

# March Pastoral Council Minutes (3/2/2022)

**Members Present** - Father Dan, Deacon Steve, Lorie Kluemke, Corey Toennies, Emily Masching, Alexis Voyles, Diane Maue, Jim Millard, Angie Kohlbrecher

Opening Prayer was said by Lorie Kluemke

## Old Business

The February minutes were approved as amended by Emily Masching and seconded by Corey Toennies. All were in favor of them as approved.

**Vocations Ministry Report** - Seminarian, Luke Lugge will be ordained sometime in the near future.

**Church Handicap Ramp** - no update

**St Francis of Assisi Cemetery** - The Knights of Columbus will be volunteering their time to complete some work when the weather is dry and warmer. Other plans for the cemetery include pouring more ribbons, improving drainage, and adding ribbon to the children's section. The cemetery records were inspected. A few suggestions were made including that the cemetery map needed to be certified and some records needed to be updated to include a certificate of disposition of the body.

**Unsung Hero** - Continue to discuss candidates and encourage parishioners to submit names through our parish website.

## New Business

**PSR update - Connie Robben** - The PSR program is going well. A little over 50% of the student population is in the PSR program. She continues to look for people willing to teach or assist in other ways with the PSR program. Several grade levels are doing different Corporal Works of Mercy during lent. The 8th grade PSR students continue to prepare for confirmation. She shared that the teachers felt that the idea of the Children's envelopes would be one more thing to push because their time is already limited with the kids. However, Connie can help us advertise the Children's Envelopes to parents by sending out a mass e-mail to the PSR families and even ask them at registration if that is something they would be interested in receiving. (Children's Envelopes is still being discussed by the Pastoral Council and the kinks are being worked out for next school year.) We also discussed the lack of participation in students participating at the various Christmas Masses. (The Pastoral Council was trying to spread attendance out due to the high COVID numbers and the large number of families that come to the 4:00 Mass) She expressed that the response from parents mostly included that the other Masses did not coincide with their Christmas Family plans and traditions. The PSR program is also looking into purchasing new books for the program.

**Deacon Steve's Report** - There are currently 5 Master Servers and 16 servers. A Master Server trip is being planned to St. Meinrad on June 11th then they go to Holiday World the following day. Bible Study will begin again after Easter. There are 2 candidates for RCIA. On March 6th, they will attend a "Rite of Election" by Bishop Michael. There were 29 Extraordinary Ministers trained last Tuesday March 1, 2022.

**Pastor's Report** - The mask mandate has been lifted. There is still social distancing seating in the pews on the North side of church. The repairs at the parish center cafeteria are complete. The floor was painted, equipment was put back in the kitchen and the cafeteria will be fully functional for the Luke 18 this weekend. There is a chimney sweep coming on March 7 to clean the chimney which is full of soot. The squirrel damage in the west classroom is complete. There will be some mild excavation work done to move rock and soil away from the foundation to help prevent water from leaking in. The vicariate is still looking for someone to do Hispanic Ministry.

**Ideas for getting people to return to church** - We continue to brainstorm ways to get people to come back to church and to participate in fellowship opportunities. We discussed ideas such as "Catholicism on Tap" and bringing back "Yesterday's Kids". We are trying to think of ways to reach out to people not on social media. We also discussed how important it is to enthusiastically greet and welcome people as they come into church. We really want people to feel missed, welcomed and like they belong.

**Other New Business** - Briefly discussed the 4:00 Saturday Mass. There is mixed feedback from the community. We will continue to look at the attendance data between the 7:30 Mass and the 4:00 Mass taking into consideration Mass attendance Pre-Covid and now.

**Good of the Order** - Nothing was brought up.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2022 7:00 Rectory Basement  
Closing Prayer this meeting: Corey Toennies

