

## MINUTES

### St. Paul of Tarsus Pastoral Parish Council

Thursday, February 16, 2017

**Present:** Mike Lauretti, Mike Linden, Tom Loria, George Trapp, Saad Mishkoor, Chris Bonkowski, Marty Winiarski, Jim Rohde, Ray Ignatowski, Denny Kubczak, and Emily MacKinnon.

**Excused:** Father Ron, Deacon Marc, and Bea Ladochi.

**Opening Prayer:** George Trapp led us in Opening Prayer.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Finance Council:**

- Tom Loria briefed us on the last Finance Council meeting.

##### **Central Macomb Vicariate:**

- The meeting was a discussion of the Synod. There will be 4 post Synod regional gatherings for Synod members beginning in March and continuing through April giving Synod members an opportunity to reconvene with their respective table groups. Those meetings will be held at the Seminary. Deacon Bill advised that the Archbishop and his team are synthesizing the material provided by each table on each proposal transcribed by the table expert at the Synod. The Archbishop is planning a date on or around Pentecost to address the Archdiocese on the vision and directive for moving forward as a joyful band of missionary disciples.
- Jim Rohde will be backup representative to Macomb Central Vicariate with Tom Loria filling in as needed.

##### **Youth Update:**

- A few members of our Youth Group took part in the Rainbow Conference that took place downtown this past weekend.
- A few teens also went to the March for Life a couple of weeks ago.
- Youth Group members are currently working on our annual Stations of the Cross. The youth group has asked some younger teens who are in the process of receiving Confirmation to join us.

##### **Worship Commission:**

- Altar Servers: One new server was trained over the weekend and has two more to be trained.
- Environment: Sandy Keller reported they are talking about Easter. She is going to put an article in the bulletin asking for help maintaining the flowers during Easter and Christmas. She said she puts in quite a bit of time each week watering, pruning, etc. to keep our flowers beautiful. She also said that after Easter she would like to consolidate and inventory all the environmental supplies. Gail and Chris volunteered to help her.

- Eucharistic Ministers: Celeste is going to put a notice in the bulletin and near the sign-up sheet asking for all volunteers to fill out a short information sheet. She would like to begin to put together a roster of volunteers for this ministry for Linda.
- Lectors: Celeste Triner reported everything is going well.
- Ministers of Hospitality: Clara Loria has two new Ministers of Hospitality who have filled out background checks and attended the Protecting God's Children workshop as required by the archdiocese. One of them will serve the 9:30 a.m. Mass and one will go between the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:45 a.m. Sunday Mass depending on his work schedule.
- Worship will not meet again until April due to Ash Wednesday.
- Sacristans: Dan Marotta reported they are making progress with training one new Sacristan. He had another person approach him regarding the position but he was unable to get a commitment from them.
- Other:
  - i. Deacon Marc explained that Jeff Loeb who has been shadowing Deacon Marc at Mass is in the deaconate program with a little more than one year left until he becomes a permanent Deacon.
  - ii. Clara asked for clarification on upcoming dates. Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, April 29. Deacon Marc asked Clara to check with Peggy DeClerq about the exact time of that Mass.

### Religious Education:

- R.C.I.A. – The Rite of Sending will take place February 26 @ 9:30 Mass. Candidates will participate in the Rite of Election/Rite of Continuing Conversion at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Saturday, March 4 @ 2 pm. Articles introducing the candidates will be in the bulletin during Lent.
- Lenten Bible Series - Deacon Paul Lippard will return on Wednesday mornings to present our **Lenten Series: Holy Week According to St. Matthew**. Please join us for 8:30 morning Mass; hospitality from 9-9:30, followed by the presentations from 9:30-10:30. Free will donations will be accepted.
  - March 8            Jesus Arrives in Jerusalem
  - March 15          Jesus Conflicts with Religious Leaders
  - March 22          Jesus' Last Supper and Arrest
  - March 29          Jesus' Passion and Death
  - April 5             Jesus' Resurrection
- Baptisms – Deacon Marc will baptize 3 baby boys on February 25. Due to Lent, there will not be baptisms in March, and the prep class will not be held.
- Adult Confirmation Session – the session was held Wednesday, February 15. There were seven adults present who desire to complete their initiation into the Catholic faith. They will be confirmed on March 19 by Bishop Hanchon, along with 48 students.
- Faith@Work will be in the gathering space on Feb. 18 and 19. Please be sure to stop by the tables and view (or purchase!) the wonderful gift items, Lenten resources and much more.
- To encourage almsgiving during Lent, the students in the after school program will participate in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. The Rice Bowls will be distributed to students on February 27 & 28.

