

MINUTES

St. Paul of Tarsus Pastoral Parish Council

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Present: Father Ron, Deacon Marc, Mike Lauretti, Mike Linden, George Trapp, Jim Rohde, Saad Mishkoor, Chris Bonkowski and Emily MacKinnon.

Excused: Tom Loria, Marty Winiarski, Ray Ignatowski, Denny Kubczak and Bea Ladochi.

Opening Prayer: Mike Linden led us in Opening Prayer.

Old Business:

Finance Council:

- Father Ron briefed us on the last Finance Council meeting.

Central Macomb Vicariate:

- Sacred Heart church in Roseville has clustered with All Saints and St. Anastasia. The property at Sacred Heart will probably be sold.
- The Vicariate tax is set at .15 per Parish family. The Vicariate budget was handed out for anyone's review.
- There have been 3 gatherings as we prepare for Synod 16.
- There will be 3 unbound conferences scheduled for 2017.
- \$1,500 was approved for Mercy in Action day that took place. The money was for food for the volunteers.
- There are currently 33 seminarians at Sacred Heart Seminary.
- There will be a Hospitality Team training on November 5th, 2016 8am-3pm at St. Mary of the Hills in Rochester Hills. All parishes are encouraged to send a team. Cost is \$15 per person which includes materials and lunch.

Youth Update:

- This past Sunday the Teen group served Coffee and Donuts after the 11:30 Mass.
- Some of the teens will be attending the Subiaco Retreat this weekend.
- The teens will be helping decorate and pack the Thanksgiving bags for the food pantry.

Worship Commission:

- Altar Servers: Kim Heiss will be speaking at all of the Religious Education classes to try to get more volunteers for this Ministry. She explained servers are given one training session then paired with an experienced server for Mass. She asked if anyone sees a problem to please contact her.
- Environment: Sandy Keller is still trying to locate everything and get an inventory. Planning for Christmas is underway.

- Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Rogala found an old roster however it is completely out of date. It was suggested that she put out a sign-up sheet for a few weekends to get volunteers names, phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses. It was also suggested that Linda make an announcement at the 11:30 a.m. Mass requesting more volunteers and hold a training session immediately following the Mass. Due to the upcoming flu season, we may want to eliminate or reduce the Precious Blood at Masses. We will keep an eye on the consumption every week and adjust as necessary. Deacon Marc would like all EM's to be reminded they are to consume any remaining Precious Blood in the cup in the Sanctuary and in a reverent manner.
- Lectors: Celeste Triner reported a few volunteers have taken this quarter off due to personal reasons. She also said she has all of the upcoming special Masses covered.
- Ministers of Hospitality: Clara Loria put together a newsletter asking for member names, phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses and included dates we will need Ministers of Hospitality outside of regular Masses. She was disappointed she only heard from two members. It was suggested she use the lead person at each Mass to get info and to pass info along.
- Music: Phyllis Bengry is very pleased with the numbers and the dedication of the choir to their Ministry this year. She has a new cantor who is a senior in high school who did a wonderful job at his first Mass. From now on, when she has a new cantor, she will be introducing them before Mass.
- Sacristans: Dan and Dot Marotta reported they have begun doing some recruiting. They have one new member who is willing to serve at whatever Mass he is needed at. It was suggested they put something in the bulletin introducing themselves and asking for more volunteers. Father Ron mentioned there was a mix-up recently with the Clinton-Aire hosts and stated that to avoid the confusion in the future, he would be taking care of those hosts.
- Father Ron reported they have solved the odd taste of the hosts and it has been attributed to a bad batch of flour sent to the place that makes them. We were not the only parish to have complaints.
- Other:
 - I. Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Religious Education:

- The Confirmation preparation program began in August, with 8th grade students and their parents attending evening Mass, followed by a formation session. Candidates and their sponsors met in September with guest facilitator Mary Lee Becker (a nationally known Youth Minister). There has been much positive feedback regarding this event! Sessions meet on Sunday or Tuesday evenings.
- The Home Teach and After School Programs began in September with all students and their parents attending evening Mass. Families moved to the Social Hall after Mass to pick up their schedules and books. Beginning the catechetical year together in worship and prayer was a huge success, and extremely well attended (98%)!
- The After School Program now meets at Miami Elementary on Monday and Tuesday nights. We have been warmly welcomed by the great staff at Miami, and feel at home in our new environment!
- Due to low enrollment, the Early Childhood program will not meet this year.

