Pastoral Council Members: 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), Bob Mair (SD), Mary Petrie (SNCP Staff Liaison), Kevin Sander (HNJ), Joel Sandersen (SD), Ron Spaulding (SD).

Note: This was a special meeting of the Pastoral Council and the Annual Parish Meeting. Many parishioners were in attendance, as well as pastoral council and other committee members and SNCP staff. No attendance was taken. The meeting took place after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Mission and Vision Statements: Read aloud by all in attendance.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Norberto Sandoval

1. Welcome: Pastoral Council Chair Ron Spaulding called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. The meeting format included time for questions after the presentations. Dinner was served after the meeting in the St. Dominic PAC with additional time for questions and fellowship.

2. Consent Agenda: Pastoral Council Secretary Mary Jo Bugembe
   a. Pastoral Council Minutes May 1, 2023
      Online approval May 5, 2023
      All pastoral council minutes are available on the SNCP website on the “About Us” tab under “Parish Leadership”. Minutes from other parish committees are also available.
   b. Committee Reports
      • SNCP Annual Meeting Handout. The Handout was made available through email, on the SNCP website and in printed form at the churches on the weekend before the meeting. It was also distributed at the meeting.

3. Pastor’s Report: Father Mark Brandl

Archdiocesan Priests’ Assembly
Both Father Mark and Father Norberto attended the Archdiocesan-wide priests’ assembly during the week of May 7th where it was announced that Archbishop Listoeki will be retiring in March 2024 upon his 75th birthday.

In meeting with other parish priests, it was learned that many parishes are also facing financial difficulties. Families and churches alike are dealing with the results of inflation and rising costs and having to stretch their dollars to meet daily needs.

4. Director of Administrative Services (DAS) Report: Tom Dinolfo
   Financial Report
Tom Dinolfo presented a good/bad scenario of the state of parish finances. The good being that SNCP made it through the year with many repairs and upgrades completed at all three parishes and many more being planned for the future. For details, please refer to the Buildings & Grounds Report in the SNCP Annual Meeting Handout (pages 8-9).

The “bad” is the struggle to fund these projects and continue to meet ongoing operating expenses at all three churches. Funds from the Love One Another Campaign, as well as one-time individual bequests, have benefited our parishes; however, there is a significant drop in regular weekly collections. These regular contributions from parishioners are the most significant source of income in each of our parishes. Further details, including a look to the future, are in the Parish Finance Councils report on pages 10-11 of the SNCP Annual Meeting Handout.

Staff Recognition
Staff members in attendance were asked to stand in recognition of their hard work meeting the needs for spirituality, evangelization, and fellowship in our parishes. Our dedicated staff truly demonstrate the mission of SNCP in their daily work.

- Administration: Lori Biebel, Director of Communication; Mary Petrie, Pastoral and Administrative Assistant; Mark Sprangers, Accountant, Lori Woelfel, Office Manager, Bookkeeper, and Safeguarding.
- Faith Formation: Kym Leibham, Director of Adult Faith Formation, Kate Reidel, Director of Religious Education, Lulu Torres, Administrator for Faith Formation and Spanish Ministry; Dylan Zastrow, Director of Youth Ministry.
- Music Ministry: Julie Engman, Co-Director of HNJ Music Ministry; Beth Munns, Director of SD Music Ministry; Frank Trcka, Co-Director of HNJ Music Ministry; Judy Wilsing, Director of SC Music Ministry.
- Buildings and Grounds: Ryan O’Keefe, Facilities Manager

5. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School: Mary Widmann, Principal
The school’s mission is to introduce children to God and to have everyone who enters the school feel His presence. Members of the recent accreditation team recently experienced it and that became their biggest take-away from their visit to Seton earlier this year. If the trend from last summer continues, over 100 enrollments are expected for the Fall 2023 semester.

The school staff are grateful for the support of volunteers, many from our church community. Visitors are always welcome. For a summary of the exciting developments and initiatives at Seton School refer to page 7 of the SNCP Annual Meeting Handout.

6. Stewardship Time and Talent Drive: Mike Short, Chair SNCP Stewardship Committee
Many thanks go out to our dedicated staff and volunteers who contribute countless hours to maintain our large faith community. One of the new collaborative ministries developed in the past year has been the New Member Welcoming Team proving that there are many things we can do to strengthen our faith community when we all work together.

It is important to motivate and engage others, one-on-one, to help share our mission and be trained to “carry the torch”. Some will need to step up while others take a step back.

This year’s Time and Talent drive will start this weekend with the newly revised booklet and sign-up sheet available at all the churches. The Stewardship Committee encourages
everyone, youth through seniors, to sign up. For more information see page 4 of the SNCP Annual Meeting Handout.

