

Saint Mark Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
November 28, 2022

In Attendance: Father John Putnam, Christine Wladyka, Myrna Crosby, Chad Wilson, Tim O'Bryant, John Ferrannini, William Mooney, Tricia Sisson, Peter Miano, Patrick Slusser, Lisa Daily, Fernando DeUrquidi

Absent: Suzanne Broda, Kathleen Harrison, Scott Bruno, David Balmaceda

Prayer/Intercession

Father John

Accept Minutes

Lisa/Christine

Guest Speaker: Director of Evangelization and Catechesis

Paul Laskowski

- What are your top 5 priorities for the rest of the year?
 - Planning FF calendar for the rest of the fiscal year
 - March 4 life, camping
 - Registrations – March/April to help gather data more easily
 - Manual entry into the system takes three weeks to complete by 4 people.
 - Entry point activities: Wings and Trivia, Chosen Season 2 (Feb)
 - Theresa – Gender talk: 60-70 ppl + per talk
 - updating website to provide the information
 - adult talk is available on St. Mark YouTube channel
 - more talks to come for ssa, transgender and pornography addiction
 - Evangelical Catholic
 - 12 ppl – 8 week training
 - Teach how to tell their witness story
 - How to engage others in faith
- What are your top 5 additional priorities for 2023?
 - Theology of the Body (TOB) Conference
 - proper understanding of sexuality
 - Develop interconnectedness in the parish
 - The Rescue Project - new program
 - Fr. John Ricardo
 - 8 sessions
 - rescueproject.us
 - possibly use for small groups
 - future connected to RCIA
 - Small Groups
 - catechetical arm

- 300 ppl in currently
- walking with new Catholics
- Women's Welcome – February
- Men's Prayer Breakfast
 - pair up with Regnum Christi?
- Form an Evangelization Team
- Website
 - Trying to simplify communication
 - Would like a central location for all materials
 - Resource Page
- TV's throughout the campus – use “better” for communication purposes
- Family-based catechetical program
- In a perfect world, what would you need from a support perspective to attain these goals/priorities?
 - Need a right-hand person to participate in the fulfillment aspect of the programs, could be paid or could be a volunteer
 - Need someone to help with Small Group administration
- Top 3 biggest challenges in your current role?
 - Almost entirely new staff

Chairman's Opening Remarks

John F

- No meeting in December
- By January, review the pastoral plans
 - make notes and jot questions
 - read-outs in January
 - review USCCB synod document – read-outs
 - Looking at pc not attending any commission meetings with the exception of finance, stewardship, buildings/facilities
 - Cardinal Burke put out a great Advent reflection

Commission Updates

Christine

- **Stewardship**
 - volunteer appreciation
 - stewardship year in review “treasure talk”
 - Hallow app giveaway
 - Stewardship committee is updating their goals for pastoral plan
- **Evangelization**
 - Paul covered
- **Communication**

- No new update
- **Parish Life**
 - No new update
- **Education**
 - Paul covered
- **Finance**
 - No new update
- **Community Life**
 - Fernando: working on getting involved to gain better understanding what they do.
- **Liturgy & Worship**
 - Christmas mass schedule finalized – Christmas Eve: 4p, 6p, 8p 11p caroling, midnight, Christmas Day: 9a, 11a (Spanish)
 - Trying to figure out how music will be covered for masses after Christmas
- **Buildings and Facilities**
 - Leak at the new rectory fixed, adding two more rooms, remodeling bathrooms
 - bulb replaced in the church, church and kerin hard surfaces steam cleaned
 - corner of building is rapidly deteriorating, gap in the wall is getting larger, wall is sinking, preschool room leaking
 - Copy room makeover is on-going; plan looked at and discussion continues
 - Rectory patio
 - treated lumber deck is being explored
 - need input from Fr. Putnam; Bill Mooney will follow-up

Security Update for parish

John F

- Needed to clarify how the security team will function within the parish
- Adoration door still needs to be changed
- Campus lighting needs to be improved and making sure all the lights are on
- Church doors locks have been fixed – thank you Scott!
- Security room has not been cleaned out so equipment has not been moved

Pastoral Plan 2023

John F

- Council should review their section of the pastoral plan prepare for the next council meeting in January
 - includes USCCB link
 - highlight questions and comments on your part of the plan
 - contact your commission lead for questions
- Still need a Vice Chair
 - Vice Chair will oversee the pastoral plan sub-committee as well as run meetings

Parish Operations Update

Scott

• **Staff**

- Scott, if you could get us a copy of the working Organizational Chart for the various ministries and committees that would be great. It will help the Council when communicating any issues or trying to get information.
- Parishioners/volunteers have mentioned that the parish hall has been "double-booked" on several occasions even though the hall did not show anything else on the calendar except their event.
- Parishioners/volunteers have mentioned that the items from previous events i.e., coat/blanket/toy, faith formation, food drive have not been cleaned up in a timely manner which takes up space or encourages people to come in during another event which is disruptive. This includes the kitchen area having food, dishes, and crumbs not cleaned up.

• **Facilities**

- Staff have mentioned that the parish hall, stairwells, and meeting room floors, surfaces are not being swept, wiped or mopped. Will the new cleaning staff receive training to do all areas of the Kerin Center at least once a week?
- Parishioners/volunteers and staff have mentioned the parish hall, specifically, does not get "reset" in a timely manner so chairs and tables are pushed against walls (instead of them being put away on carts and stored) which makes set up for the next event more chaotic and makes clean-up after an event more difficult.

Council Comments

Christine

- Peter Miano proposed being the “eyes and ears” person for St. Mark school and Christ the King high school
- Rules for Retrogrades – Dave and Timothy Gordon
 - counter arguments to secular arguments
- Respect for Marriage Act – undoing of Defense of Marriage Activity
 - opens up religious discrimination
 - NC senators both voted in favor 2 weeks ago; Tillis is in favor without amendments

Closing Remarks/Closing Prayer

Fr John

- Posted job for Jacob Temple
 - have a substitute until we find someone
 - need to find someone to replace Ben Torres
 - Christmas is covered
- Organ
 - Bill Mooney will look into possibilities and report back
- Raymer/Kempner used to produce calendars for the church, but is not anymore
 - we are looking at options
 - Tricia Sisson will find out if Raymer will still print if we find a calendar option
- Angel Tree went well – gifts are currently being distributed

- Room in the Inn starting December 6th