- The Central & North Macomb Vicariate DRE's put together a 'care package' to send to Bishop Byrnes. The theme was "made in Michigan." For the SPOT contribution, I purchased a Tervis cup with an outline of Michigan and the Great Lakes, and placed the following poem inside the cup:

*We were very sad to see you go,  
but answer you must the Lord's call.  
We hope that this reminds you of us. . .  
All your friends here at St. Paul (of Tarsus!).*

*You're a wonderful shepherd, Bishop Byrnes,  
an inspiration to young and old.  
Though separated by many miles,  
you will always be part of this fold.*

*Today, these Great Lakes are freezing,  
but it's warm where you're living now!  
Perhaps you can send a little sunshine  
to us folks back in your old hometown.*

*May God continue to bless you,  
may the Holy Spirit guide your way.  
Know that our prayers are with you  
today and every day.*

#### **Christian Service:**

- The Men's Group working on a Regional Men's Gathering to be held at SPOT on 6-10-17 with Peter Herbeck as the keynote. On the Rise Bakery scheduled for 4-22&23.
- Sandwich Saturday Ministry delivered lunches to Sr. Judie at her new location, about 3 miles northeast of her old residence. February's volunteers were at an all-time high of 50!
- Clintonaire ministry has some new volunteers and so does Communion to the Sick and Homebound. The missing pyx has miraculously returned.
- Respect Life- 3 teens and 4 adults participated in for the March for Life Trip to Washington DC. Steve Hull and Mary Fiorani offered reflections that were published in the bulletin.
- St. Paul's blood drive was January 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a Success. I'd like to offer an "Official" welcome to Rosalie Liddell and Terri McCarthy who are now our Lead Parish Nurses and will be heading up our expanded Health ministry.
- The Journey Men volunteered to serve Breakfast at the Capuchin Soup kitchen on Connor Ave in Detroit on 12-31.
- Pantry and Prayer Shawl groups continue to serve SPOT through their wonderful acts of corporal works of Mercy.
- Evangelization has purchased Banners for Lent that will be affixed as Welcome Messages" for Lent. They will be installed on the light poles at the entrances.

**K of C Report:**

- This month the start preparing for the Fish Fries and the MRI Drive. The Lenten Fish fries has turned out to be one of the councils largest money makers. Remember the dollars we earn go to local Charites including this parish.
- Also the money collected for the MRI Drive 80 % stays in the local area to help the kids in need. Both of these programs take a lot of man hours to be a success.
  
- Mar 3 4-7 PM            Fish Fry next six Fridays
- Apr 7-9                    MRI Drive

**New Business:**

1. Parish roster letter was brought back for further discussion. Parish Council is 100% in support of sending this letter.
2. Security/Safety in the Worship place training is scheduled for Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am until 12 noon. All parish council members are encouraged to attend.
3. Coffee and Donuts- Parish Council next date is March 5<sup>th</sup> after 11:30am.
4. Stations of the Cross- Parish Council is scheduled for Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2016 were reviewed and approved. We received the commission reports from January 2017 as our meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on March 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Denny Kubczak will lead us in prayer.

**Closing Prayer:** George Trapp led us in Closing Prayer.