7. Associate Pastor’s Report: Father Norberto Sandoval

Mother’s Day 2023
To commemorate our roots and the different places our mothers come from, special tribute was paid to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquira and on the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar in the church.

Cleaning and Landscaping
Work is underway on the cleaning and landscaping on the south side of the church. A plan is being developed with a landscaper in Janesville who has generously agreed to donate stone for the project. Space for a shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe is part of the plan with a special area for individuals to bring their own roses in memory of a loved one. The timing of this project will depend on the completion of the Development Plan for the School and Parking Lot Sale which is expected in September.

Infancia Misionera (Missionary Childhood)
St. Clement is proud to be the only parish in the Archdiocese to participate in this mission that helps to awaken the missionary spirit in children. Our children are helping children in other parts of the world with prayers and support.

Love One Another Campaign
The Hispanic community will continue to hold a second collection each Sunday for the duration of the Love One Another Campaign (five years). This has proven to be a successful effort as approximately $150 is being collected each Sunday.

Pilgrimages
Planning is taking place for two possible pilgrimages to Mexico. One to be religious based and the other a historical/cultural experience. Another possibility is a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Mass in the Park
End Park in Sheboygan will be the setting for the June 25th Mass in the Park. More details to follow.

John Michael Kohler Art Center
The Hispanic Community will again host a beverage stand on July 10 at the John Michael Kohler Art Center Midsummer Festival of the Arts.

8. Eucharistic Revival and Closing Remarks: Fr. Mark Brandl and Ron Spaulding

Eucharistic Revival
Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes, with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, is joining the nation for a Eucharistic Revival “to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.”
Our Revival kicks off with the Feast of Corpus Christi June 10-11, 2023. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and processions involving all three churches are being planned. Specific details will be available through emails, in the Bulletin and on our website.

SNCP Director of Administrative Services
Tom Dinolfo, SNCP Director of Administrative Services, has indicated his intention to retire before the end of the year. His dedication and valuable contributions to SNCP over the last five years will be missed. Steve Heun, HNJ parishioner and a participant in the Milwaukee Archdiocese’s Diaconal Ministry Formation program, will assume the position upon Tom’s retirement. Steve brings 15 years of experience as CFO of the Vollrath Company to his new role at SNCP.

Pastoral Council Nominations
The following vacancies exist for the 2023-2024 Pastoral Council term;
St. Clement – one position from the Hispanic community
St. Dominic – two positions
Holy Name – two positions

Nominees must be confirmed Catholics and active, registered members of any of the three parishes. Self-nominations are acceptable. All nominations should be sent to Joel Sandersen at jsandersen76@gmail.com no later than May 26.

9. Grace Before Supper and Adjournment: Father Mark Brandl
Supper was served in the St. Dominic PAC and attendees were given the option to proceed to the meal or stay for a question-and-answer period with staff and committee members. Father Mark led the closing prayer and grace.

10. General Questions with Staff and Committee Members
The following questions were presented to staff and committee members:

What is the status of construction at St. Clement?
There is a tentative purchase agreement to redevelop the school and part of the parking lot into senior housing. The school will be demolished. The developer is awaiting financial approval. (Answered by Tom Dinolfo)

What is the cost to the family for educating a child?
Tuition is $3,800 per year. No one is turned away because of lack of tuition money. 75% of funds are from the income-based Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (Choice). 98% of those who applied qualified for the Choice program. Choice not only covers tuition but also field trip fees, reduced lunch, and other fees. (Answered by Mary Widmann, Father Mark and Father Norbie)

What is the cost to the school to educate one student?
$15-$20,000 for everything. (Answered by Mary Widmann)

Will the Mass in the Park be bilingual?
Yes, depending on the turnout. No one will be left out. (Answered by Father Norbie).
Are there records of parishioners who leave the parish and is there follow-up as to the reason for leaving? (Answered by Tom Dinolfo and Mary Petrie).
We have very limited information when people leave the parish. Many times returned mail is the only indication that someone has left the parish. This is the case for nearly 50% of those who leave. The office staff is required to report to the Archdiocese whatever information they have on the reasons people leave the parish. But it’s important to note that when they can, staff always lets people know they are welcome back any time and the doors are always open.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting Date: June 26, 2023
The next Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in Dominican Hall, St. Clement. Opening prayer: Ken Borowski; closing prayer: Mike Johnson.

Committee Reports: Due by the 15th of the month. Email to Mary Jo Bugembe, Council Secretary at mjbugembe@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Bugembe
SNCP Pastoral Council Secretary
May 16, 2023