St. Mary Pastoral Council Minutes

September 28, 2020: 7pm

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

Prayer: Our Father

Minutes of June 25th approved

Old Business: Overview of the last months. Mission statement was in the bulletin but not website. Scott has rectified that with Beth Ewald. There has been a slow uptick in weekend attendance since May.

New Business: None

Reports:

Pastor: Fr. Bill- 1.) Fish Fry successful with another on October 17. 2.) Properties have been well maintained. 3.) New access road is proceeding well. 4.) Koch & White installed a new furnace and water softener in the convent free of charge. 5.) Prayer Meetings are ongoing. 6.) New Flagpole installed, and a Blessing Ceremony was held. There were 95 donations to cover the cost of the installment. 7.) Finances were down a bit.

Religious Education: Marita-1.) New vision for Religious Ed this year. It will be Family Catechesis for grades 2nd through 8th with 60 families participating to date. St. Mary using a 2018 program of the KofC for families. 2.) Forming thoughts for programs for PreK, 1st and 2nd grade on Sundays.

Youth Ministry: Mary Lou and Ryan-The youth meet the 3rd week of the month respecting the government guidelines.

K of C: 1.) Fish Fry Saturdays 2.) Flagpole 3.) Novena for Life beginning in November

Finance: no report

Ministries: ---Liturgy/Music: Steve will speak to community about the limitations of singing directed by the Diocese of Lansing. There are 11 cantors so far for the Masses. ---Hospitality: Greeter program. Personal welcome planned before each mass. ---Preaching: Rich said their group would be getting together in the next few weeks “*33 Days Consecration to Mary”* began September 4th. 150 booklets were distributed. Each Friday after Mass, there would be a reflection. It would be repeated Saturday after and available on our website. The Consecration would occur on October 7th the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

Commission Reports: Respect Life: 40 Days for Life Prayers in front of Planned Parenthood in Ann Arbor. A speaker from the Archdiocese of Lansing to speak on the Theology of the Body after the 10am Mass on October 11th & 18th.

Upcoming Events:

1. Theology of the Body-October 11th & 18th after the 10am Mass.
2. Rosary at 4pm at the Flagpole on October 13th for our country.
3. Prayer Service for Our Country-October 25th at 2pm

Closing Prayer: Fr. Bill prayed regarding following the “Will of God.”

Meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Next Meeting: October 26, 2020 7pm Zoom Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Green