

Saint Mark Catholic Church Pastoral Council

Minutes- January 24, 2022

In Attendance: Father John Putnam, Father Carlson, Suzanne Broda, Myrna Crosby, John Ferrannini, David Liberto, Peter Miano, Tim O'Bryant, Christina Riley, Chad Wilson, Christine Wladyka, David Balmaceda, Scott Bruno, Jim Burger, Lisa Daily, Kathleen Harrison, Paul Laskowski, , Jean Carlo Carrillo, Wojtek Lachowski

Absent:, John Benson, Phillip Weaver, Nathan Vari

Prayer -Intercession-

Father John

Accept Minutes

Lisa

Parish Council – Name Badges- New Members

Commission Updates

Wojtek

- Stewardship- seeking new chairperson, bagel Sundays return every quarter after 9 and 11am Masses. May 22- ministry fair, September 24- Septemberfest, exploring dates for wine and cheese night for parish. Working on plan for all of us to be ambassadors to reach out to newcomers.
- Evangelization- Alan Ames coming March 16, Synod- looking for 8-10 Ambassadors from St. Mark. Parish Mission is March 20
- Communication- email newsletter and MyParish App have seen increasing traffic.
- Education – reorganizing department, new mission and vision for dept, increase of Covid and weather causing delays, reconciliation underway as well as communion and confirmation.
- Community Life- angel tree successful, Catholic Charities collected \$4,500, delivered car seats and strollers. Want to have CPR training for ushers etc. meal packing event cancelled for this year.
- Liturgy & Worship- Christmas 9pm Spanish Mass- only 150 in attendance.
- Buildings- Scott- Maintenance of Kerin Center is increasing- remodeled kitchen, Chapel. Some preschool room cabinets being updated. Lots of little things we could do. Parish Hall could use updating. Fixing doors on church. Leaks on left transept during the storm. Getting quotes for new roof.
- (See notes from commission heads from Donna for more details).

St Mark Website Page

Lisa

Pastoral Plan

Review Updated Parish Survey

Kathleen

- Several redundant questions, Kathleen will share google doc, wanted to shorten the survey as it was too long. We had about 400 responses from survey last time. Could shorten by getting rid of free fields. At the end of the survey leave room for people to write in any additional feedback. Will be online and on paper and in Spanish (Jean Carlo offered to assist with translation). Ideally, we want to have it out to parishioners in May. Final doc to be ready in March would be helpful. 80% of St. Mark school are parishioners. Ask question about demographic of families- attend Catholic, public, homeschool etc.
- Synod survey is going out- Paul is working on that. May have some overlap with surveys.
- Growth of parish- pretty steady growth in terms of parish registrations. Inflow is 30 families per month, outflow is about the same. Chad going to look into way we may contact people leaving St. Mark.
- Discussion Topic- Vision of Parish- everything about our parish is awesome. "It is the best parish we have ever been a part of". "I found our home". Sharing our gifts is important. Engage with one another in community at large. "The family is all in". There is a connection, intention, purpose of our plan. There is a difference in our parish. Leadership makes a huge difference. We have 13-25 servers on the altar at times. We have 9 Seminarians from our parish from St. Mark. No doubt that the vision has been implemented. Plan for next 5 years? Sacramental life as a community is so important- our Priests show that we are

grounded in the sacraments. Evangelization could be highlighted. We need to go after the ones who are leaving...some are just transitory. 25% less attending Mass. About 4,400 people at Mass on a weekend pre-Covid. Fighting to get to 3,000-3,200 now at Mass. Ambassador effort can allow us to connect and invite them to participation.

- Father John- evangelization effort- Paul will have some good ideas on how to evangelize.
- 4235 families, 13,964 members at St. Mark.

Parish Updates

Father John/Scott

- Emily Hogan is now working as counselor on staff. Standard rate & sliding scale. Available to staff as well as parishioners.
- Deacon Louie is retiring. Deacon Rich will take on some of Deacon Louie's previous roles.
- Faith Formation- reorganizing. Carrie has been working on budget. Youth ministry- desire to make connections in local public high schools. Steubenville will be focus for this summer.
- Finances- people were very generous at end of year.
- DSA kicking off next month.
- Fr. Bean is recovering from surgery. Doing much better.
- Current struggle- lack of volunteers right now. Issue across the board. Issue of engagement is important focus.
- 50th Anniversary Charlotte Diocese- Anniversary Mass and birthday cake were a success. Playbook should have been received. Look at parish activities. 50 acts of charity. Lamps collected for refugees. 25th anniversary of St. Mark as well. Amy Burger is in charge of the anniversary celebrations.
- Pope – Synod on Synodality World- Wide Group- at Parish, Diocesan level as well. Want us to go beyond local level. Asked for collaboration across faiths. Paul working on this.
- Catholic Schools week- we will have some speakers to evangelize. From diocesan standpoint there is a desire is to make the schools authentically Catholic.
- Parish leadership- Parishes reflect the personality and desires of the pastor. At the same time, we have phenomenal staff and volunteers. People come together. Signs of healthy parish.

Closing Prayer

Father Carlson

Next Steps to complete before February meeting

- Review Scorecard with commission heads- any updates to metrics?
- Revised Goals for next pc mtg- any you think we need to add or delete after touching base with commission head?