

St. Patrick Catholic Church's Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2020

6pm Meeting over Zoom (COVID pandemic)

Mission Statement: *Saint Patrick's exists to **Encounter Jesus by loving** as commanded by Jesus Christ, **servng** as exemplified by Jesus Christ, and **making disciples** this commissioned by Jesus Christ*

Monthly Meeting

Attendance:

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P=Present; A=Absent; E=Excused.

1. **Opening Prayer-** Fr. Walter Nolte- Hail Mary
2. **Two Questions during the Pandemic and our Financial difficulties**
 - a. What does our faith tell us about this?
 - b. What can we do about it?
3. **Finance Questions**
 - a. Next Finance meeting is 5/21/20
 - b. Are there any questions that cannot wait until the June 3rd Global board meeting?
 - i. Feedback: Town Hall was well received
 - ii. Desire to move more people to the question "What can we do as a parish?"
 1. Many of the questions assumed that parish has enough money, but it has been mismanaged
 2. Rather than there is not enough money to pay our bills
 - iii. The Parish has been passing off paying bills to the next fiscal year for 30 years
 1. Sharing our story positively and not point fingers to a specific group
 2. Think of ideas to help people be a part of the solution
 - a. WeShare, SCRIP, Amazon Smile etc.
 - b. Possibility of making focus groups to help generate ideas
 - iv. Need to shared multiple avenues
 1. Not just the priests or the parish staff's job

- v. Bergan Students being more involved
 - 1. There are always kids from the school that are at Mass
 - a. So, are they reading the bulletin? – Bergan Block
 - b. Question from Bonnie: When the people ask where the Bergan students are, are they coming to the table at Catholic school's week to hear the story of the school
 - i. Actively seeking information
 - 2. Maybe non-traditional aspects: students as lectors, servers, choir, and ushers?
 - vi. How to bring people to the awareness of the students being at Mass or the goodness of the school etc.
 - vii. Maybe the 3rd Sunday of each month is a student Mass
 - 1. Where students from Bergan, Public, and Homeschool help at the Mass in a more explicit way
 - 2. Have seniors speak about why they love the school etc.
 - viii. May be a way to address the bigger problem of adults and parents not going to Mass or being active?
 - ix. Also, may be having a showcase video highlighting different aspects of the school
 - x. Use local resources, like the Fremont Tribune, to highlight school/parish
- 4. New Director of Stewardship and Annual Funds**
- a. Global board agreed and came to consensus that a hire needed to be made
 - b. Hired Nichole Owsley, beginning June 1st
 - i. Currently on School Board, 2000 graduate of Bergan
 - ii. Great work with alumni at Midland
 - 1. Helped Midland raise \$28M during their time of crisis
- 5. Plan to continue videos from Father Nolte and Dan Koeing**
- a. Communicate information and cast the vision for the parish and the school
 - b. Working with the Archdiocesan Evangelization office to spread the message
 - i. Weekly encouragement and breaking down and explaining the mission statements
 - ii. Also speaking about finances every week at some level
 - c. Priests starting a book club
 - i. To keep connected to people
 - ii. Marcus and Kate Hurst have done an incredible job to with our virtual Mass
 - 1. Many other parishes do not have the same quality with videos has we have
 - 2. Possibility of investing in more cameras to help with our video streaming
 - a. Talk to the nursing homes about possible support this
- 6. Virtual Town Halls**
- a. Three more planned, and possibly one live with it also livestream
- 7. Daily Mass Schedule**
- a. Few people at daily Mass, so keep 12pm only throughout June

- i. Possibly adding 6:50am in July

8. Hispanic Mass

- a. Due to the number of COVID cases among the Hispanic population, we will follow WestPoint's lead and not have public Spanish Masses until they do
 - i. Possibly mid-July

9. Confirmation

- a. Moved Spanish confirmation to December 12th because some people suspected of have COVID-19 were planning on coming to the confirmation
 - i. This was only done out of concern of the families

10. Confession and Reception of Eucharist on the tongue

- a. Still offering Confession during Mass
- b. Beginning to allow reception of the Eucharist on the tongue
 - i. Have hand sanitizers behind us etc.

11. Cleaning

- a. Eventually may need volunteers to help for those who feel comfortable to help our maintenance staff

12. Regular schedule

- a. Hopefully by mid-July
 - i. Everything: Masses, confessions etc.

13. Closing Prayer – Fr. Walter Nolte- Glory Be