- R.C.I.A. – sessions have begun. There are 6 candidates so far.
- The Church of Mercy adult formation sessions continue to meet on Thursdays. There are 2 sessions – afternoons at 2 pm, and evenings at 6:30 pm.
- Protecting God’s Children Workshop – November 5 from 9 am-12 noon here at St. Paul of Tarsus. There is still room available.

Christian Service:

- The Men’s Group sponsored On the Rise Bakery –R.O.P.E (Reaching Our Potential Everyday) was a success. They group just recently celebrated its 4th Anniversary. A Mass for the Military is scheduled for 11-6 at the 9:30 Mass.
- Sandwich Saturday Ministry will be delivering lunches to Sr. Judie at a new location, about 3 miles northeast of her old residence. The AOD has “re-allocated St. Joseph Church to an Order parish. She now resides on Parkview near Good Shepherd Catholic Church.
- October 1st Mercy in Action Day was a great success with over 100 volunteers just among the 5 parishes of which St. Paul was a part. We hosted SKIP (Supporting Kids in Pain) and we also
- I am still looking for teens and college students to join me for the March for Life Trip to Washington DC that takes place in late January.
- We are collecting candy for the Seminarians of Sacred Heart Major Seminary to hand out on Halloween.
- Respect Life will be selling Right to Life-Lifespan Christmas Cards in the gathering space on the weekend of 11-19&20.
- St. Paul is expanding our Health/Parish Nurse ministry. Two nurses have accepted positions of “Lead Parish Nurse” and will be educating our parishioners on health matters with articles and seminars here at ST. Paul of Tarsus as well as providing training. Where and how this will expand is being left up to the Holy Spirit.

K of C Report:

- Oct 23 2 - 4PM Trunk or Treat
 - Nov 6th 10:00 am K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
 - Nov 14th 6:30 pm K of C General Membership Meeting
 - Nov 20 11:30AM Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus
 - Nov 20-26 MCREST at St John the Apostle Anglican Church
- MCREST (Macomb Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) provides year round safe emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families for up to 90 days in congregations across Macomb County. The congregations provide meals, shower facilities, transportation and laundry services for the overnight guests.
 - The K of C is partnering with the St John the Apostle Anglican Church, on Canal rd. St John at their church will be housing 30 men during the week of Nov 20-26, 2016.
 - Each week, MCREST provide seven consecutive nights of overnight shelter for 30 to 60 men women and children, meals, transportation, shower facilities (on or off site) and laundry services in a warm, safe environment. In 2011 the average number of volunteers ranged from 50 to over 300 each week giving more than 75,000 hours of their own time.

- The K of C is providing volunteers to help in many ways such as: assemble and set up beds, overnight watch, drivers, prepare lunches, an evening meal, and provide intake services to the guests. The Knights are also making a contribution of \$1,287 towards the purchase of transportation vouchers, food, and supplies.

- MCREST
 - a) *Mission* - To provide homeless and displaced individuals the opportunity for successful transition to independence!
 - b) *Vision as a Community*: a place where men, women and children experiencing the trauma of homelessness find emergency solutions and housing resources.
 - c) *Agency*: the premier advocate for homeless and at-risk individuals where the point of entry as well as the road to transition is accessible.

New Business:

- Parish Council's next assigned Coffee and Donuts detail is Sunday November 6, 2016, after the 11:30am mass.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of September 15, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on November 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Marty Winiarski will lead us in prayer.

Closing Prayer: Mike Linden led us in Closing Prayer.