

SJV MINISTRY UPDATES

July 14, 2022

Here are summaries of what is happening in and around Saint John Vianney. Please review and if you have any questions, comments, ideas, concerns, etc., please reach out to the corresponding lead.

SUB-COMMITTEE: BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Church Cleaning

Mary Lou Pula was the person that has been doing it the longest. She is having back issues, so she personally has not been doing it. But no one is in charge they just come in every other week and clean, whomever shows up knows what needs to be done. *Update from Theresa Poole*

Facilities/ Maintenance

Here for the most part the team has been mainly working on maintaining the lawns of the property. We do have two new volunteers that have come onboard to help with the mowing. Gary Adams is also helping the team by maintaining around the school.

Since the first of the year mostly small tasks have been completed

- Toilet seals replaced in restrooms in the JWC and School.
- Replacement of camera at school entrance.
- Replacement of several light switches and outlets around the campus.
- Maintenance done on the lawn equipment prior to cutting season

Major issue of water leaking in the storage room off the gym. Team was in on a Saturday found the problem and removed the moldy rug and damaged articles. Some pictures were taken item that had to be thrown out.

Problem of water leak was a temperature control valve providing tempered water to the faucets in the gym bathrooms. I replacement valve was finally obtained and replaced along with some fittings. Monitoring of the repair is to be done for the next several weeks to confirm there are no more leaks.

There are several other tasks that need to be prioritized and completed by the team.

Update from Joe Kren

From Pat Barry:

We started baking cookies today in the school cafeteria. In that kitchen,

- (1.) the refrigerator is not maintaining a proper temperature,
- (2.) the smaller freezer behind the door is broken,
- (3.) one of the large freezers in the kitchen (was unplugged as it should be as there is no need for it), but Gary believes that doesn't work either.
- (4.) The freezer in the refrigerator on the far wall in the cafeteria doesn't work. Fortunately, the one large freezer in the kitchen does work,
- (5.) but it held an array of ice bags, ice cream, etc. (nothing was marked as to who the items belonged...much like the food left in the JWC refrig) Not near enough room for what we must store as we bake and store. The large freezer (there are 2 actually) in the cafeteria proper, which was what Carol told us to use was locked.
- (6.) The only person with the key is Liz....who must follow the school schedule and is off. Gary doesn't even have a key to this freezer. Gary left a message on Liz's phone...let's hope she is not away on vacation. I can't fathom who is responsibility defrosting the freezer's is, but the build-up was significant, which makes them even more inefficient. These findings were most likely monitored by the kitchen staff when there was one, but they need to be addressed...internal temp?
I told Gary I was going to report this to Parish Council....I sense this has been a long-standing problem. The fridge in the teachers' lounge seems fine.

Gardening Committee

Hoping everyone is enjoying the benches and new planters that have been added to the church entry way. *Update from Pat Barry*

SUB-COMMITTEE: PARISH LIFE

Bereavement

To date we continue to:

- Send condolence cards and bereavement pamphlets to family members of parishioners buried from St. John Vianney from November 1, 2021, to the present. Family members receive 5 mailings per year.
- On a monthly basis, get well/encouragement cards are sent to parishioners who are newly listed as requesting prayers via the **Prayers for the Sick** listing in the weekly bulletin. Additionally, cards may be sent to parishioners who have remained on the Prayers for the Sick list for a long period of time.

Scheduled upcoming activities:

- On **Wednesday November 2, 2022**, the Bereavement Ministry will host the annual **Remembrance Mass** on All Souls Day for parishioners buried from the parish from November 1, 2021, to October 31, 2022. Invitations will be sent to family members of the deceased parishioners.
- On **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**, the Bereavement Ministry will host a "**Grief at the Holidays**" presentation with speaker Bob Fink. Bob is a retired Chaplain from Hospice Buffalo. This presentation will be open to all members of the parish and surrounding community

Update from Anna Nold

DDSO

I will be unable to attend the meeting this week. Will be out of town. Updates on my two areas: DDSO Special Needs mass still on hold. Fr. Gebhart working on getting some priests to help (waiting a parish assignment from the Bishop). Hoping to resume in August. Home Communion going well. Seeing 6 people every week. *Update from Ann Nowicki*

Greeters/ Welcome Committee

Here is the update for the Welcome Ministry: The last Welcome Fellowship we had was on May 22, there was a great turnout we ran out of chairs! Our next Welcome Fellowship will be on Oct 16, please come and join in the Fellowship.

Regarding the Fellowship Weekends: Some of the ministries have been sent emails, some have said they will be getting back to me others no response yet. I will be sending more emails to different ministries, but I need to confirm some emails. *Update from Diane Nowak*

Holy Name

Holy Name golf outing set for August 4th 10:00 am, helping with SummerFest. *Update from Ed Orrange*

Knights

- Had our recruitment weekend.
- Chuck Basil joined the Knight's.
- Monthly Potluck this Saturday night.
- August 7th the Knight's will be at OLV.

Update from Charlie Brown

Prayer Shawl

No update from Sandy Potratz.

Seniors

No update Ann Ellis King.

Silent Angels

Rob Kubiak met with John Schaller on 7/13 to discuss where this ministry stands. John has done countless things in the past, but we need to find others who might be willing to take this upon their mantle. Examples of what this ministry has done in the past include:

- Personal care bags for the needy
- Monetary disbursement through the poor box and other donations
- Donations to Saint Luke's, Saint Bernard's, local food pantries (Thanksgiving+)

Update from John Schaller and Rob Kubiak

Staff

No update from Father Mark.

