

Lifelong Faith Formation Commission Update for Pastoral Council 4/27/2022

Last LFFC meeting April 5, 2022. Next scheduled meeting May 3, 2022.

LFFC will be presenting to Pastoral Council at the April 27th meeting. Mary Dondlinger will represent LFFC in the presentation.

Elementary families that participated in religious education over zoom, had their last class with supper on April 25. Divine Mercy Sundaes was the dessert. This program of having instruction over zoom on Monday evenings except for 4 times/school year with in-person supper/instruction, was well received.

First Communions are on April 30 at 5:00 mass (5 families) and May 1 at 10:30 mass (11 families). Last class is on May 15 for mystagogy (reflection). One 6th grade student has not yet completed the preparation for his First Communion and will be scheduled later in the year. Liz Kuhn will follow-up.

Middle School and High School classes ended on April 24. Last class was a pizza party and Divine Mercy Sundaes.

The Holy Thursday Retreat for middle and high school students, that was held at Queen of Apostles, went well. 10 teens participated. 4 had their feet washed.

Confirmation is May 13, 7:00pm Mass at Queen of Apostles. 11 candidates from Queen of Apostles will be confirmed. 2022 Confirmation materials were sent to the Arch- 11 candidate questionnaires, order of worship and liturgy planning guide for the May 13 event. Last class is on May 15 for mystagogy with Bubbas. Possible Confirmation dates for 2023 were also sent to the Arch (May 5, 10 or 12). QOA may need to collaborate with another parish if we have fewer than 15 confirmands.

Surveys of families and students need to be done as the religious education school year ends.

Saint Anthony on the Lake is including Queen of Apostles religious education students in their summer mission trip offerings. Opportunities are:

Middle School - Summer Outreach Camp (day only) in Waukesha or Love Begins Here in Arch

High School – Service with a Purpose in Arch, Love Begins Here in Arch, San Damiano Encounter in

Arch thru Cardinal Stritch University or Catholic Heart Work Camp in Michigan.

Hopefully some Queen of Apostles religious education students will take advantage of these opportunities and may qualify for financial help through QOA religious education.

RCIA/Adult Confirmation – Alexis celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil. Jordan also celebrated Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Mystagogy sessions will continue after the Vigil. Alexis will eventually celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Adult Bible Study/Christy Rosenberger has started a new series “The Chosen” on Thursday nights, April 21 to June 2 from 6:00-8:00.

The ongoing Bubbas fundraiser will now be managed by Judy Huschka. Jenifer McGill has stepped away from that role.

Lydia Heinen will complete her time as extern at the end of April. Lydia will review the current job description to see if it was accurate and provide feedback to Liz, so it can be updated if needed. Liz will be meeting with John Schueller to discuss any budget concerns. Plan is to pursue a replacement beginning in the summer. Consider looking at local colleges and Newman Centers for interested individuals. Position starts middle of August.

Discussion of the DMI action plan and how it applies to LFFC. Report being formulated.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Korn and Cindy Klopp

Human Concerns Update

April 2022

- The HC commission met on 3/29 to discuss our survey response and it was decided that we will begin meeting monthly starting in May.
- Funeral Luncheons—This ministry remains on hold. Gerry reports that it is currently being discussed when this may resume.
- Prayer Shaw—Work on the Mercy mats continues. Donated hats and gloves to children this winter.
- Christian Women—Easter basket sale raised \$870 for the School sisters of St. Francis. Christian Women purchased extra baskets that were donated to the food pantry.
- The Band—This ministry is active again and recently went to Brookfield Highlands senior residence. They will also be singing at the 25th anniversary event.
- Pro-Life—We will be making plans for the baby shower in October, with items collected being donated to pregnancy support center and/or other related agency.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society—Bingo—the Grand total after 19 Bingo nights: \$7,578. So far for 2022, after 5 bingo nights: \$2,145. Next bingo April 25th. Bingo will be every other week starting in May and for the rest of the summer until the Knights of Columbus group returns to working a bingo night in Fall.
- St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program— Employees of SVDP, volunteers and meal providers met via Zoom on April 18 to discuss how the meal program is currently being run and plans to open it up to dine-in soon. Cindy and her helper, Terry Pelt represented Queen of Apostles. The greatest need is for the volunteer groups to return to working at the meal site to provide a consistent amount of food and workers. Some groups have not yet returned to making and serving their meals, like they did before COVID. Queen of Apostles has provided and served meals in to-go containers on November 18, 2021, January 20, 2022 and March 17, 2022. Our next serving date is May 19, 2022. It is anticipated that we will be serving in to-go containers again, unless we hear otherwise from the St. Vincent de Paul meal program site coordinators.
- Family Promise—It was decided at the Human Concerns meeting that we are not prepared to take on this ministry at this time, as we are still trying get volunteers for some of our current commitments. Will keep this on the list as a potential future ministry.

