having 94% participation.2.) Possible parish picnic after the Vacation Bible School in August. 3.) Movie Night for families.4.) 2nd collection for Habitat for Humanity in Ann Arbor reached its goal. 5.) Bethlehem Olive Wood Blest Art had a successful sale. 6.) Franciscan Sisters are well. 6.) Plans made for the liturgies are in motion for a beautiful Holy Week and Easter. 7.) Ground’s clean-up April 24th

1. Religious Education: Marita-1.) Family Catechesis is proceeding very well. Family Faith meetings include discussion of prayer, St. Patrick, Evangelization-Sacraments, Scripture, Saints, Stories and Small Sacrifices, prayed Sorrowful Mysteries and talked about Holy Week. 2.) RCIA prep is progressing with Gina Ward and Charlie Dahlgren. 3.) Students/families are preparing for their First Communion March 28th. 4.) Lenten Mass Tuesdays will include Rosary at 6:30 and a “The Search” at 7:30. It will be a personal retreat for the participants. 5.) Women’s Bible Study on Wednesday at 12:15 continue Zoom. 6.) Pilot the Christian Family program which is a national movement of small groups of Catholic families. They meet in their homes or parish center to reinforce Christian values with other fellow Christian parents. 7.) Please continue to learn from the many resources of Formed.org. The one on “Grief” is exceptionally good. This might be offered as we reflect on this year of pandemic. 8.) Next year’s Mission is being discussed. 9.) Research Holy Spirit Novena for days prior to Pentecost

Youth Ministry: Ryan- 1.) Mission trip this summer is moving forward. 2.) Wednesdays on the Water is being planned for the summer 3.) A Senior High School celebration is under discussion in May. 4.) Meeting continues each Sunday evening

K of C: 1.) Take out Fish Fry on the Fridays of Lent from 5-7pm was good. Less cleanup and monetarily exceptionally good. 2.) Chicken Dinners in the Spring and at the Fair time are planned.

Finance: no report

Ministries: ---Liturgy/Music: 1.) Holy Week and Easter Cantors at Masses and musical instruments participate on going. 2.) Creation of a group to facilitate better live stream programing.

---Hospitality: Personal welcomes and greeters continue.

---Video Ministry: proposed

Commission Reports: None

Upcoming Events:

1.Holy Week and Easter 2.Divine Mercy Sunday facilitated by Craig Houle 3.Parish Clean-up April 24

Closing Prayer: Spontaneous Prayer by Deacon Wayne

Meeting ended at 7:50pm.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2021 7 pm Live in Parish Center or Zoom Meeting

Our April 26th meeting will be in the Parish Center at 7pm with the option of joining on Zoom. Rich Barston will coordinate the Zoom invitation.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Green