Sodality

Nothing until September. We had our installation dinner in May. Last meeting was in April. Update from Christine Ciminelli

SummerFest

We are two weeks away! Lots happening. We need to sell more cash raffle tickets. We need more volunteers. We need good weather. We need full parish support. Please come out and spread the word! July 29-30-31; see the website or Facebook for more info. Update from SF Team.

SUB-COMMITTEE: LITURGICAL LIFE

Lectors/ Servers/ Ministers

1. "NEED ALTAR SERVERS"
2. "LOOKING TO EXPAND LECTORS"
3. "LOOKING FOR MORE MINISTERS WHO CAN ALSO BE SERVERS AT MASS WHEN NO ALTAR SERVER IS AVAILABLE "
4. "ALTAR SERVER TRAINING IS THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 1PM ALL ARE WELCOME"
5. "NEED A PASTORAL ASSOCIATE "

Update from Darren Riccio

Music Ministry

St John Vianney music ministry consists of an adult choir which sings generally at the 9:30 am mass on Sunday's (Sept-June). choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30pm in the church. We have cantors at the other masses. We will be starting up a children's choir in September '22 which will have info coming soon.

News of the healing mass as follows:

- will be on Fri. September 2nd, 2022, at 6:30, which is our usual first Fri healing mass
- will consist of choirs from St. Columba/Brigid, St. Martin DePorres and St. John Vianney Parishes.
- will have representatives of all three parishes for the liturgy.
- will have a flyer and announcement of the event going out in the bulletin the weekend of 7/23-24

Update from Chuck Basil

Ushers

There isn't much here to report. Ushers are not doing manual collections parishioners to used collection boxes on the wall. Ushers continue to guide during parishioners at communion time and have communion brought to those who request it. *Update from Joe Kren*

SUB-COMMITTEE: CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RCIA/ Baptism/ Faith Formation

We have a new ministry. It is a 9th-12th Youth Group headed by Olivia Zanelli. The goal is to meet weekly from 7:30-8:45 PM on Thursdays. I don't know if you need any more than that, but That is what we have so far. *Update from Brady Webb*

Daily Rosary

We continue to say rosary daily after mass in a.m. We are an inspiration to each other. The rosary is a powerful tool! Anywhere from 3 to 12 are there to say the rosary and Devine mercy chaplet. Cleaning group continue to clean every other week. We will be talking to Theresa about mass book covers. Books are a mess. *Update from Jeannette Carrol*

Men's Group

Meetings will restart in September. *Update from Pat Backman*

Pro-Life

No update from Elaine Rothfus.

Woman's Discussion

No update from Sheila Lempko.

SUB-COMMITTEE: SCHOOL BOARD

HSA

- Welcome Back Ice Cream Social- September 16th
- Meat Raffle in the gym- November 5th
- Gala in the gym- April 22nd

Basket donations for the meat raffle are appreciated and can be dropped off at the Main Office of the school when school resumes in the fall. Tickets will be sold in October and will be advertised on our social media accounts and in the bulletin. Our last in-person meat raffle sold out with more than 400 people in attendance!

The HSA thanks our parishioners for their support with our fundraisers this past 21-22 school year. Our children are so fortunate to belong to such a loving and supportive parish. *Update from Joanne Ehman*

SJV School

- Enrollment is at 180 right now with our incoming kindergarten class at 18 currently.
- Universal Pre k in the public schools has decreased our numbers somewhat for our Pre k 4 classes. Our 3-year-old class has a waiting list. My idea for next year is to maybe take one classroom and turn it over to a Montessori based foundation. We would combine both 3's and 4's. This would assist in the overflow of children in the three-year-old program with the hope we don't lose any families to a waiting list.
- The teacher for that classroom is Montessori certified. It is just in the thinking stages right now.

- For this year, please spread the word for us to others about our great Kindergarten Readiness program. We currently have some spots open.
- We have all our teachers in place. Hopefully this will remain the same for September. I need a part time three day a week pre-kindergarten aid.
- The instrumental music program will be brought back next year.
- We will have more afterschool clubs for students next year, chess club, lego club, art club, etc.
- I added a Mother/Son Christmas mass and breakfast and a Fr. Daughter dance for the upcoming year.
- The Jr. National Honor Society will be brought back next year as well.
- We have a new Secretary. She came from another Catholic School so she can hit the ground running upon her first day.

Update from Carolyn Kraus

SJV School Board

- Enrollment for 2022-2023 school year is currently at 175 students.
- The new school secretary is Heather Nutter who started on July 11th
- The school board received a School Health Scorecard from the Diocese and will be meeting with Dr. Tim Uhl from the Diocese on 7/14 to better understand the process and our results.
- The 2022 Development Campaign will start October 1st with a mailing mid-October, a second mailing prior to Thanksgiving, and the campaign ending December 31st. We will need to work with Carolyn to determine the focus of the campaign.
- The School Board is exploring sending a survey to school families, timing is TBD.

Update from Jarod Haslinger

SUB-COMMITTEE: FINANCE

Collection Counters

Cruising along. Update from Sue Zanelli

Finance Committee

Met 6/18/2022

- Reviewing charter to be seamless with Parish Council - tabled until next meeting.
- Approved financial statements through May 2022
- Reinstated Mark Behm and Jordan Honan (Secretary) for new 3-year terms
- Much discussion around budget - Fiscal Year starts in 4Q2022. Nee inputs from ministries.
- Next meeting July 16, 2022.

Update from Joe Kessler

Parish Trustees

No update from Joe Kessler or Sharon Kirsch