Stewardship Update

- Next meeting – Wed., 5/11 at 5:30pm
- New parishioner brunch was on 3/27/22. Overall it was a huge success. We had around 20-30 people attend. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success.
- We anticipate our next new parishioner brunch will be sometime in the fall 2022. We want to expand our gatherings to include other groups – law enforcement in May (to coincide with Police Week and the return of Donut Sunday) and Bereavement in November (to coincide with All Soul's Day). This year we will do 4 events with a goal of 6 next year.
- Blessing for Law Enforcement Officers is set for 5/14 and 5/15. The Knights are going to sponsor and work the event. We will offer cheese, crackers, sausage after Sat. night mass and donuts, coffee, juice after Sunday masses. This event marks the return of Donut Sunday. Tell all your friends!
- We had a very successful meeting with lots of ideas which were submitted to the DMI group.
- We considered ideas for the upcoming capital campaign that revolve around the revitalization of our gathering space and an annual parish retreat (planned by parish members).

Fish Fry Update

- Our last fish fry was on 4/1.
- Tom Schwai is stepping down from fish fry; however, we have a plan in the works to continue fish fry this fall – details to follow in the near future
- We hosted 7 fish fries for a total profit of \$6,675.15 for the year
- Thank you to all the volunteers for making it a successful parish event!

Census Update

- The Archdiocese had sent Lisa the list of all families from Queen of Apostles because they wanted it updated for the upcoming Capital Campaign. It was a great opportunity to compare our lists and allowed Lisa to look at every single family in our database individually. Afterwards, she sent the list back to the Arch. They are going to go through it and let her know if they have any questions or need something clarified. Once that is complete Lisa feels that we'll have the most accurate list we can have.
- Without having heard back from the Arch, we have 860 families which is 2,141 individuals.
- As for next steps, we along with the Arch and Harmon Studios (the company we're using for the next parish directory this year) will be reaching out to everyone in our database (multiple times I'm sure), so I think that'll help update the list moving forward. I believe there will be two opportunities for parishioners to have photos taken for the directory – the parish picnic and ???

Cemetery Update – March, 2022

Metrics:

Break down of Number of burials (or interments) by month:

	TOTALS	St. Mary's	Sts P&P
[2018 Totals]	[14]	[13]	[1]
[2019 Totals]	[13]	[12]	[1]
[2020 Totals]	[7]	[5]	[2]
[2021 Totals]	[13]	[11]	[2]
January, 2022	3	3	0
February, 2022	1	0	1
March, 2022	0	0	0
2022 Totals	4	3	1

Number of Cemetery Plots (and ½ Plots) Purchased:

	Running Totals (full & ½ Plots)
[2018 Totals]	[26]
[2019 Totals]	[17]
[2020 Totals]	[12]
[2021 Totals]	[16]
January, 2022	3
February, 2022	0
March, 2022	0
2022 Totals	3

Updates – none.

Did you know?

From Bob Meyer - Time Period: 21st Century.

[Last month I mentioned how bodies were handled in the 19th and 20th. This month Bob explains how they handle bodies now.]

1. Today, the casket with a body in it, is moved feet first, unless the positioning of the casket would require the body to be moved head-first. One such instance is moving the

casket to the grave. If the grave can only be approached from the East, then the head would have to be first so that the deceased would be facing the East when buried. During Mass the deceased is facing the altar. The exception is if the deceased is a priest or a deacon - traditionally they face the congregation.

2. Caskets weren't being used until the Civil war. Before that, only coffins were used. Caskets were started in the civil war because they were easier to make and transport long distances, so that soldiers could return to their homes. Embalming was started at the same time for the same reason.

March 2022 Month End Statement
From John Schueller

Balance Sheet

- Cash increased \$5,306 for the month of March.
- Current Liabilities increased \$685 for the month. The largest decrease was a payment to the ARCH for the assessment of \$9,619. The increases were all misc. items.

Income Statement

- Revenue was favorable to budget \$10,202 for the month of March. Y-T-D revenue is \$67,991 favorable to budget.
- Expenses for the month were \$6,914 favorable to budget and \$60,522 favorable Y-T-D.
- Net Income for March came in at \$4,711 which is \$17,116 favorable to the budget.

Net

Income for the year is \$121,797 or \$128,513 favorable to the budget.