

Heart of Jesus Area Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 4th - 7:00pm at Olivia

Our Mission: "Through our Baptism we Catholics in the heart of the Diocese of New Ulm share in the priestly, prophetic and kingly offices of Jesus by centering our lives on prayer, evangelization, and loving service to others."

Members Present:

Mary Jo Schmoll, Maggie Wiggert, Carol Westhoff, Abby Thurston, Nancy Standfuss, Sara Anderson, Fr. Denny Labat, Fr. George Schmit

Member Absent: George Stadther, Kim Lippert, Diane Adamski

A. Meeting called to order by Mary Jo Schmoll 7:05, Opening Prayer was said by Father Denny.

B. Routine Matters

1. Approval of minutes – Nancy moved to approve, Maggie seconded.

2. Additions to agenda – no additions to the agenda.

3. Parish Reports

a. Bird Island: No meeting rescheduled to May 22nd, 7th/8th grade trip to DC/NY, Memorial Day mass at cemetery, 8th grade graduation, end of school year, senior recognition, St. Mary's May 10th farm mass, 6/13 anointing of the sick mass at St. Mary's

b. Hector: Baccalaureate coming up, June 7th at Betty Wright's house/farm mass, ordered new refrigerator, 5/23 admin council

c. Olivia: 5/26 last day of school, 1st communion 5/7, Baccalaureate 5/21 for seniors, next admin council is 6/27, 6/13 cemetery committee, coffee and rolls 5/7,

d. Renville: CCW made 8 quilts for seniors June 4th for baccalaureate

4. Liturgy, Education and CCW Reports

Renville by Nancy:

Jan 22 1st reconciliation 7th & 8th graders participated in the edge retreat, did live stations of the cross, led a youth versions of the stations of the cross, sins nailed to the cross

Ash Wednesday soup/supper \$800 given to food for the poor (\$400 and then a match)

Stations of the Cross had a lower turnout

Confession available during education time

AFC at max's grill

5/3 last day of faith formation

1st communion – 8 youth/all girls

CCW meeting – wanted to give proceeds from the turkey dinner that check was given to the general fund \$4000, Joan Honzay came and presented on the two new ministries for Grief to Grace and Companions on the Journey (anybody who needs help during a hard time – somebody to visit/spend time with them).

Hector:

Last religious class, students took part in that with Joan Honzay, had their meal

Stations of the Cross – the students came up and did it, Fr. Denny was there to explain it to the students – was very nice

Olivia:

CCW meeting Sara spring gathering to hear what they learned, Baltimore catechism is "Why did God make you?" – knowing, loving & serving God. St. Al's is struggling with what they are supposed to be doing, how do you help women of the parish how to know, love and serve God. CCW is hospitality focused, but struggling in the worship area.

CCW donated to the maintenance fund, donation to the summer stretch at CCOC. The AFC CCW meeting focused on each church is doing something similar in terms of what a

church gives to a child who is baptized, communion, confirmation & marriage. Discussed each CCW try to do the same thing and purchase as an AFC group. Joan came and talked about trails for transplants – the CCW Is getting involved in that June 3rd – they will be serving the meal. All the donations will go back to the Trails for Transplants.

C. Unfinished Business

- i. AFC Picture Directory Schedule: Holy Redeemer - Fri July 21st: 2pm-9pm, Sat July 22nd: 10am-6pm, and Sun July 23rd: 8am-3pm
 - ii. St. Mary's & St. Al's – July 25-July 29 & August 2- August 5th, Tu-F: 2pm-9pm, Sat: 11am-7pm
 - iii. SJ – August 17-19, Th&F: 2pm-9pm, Sat: 10am-7pm
- b. Online Scheduling – you can register online for your portrait session; 5/13 and 5/14 we'll have a staff member at each parish mass (single priest weekend) to help them get signed up/scheduled for a time. This will be in the bulletin each week until it's time for the pictures. This information can be found on the new website. Members can call any parish office for assistance in getting signed up as well if they do not want to sign-up online.
2. Goals and objectives for Heart of Jesus Area Faith Community
- 1. Christ's Priestly Mission** – reviewed, no further discussion or questions on goals or objectives.
 - 2. Christ's Prophetic Mission** - reviewed, discussed evangelization and trying to go outside of the church to reach others in the community (ex. paint a house for someone unable to do that themselves). Nancy mentioned 'Dynamic Catholic' – Matthew Kelly – email based/each day "Best Lent Ever", online discussions/comments – thought it was very powerful. Father Denny mentioned there are many companies out there that do a daily reflection type of email. Sara mentioned that Holy Redeemer has a very welcoming atmosphere.
 - 3. Christ's Kingly Mission: Human Dignity** – reviewed, Nancy mentioned attending a church event elsewhere that she attended the hostess/host had sashes that had Hospitality on them so visitors know.
 - 4. Christ's Kingly Mission: Marriage and Family** – discussed how we define a 'young married couple' – 40 and under?
 - 5. Christ's Kingly Mission: Stewardship** – Fr. Denny and Fr. George added and discussed with Sara prior to the meeting. Added Gmail accounts and can export to calendars as well for the website. All 4 parishes on the census will allow parish staff to find information to connect and contact people with accurate information across the AFC. Starting to do this at St. John's with key volunteers of the parish to understand what has been happening to make the future better. Would like to start doing this at Holy Redeemer as well with HR Staff and key volunteer meeting.
- Put on website and start sharing with all other committees for review and see what interests each group has in participating.

New Business

1. AFC Mass Schedule

- a. One Priest Weekend Schedule: Fr. George brought up discussion of mass times on Saturday 5pm & 7pm. Offer a survey to the parishes to see a preference. St. John's Saturday's seem to diminish in numbers at that 7pm time. Fr. Denny mentioned talking to another AFC area who have had to change the mass schedule. Start with asking St. John's how the 7pm mass works for only 1 priest weekend.
- b. One Priest Weekday Schedule – looking at one mass at each parish:
 - Current Schedule:
 - i. Monday:
 - ii. Tuesday:
 - iii. Wednesday: Fairview, Parkview, Olivia Rehab/Nursing Home
 - iv. Thursday: Nursing home at Renville and school mass at St. Mary's
 - v. Friday: St. Al's & St. Mary's (this switches off 2nd Friday of the month at nursing home in Olivia, then at 4th Friday of the month nursing home in Buffalo Lake).
 - Proposed Schedule:
 - i. Monday:
 - ii. Tuesday: St. Mary's School Mass
 - iii. Wed: St Johns
 - iv. Thurs: HR
 - v. Fri: St. Al's (eucharistic adoration)

- v. New Parishioner Welcome – AFC Materials (tabled until next meeting).
- w. AFC Mission Options (tabled until next meeting).
- x. Amazing Parish Video – How to apply faith to everyday life, good key points to take away is “less is more”, “make the complex simple”.
- D. Future Business
 - 1. Next meeting – September 7, 2017 at 7:00pm
 - a. Agenda items – Funerals – AFC Program
 - b. Deadline for additional agenda items (week before meeting)
- E. Adjourn done by MaryJo and closing prayer done by Fr. Denny.

Future meetings: **1st Thursday** of September, December, March and May at 7:00pm at Olivia:
 Sept. 7, 2017; Dec. 7, 2017; March 1, 2018; May 3, 2018;