

Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Council Minutes
October 24, 2022 6:30 p.m. Dominican Hall
Approved: October 28, 2022

Pastoral Council Members and Staff Present: Fr. Mark Brandl (Pastor), Fr. Norberto Sandoval (Associate Pastor), Danilo Batres (SC), Vern Baus (SC), Luanne Bemis (SC), Jeanne Bitkers (SD), Ken Borowski (SC), Mary Jo Bugembe (HNJ), Tom Clarke (HNJ), Mary Dalhaimer (SC), Tom Dinolfo (SNCP Staff Liaison), Mary Greeneway (HNJ), Don Holmes (SD), Michael Johnson (HNJ), Betty Johnson Macknick (HNJ), Mary Petrie (SNCP Staff Liaison), Rebecca Rupnick (SD), Kevin Sander (HNJ), Joel Sandersen (SD), Ron Spaulding (SD)

Excused Council Members: Judith Calderon (SC), Bob Mair (SD)

Welcome: Chair Ron Spaulding called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Rebecca Rupnick

Mission and Vision Statements: Read aloud by all council members.

1. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes: September 26, 2022

Online approval September 30, 2022

b. Committee Reports

The following committee reports were sent electronically to council members prior to the meeting and will be posted online.

- SNCP Stewardship Minutes—10/10/2022 Meeting

2. Financial Update (Tom Dinolfo)

Financial Reports

Financial reports for all three parishes have been sent to the respective pastoral council members for the month of September. It was noted that contributions are slightly behind last year, but it is hoped that the offerings will pick up during the holiday season.

Expenditures

Expenditures are essentially fixed – staff compensation, Seton school support (which was cut back this year), our Archdiocesan provision and utilities. The parishes have sufficient cash to handle other expenditures that may arise. It was noted that the Archdiocesan rules for financial reporting require these expenditures to be reported as an expense.

Following is a summary of major repairs and expenditures recently completed or currently underway:

- Holy Name of Jesus: Tuck pointing, originally estimated at \$50,000-\$70,000; final cost \$91,000. Unfortunately, this project uncovered the need for additional work needed on the towers, specifically caulking of the louveres and clocks.

- St. Dominic: Replacement of ceiling tiles and some electrical work; however, the electrical repairs were not as extensive as originally anticipated. Some other roof problems were also resolved.
- St. Clement: No large projects at this time. There is a tentative offer to purchase the school and parking lot with the intention to develop this space into senior housing.

Planned Giving

SNCP parish has been fortunate recently to be a named beneficiary in a number of parishioner’s estates. Most often these are restricted gifts, usually designated for long term needs at a specific parish; however, one donor recently allocated monies to each of our three churches.

3. Pastor/Associate Pastor Reports: Father Mark and Father Norberto

Father Mark Brandl

Speaking Event

On October 18, 2023, SNCP will host Chris Stefanick, an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. In order to allow as many parishioners as possible to attend, it is hoped that the cost of individual tickets can be partially subsidized by capital campaign funds designated for evangelization activities.

Thank You Event

St. Dominic PAC will be the site for a November 5th “Thank You” reception for the Love One Another Capital Campaign.

Father Norberto Sandoval

Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The pilgrimage took place on October 15th with a full bus traveling to LaCrosse, WI.

Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá

A celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá will take place on November 18th at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Name parish. The event is currently in the planning stages and details for volunteer opportunities will follow.

4. Plan of Action

a. Love One Another (LOA) Capital Campaign

Current Status

SNCP 5-year goal: \$2,007,632. As of 10/20/2022, total contributions from all three parishes are approximately \$915,150 which is 46% of the total goal. The parish breakdown is as follows:

- St. Dominic Goal: \$799,189. Contributions \$223,150 (28% of goal).
- St. Clement Goal: \$410,444. Contributions \$295,300 (72% of goal).
- Holy Name of Jesus Goal: \$797,999. Contributions \$396,700 (50% of goal).

Communication

Some families/individuals did not receive their mailings in a timely manner and thus felt at a disadvantage when contacted in person. Also, the volume of returned mail and disconnected phone numbers indicates ongoing challenges with our existing database. The intention was for parishioners to have their pledge cards and other materials in hand before a discussion took place. Once all large donors have been contacted, progress reports and other information related to the capital campaign will be posted to the SNCP website. Also, parish staff are continuing to address the database management issue.

Dilemma

Council members acknowledged that some families/individuals may be in a quandary when deciding how much they can afford to contribute to the capital campaign as well as maintain their weekly contribution. As noted in the SNCP Stewardship Committee minutes of October 10th, "it's vitally important to keep up with regular financial giving"-- weekly contributions are what runs the parishes. Parishioners are encouraged to find a balance between the capital campaign and their weekly contributions and not sacrifice one for the other. Full participation is the key to success.

Fr. Norbie shared a simple pledge example that was well received in his presentation to the Hispanic community. If just 60 people contributed \$25.00 per week during the campaign, the full goal would be met. Council members agreed it would be helpful to include such easy-to-understand examples in future promotional materials.

5. Old Business

a. Welcome Lunch and Thoughts on Christmas Celebration

Council members agreed to holding a pot-luck supper in December on a date to be determined.

b. Give Back to the Community--Christmas Family

While various community charitable organizations were considered, it was strongly preferred to identify a parish family in need. Council members will follow-up with some families that had been suggested and further discussion will take place at the November meeting along with collecting donations.

6. New Business

a. Working Together: Identify the functions that are common across all three parishes and their potential for collaboration

This was a preliminary discussion of how SNCP's three parishes can be more collaborative, especially in areas that overlap. An example of this is our volunteer lectors, i.e., someone from SD may wish to lector at one of the other parishes. This could also apply to choir members. Historically, St. Clement hosted a number of important novenas throughout the year. These events could potentially be shared across all three parishes. Discussion to continue at November meeting.

b. Archdiocese of Milwaukee Eucharistic Revival

The Archdiocese is participating in this nation-wide, three-year revival called for by the U.S. Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The purpose is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. This year begins a year of preparation leading to the beginning of the Parish Eucharistic Revival in

June 2023. A Revival Preparation Day took place on October 22nd at Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center where every parish in the Archdiocese was represented. SNCP representatives are Jeanne Bitkers (SD), Kym Leibham (SNCP Staff), Kate Nienhuis (SD), Mary Petrie (SNCP Staff), Lori Woelfel (SNCP Staff) and Anne Skowlund (SC).

The main issue is how to get people back to Church. The Eucharistic Revival plan is to utilize four pillars: (1) Personal Encounters: Bringing our people to Jesus. (2) Reinvigorating Devotion: Receive Jesus; Worship Jesus. (3) Deepening Formation: Learn and preach the truth about Jesus; and (4) Missionary Sending: Go out and bring Jesus to the world.

c. Pastoral Council Roster

An opening still exists for Vice-Chair. Once determined, the roster listing on the SNCP website will be updated.

7. Upcoming Events

- Fall Family Fest – St. Clement – Supper, Raffles and Kids’ Activities on Sunday, November 6, 2022, 4:30-7:00 p.m.
- Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra – Holy Name of Jesus – Special chamber concert on Saturday, November 12, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Betty Macknick offered a reflection from the book *Priestblock 25487: A Memoir of Dachow* by Fr. Jean Bernard.

Next meeting

- Monday, November 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., Dominican Hall at St. Clement
- Committee Reports: Due by the 15th of each month. Email to Council Secretary Mary Jo Bugembe at mjbugembe@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted
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