

### **Welcome and Check-In: 3:30 pm**

Present: Fr. Tom Farrell, Deacon Tony Abts, Terry McArdle, Jan Malchow, Sharon Brabson, Jean Krebs, Larry Kalscheurer, Jeanne Rabel, Jean Krebs, Kathy Wolff

### **Opening Prayer and Reflection**

Sharon read Mt. 2, 1-4, the chapter in which the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, and asked us about a time when we felt the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Members shared their experiences. We prayed that we feel the power of the Holy Spirit with us as we met to review the work of the Mission Planning Team.

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes from October 12, 2021:** Minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Mission Planning Team report:**

Deacon Tony began his review by reminding us that the purpose of this mission planning process is that we thoroughly live the mission of our parish. The Mission Planning Team's review of demographic data revealed that our parish, whose mission field stretches from the north boundary of Sevastapol to the tip of Washington Island, has not been growing. There have been more funerals than births and fewer Baptisms than births. As a parish shrinks, so does its impact. The challenge before us is to reverse this trend, and living more authentically will help us do that.

The plan names three areas of priority: Discipleship, Evangelization, and Community Engagement and Impact. The full plan contains action items for each priority. The work of 2022 will focus on Discipleship formation. The training that parish leaders and staff will receive in 2022 will prepare our parish to work on the other two priorities of Evangelization and Community Impact simultaneously in the years that follow. Deacon assured us that we will begin to see changes after the Discipleship phase of this plan is implemented. Expect 2022 to be a "discipleship intensive" year.

### **Next Steps for Council re Mission Planning:**

After Deacon walked us through the plan, discussion followed:

**Q: What's the Council's role?** Council will provide guidance and will assist on priorities. PC will be a core group that can oversee operations and function like a steering committee. Its members will receive discipleship training.

**Q: What's the timeline for sharing this plan?** ASAP in the bulletin at a high level

**Q: What does Council do between now and May?**

- Be on the lookout for moments of redemption
- Read Return by Brandon Bogt
- Read Sacred Fire by Ron Rollheiser
- Think about getting the committees involved in preparation of the Annual Report—and telling their stories. Fr. Tom noted that a group from Stella Maris came to his Appleton parish, told their stories after CRHP, and it was very powerful.
- Do a PR campaign on a theme—telling our stories?

#### **Decisions:**

1. Dcn Tony will circulate a copy of the plan with action items that that PC members can see thoughts from the PMP team. Jan cautions that these action plans are not set in stone, and that the plan is a strategic plan for our parish.
2. Council and Mission Planning Team will meet in person at 1:30 on February 8 in Sister Bay—Covid permitting. If necessary, we can use Zoom as an alternative. The purpose of the meeting is to plan how the two groups will work together to implement the Parish Mission Plan.
3. Jean offered to do the opening prayer on February 8.

#### **Recruiting Council Members:**

We need at least three new members.

No plan determined

#### **Closing Prayer & adjournment**

Fr Tom blessed us before we adjourned at 5:30