

# **Saint Mark Catholic Church**

## **Pastoral Council Minutes**

**November 22, 2021**

**In Attendance:** Father John Putnam, John Benson, Suzanne Broda, Myrna Crosby, John Ferrannini, David Liberto, Peter Miano, Tim O'Bryant, Christina Riley, Nathan Vari, Chad Wilson, Christine Wladyka, David Balmaceda, Scott Bruno, Jim Burger, Lisa Daily, Kathleen Harrison, Paul Laskowski, Phillip Weaver

**Absent:** Jean Carlo Carrillo, Wojtek Lachowski, Matt Socha

**Prayer Intentions - Father John**

**Accept Minutes - Lisa**

**Director of Evangelization- Paul Laskowski**

- Paul shared his calling and how he came to St. Mark, originally from Reading, PA.
- Evangelization - we are here to be missionaries and create intentionality. Engifted is program to help find charisms of individuals. Look at 5-year plan.
- 6 kids 5-14 years old, homeschool. Wife teaches NFP as well as homeschooling. Brother is a priest and is very close to the family, lives in PA.

**Commission Updates- John**

- **Stewardship-** Virtual conference December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd, Potluck December 10<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for a new chairperson for Stewardship as well as new members.
- Christmas gift- portrait of the Holy Family- laminate or frame, encourage family prayer.
- 8 new families registering every week at St. Mark.
- **Liturgy and Worship Commission-** Baptismal Font- looking for new one, looking at designs.
- **Parish Life Commission-** 20 parishioners doing fellowship, Septemberfest had great feedback and intend to assist again.
- Evangelization, Education, Buildings & Facilities and Communication- no new updates

**Website Page - Lisa**

- Parish Plan, Contact Lists, Ministry List etc

**Pastoral Plan- John**

- Review vision of parish- please read Father's Vision in the Pastoral Plan before Jan meeting.
- Review questionnaire and pare down to three to five questions before Jan meeting.
- We would like a volunteer to facilitate compiling the survey questions and another to compile scorecard updates.
- Reach out to chairperson for new goals.

**Parish Operations Update - Scott**

- Facilities- getting church ready for Christmas

### **Eyes and Ears-Father John**

- Stained glass windows- St. Michael sponsored by Fidelis and Fraternus. St Faustina and St Therese are fully funded and the next to be installed. We still need sponsors for 8 more windows.
- Scriptural verse will be installed...closing of Mark's Gospel, gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Room in the Inn- Angels & Sparrows- require vaccination in order to receive services. Not requiring volunteers to be vaccinated.
- Catholic charities- tasked with partnering with immigration services. Refugee families need assistance with housing and supplies- immediate need are car seats. Would like to have in each parish a group of volunteers that could step up in an emergency to assist- if they need food, diapers etc. need partners who can help gather supplies, have volunteers available to pick up refugees at airport. Beth Zuhosky is contact for that group for Catholic Charities. Need to form the group for future needs.
- Catholic news Herald- Synod in process- each parish asked to have delegate to coordinate efforts in the parish- Paul Laskowski will be our delegate. Facilitate discussions with different groups, ministries.
- Jubilee of the Diocese- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in January- special events coming. Guidebook will give suggestions on how parishes can work together for common outreach.
- USCCB met and approved document on Communion. Bishops discussed Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in 2024.
- Budget- Letter will go out from Father John soon.
- Sunday collection and gifts restarting at Masses.
- Request for the nursery to start up again- contact Donna Fodale.
- Christmas Masses- Friday Mass Times- 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30pm (Spanish), Midnight Mass (11:15 Carols), Christmas day Mass Times- 9am and maybe 11am. No 5pm vigil Mass on Sunday.
- Next meeting is January, no December meeting.

### **Closing Remarks and Prayer- Father John**

#### **Next Steps:**

**PC tags-** reach out to your commission head

1. Find out about your commission meeting time.
2. Ask for input about parish survey questions (come up with 3-5 questions)
3. Review the scorecard with commission head and note any things you would like to add.

#### **All Council Members**

1. Review Pastoral Plan/Father Johns Vision specifically.
2. Review Synod on Synodality information that Father John will send out.
3. Review document on Communion and review the 2 hour presentation on the Eucharist.